

**Weekly Family Update**  
**Week of September 9 - 13, 2024**

Hello KOTR Families!

Our first week is in the books! It has been such a pleasure getting to know students more, and to see all the wonderful learning happening in the classroom already!

We continue to focus on establishing routines and rituals, with empathy and a focus on building relationships.

This week, we will be holding an assembly with students in grades 4-8 to go over some of the important routines at our school, including our cell phone/mobile device policy, dress code, and code of conduct.

**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. 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.



**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.

### **Action Item: Signing Students Out Early**

We recognize that there are times when children need to be picked up early from school. A parent/caregiver must come into the school to sign any child out of the school. If there are any other approved adults who may pick your child up (grandparents, etc.) they must be listed in our database, with up to date contact information. We cannot release students to the care of anyone not listed with us.

Unless necessary, we would also appreciate it if early sign out could be avoided between 2:15 and 2:30 as most classes are already beginning to organize for dismissal.

### **Extracurricular Clubs**

Do you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with students at our school? We would love to have parents involved in clubs with students this year. Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Action Item: Family Handbook**

We are preparing to create a KOTR Family Handbook. We are looking for families to contribute questions or areas they feel would best support students and families as part of the school community.

If you wish to contribute, please fill out this [form](#). This is strictly voluntary.

### **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 school's fundraising page at <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!

### **September 19th is Powley Day**

Powley Day is celebrated by the Métis annually on September 19th, the anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada's unanimous ruling in The Powley Case (R. v. Powley). The Powley decision affirmed Métis harvesting rights, and was a momentous victory for the Métis Nation; it marked the beginning of a greater recognition of Métis rights in Ontario and across Canada. Métis people celebrate this legal victory that advanced Métis rights, and which continues to play an important role in the Métis struggle for visibility and independence.

For those that wish to learn more about the Powley Case, please see this short trailer video of a documentary by the Metis Nation of Ontario: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPwVNfNZoJs>

### **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 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:

[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 18 - Meet the Staff/Family Fun Night (more info coming in a separate email)

September 19 - Powley Day

September 24 - School Council Meeting/Elections (separate email re: elections coming this week)

September 26 - Friday Schedule\

September 27 - PA Day - No school for students

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 - October 1 - School photos

October 1 - Potluck Breakfast with the Principal

Take good care,

Erin and Lara

Principal and Vice-Principal

Kars on the Rideau PS