

Weekly Family Update
Week of September 23 - 27, 2024

Hello KOTR Families!

Welcome to our school weekly newsletter! We are pleased to share some exciting updates and important information with you.

We want to extend a huge thank you to the School Council for helping with a very successful Meet the Staff event last Wednesday.

Please remember that our first School Council meeting is this Tuesday, September 24th, at 6:30pm in the library. If you are unable to attend, a Google Meet link will be shared in a separate email with Tuesday's draft agenda.

Thank you to the parents who submitted their names for consideration as elected parent representatives/ Members-at-Large. We will finalize the election on Tuesday, and determine from the Members-at-Large who will sit on the Executive (Chair/Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary).

Please note that there is a **new** Google Calendar for Families of KOTR, as seen on our [school website](#).

And lastly, we want to wish a very fond farewell to Ms. Ruth. Ms. Ruth has been one of the friendly faces/voices in the office of Kars on the Rideau for the past 4 years, and we wish her all the best as she heads off for new adventures in another role outside of the school board. If you're in the office this week (her last week), please take a moment to wish her well!

Classroom Spotlights

Students in Mme Emilie's music class were trying out the boomwhackers!!



Some self portraits in Mme Baker's Art class



Smile!!

School photos are taking place this Tuesday and Wednesday. Your classroom teacher will inform you of what day your child's class will be sitting for photos. In case of an absence, your child can have their photo taken on the other day, or they can have their pictures taken on photo retake day, Wednesday, October 23rd.

Students will receive a QR code on a card for families to access their child's photo proofs. There will not be any order envelopes sent home.

If you do not receive a QR code from your child, please let the school know, at 613-489-2024, or karsontherideaups@ocdsb.ca



ICYMI (In case you missed it):

Kars on the Rideau Second Annual Holiday Maker Market

Last year, with the help of our School Council, we held our very first Holiday Maker Market. We also invited student crafters to sell items for a charity of their choosing. It was a huge success and raised over \$1600 that went towards supporting our school's first musical.

Our second market will be held November 16, 2024, from 10am-3pm. We would appreciate you sharing the information with your network of family, friends, and neighbours. Please feel free to use this image to help get the word out, and the [application form](#) for any potential vendors.



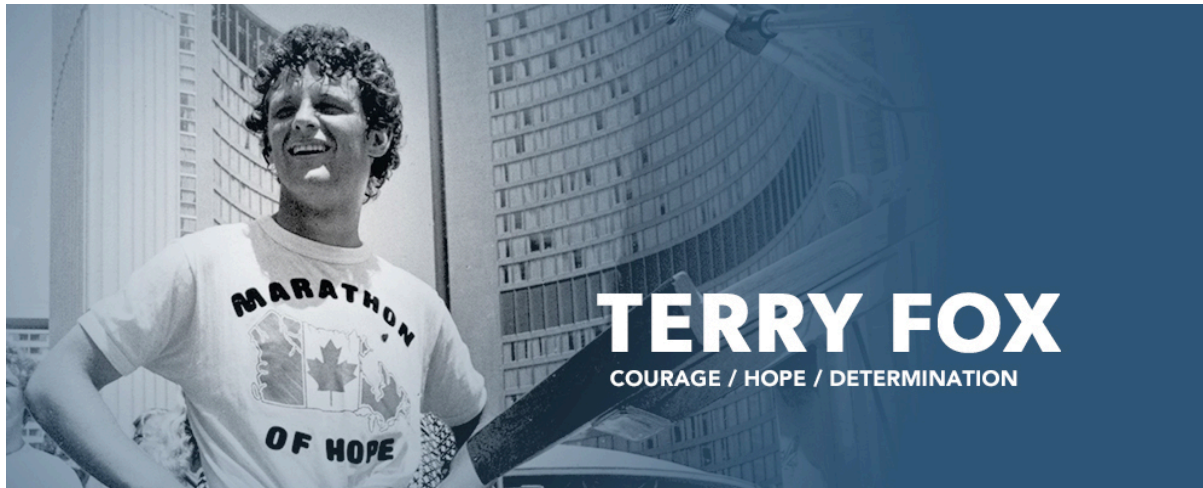
Action Item: Voluntary Student Fees

In order to supplement our student's school experience, enhance the programming and materials used in the curriculum, and to offer optional activities we are requesting a voluntary annual contribution for the 2024-2025 school year. A portion of the fee will be used to cover the cost of student agendas for our grade 4-8 students, as well as other materials for activities such as clubs. We also like to organize special activities during the school year which in the past have included workshops by Alex Mateas, and various field trips.

The student fee is \$20.00 for each child and for families with 2 or more children at KOTR it will be \$40.00. We would greatly appreciate your contribution by Friday, September 27, 2024 through our online payment system, [School Cash Online](#).

Please remember that subsidies are available upon request and requests will be treated confidentially. You may make a request to the Principal or to the homeroom teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 613-489-2024.

Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll



On **Thursday, October 10th**, all students from JK to Grade 8 at Kars on the Rideau Public School will be taking part in The Terry Fox National School Run Day from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For our students in grades 4-8, our Terry Fox event will incorporate a 5 kilometer loop around the community and a finishing lap on our track. The JKs-grade 3 students will be commencing on the track and will be staying on school property to complete their run. We welcome parents to come and join us for the event. This year's run celebrates the 44th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope.

Many people today have a connection to someone who has had cancer. This run can serve as a personal dedication to a friend or relative. Students will be receiving a dedication sticker prior to beginning the run. The sticker that each student will be receiving is to be worn on their shirt during the event. We encourage you to discuss with your children who they are running for.

We are very pleased to be a part of this year's Terry Fox school event as we encourage our students to develop a sense of volunteerism and goodwill. If you would like to make a donation, any amount is greatly appreciated. All monies raised will be forwarded to The Terry Fox Foundation. Please visit our **Kars on the Rideau Public School Online Fundraising Page:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/KarsontheRideauPSKars> To make a donation, simply click on "Donate" then select "To this school". (Please note the date on the page needs to be revised to October 10th).

To date, the OCDSB has raised over 3 million dollars in support of the Terry Fox Foundation - what an amazing accomplishment and we want to keep that spirit of generosity going!

Thanks in advance for your contributions and support!

Action Item: Forms

[Forms](#) (please bookmark this site as it contains many important forms that families will need over the course of the school year)

The following forms are mandatory and are to be completed and submitted every year:

[Appropriate Use of Technology Agreement](#)

[Concussion Code of Conduct for Inter-School Sports Parent/Guardian](#)

[Concussion Code of Conduct for Inter-School Sports Student](#) (students must complete)

[Media/School Website Permission Form](#)

The following forms are only required when and if necessary, but are to be completed every year for families where this is necessary:

[Handling of Prescribed Medication for Students \(Non-Life-Threatening\)](#) (only when necessary and must be completed for each new medication)

[Plan of Care for Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions](#)

Reminders

Dates to Remember:

September 24 - School Council Meeting/Elections 6:30pm

September 24 - 25 - School photos - **NEW DATE**

September 26 - Friday Schedule

September 27 - PA Day - No school for students

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 1 - Potluck Breakfast with the Principal - 7:45am

Take good care,

Erin and Lara

Principal and Vice-Principal

[Kars on the Rideau PS](#)