

## **Weekly Family Update**

### **Week of February 3 - 7, 2025**

Hello KOTR Families!

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

### **Valentine's Day Family Dance**

We are excited for our first Family Dance this Friday to help raise money for our second annual KOTR Musical. This year, our production crew is busy preparing for Wizard of Oz, an English musical full of song, dance, theatre, and stage production.

Please see full details in the poster below.

### **Term 1 Report Cards**

On Wednesday, February 12th, families will receive via email, their child's term 1 report card (for grades 1-8) and/or the Kindergarten Communication of Learning (Year 1 and 2 Kindergarten students).

For students in grades K-2, a new addition to the report card is the inclusion of literacy screening data. This information, through the screening tool Acadience, was initially shared with families in the fall.

These screenings helped us identify students who would have benefited from additional instruction in certain foundational reading skills. It's important to understand that this screening data simply indicated whether a child was at risk in certain areas; it was not, and is not, a diagnosis, or an evaluation of your child's overall reading ability or achievement. A wide range of instructional strategies to build essential literacy skills are incorporated into daily French and English instruction for all students, and are regularly monitored for progress.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions.

### **ICYMI (In case you missed it):**

#### Hot Lunches

Pizza lunches: February 4, February 25,  
Subway lunches: February 11, March 4  
Chicken finger lunches: February 18

From the School Council

The KOTR School Council is dreaming big this year, and we want your input! We're planning a large-scale project to benefit our students, staff, and community, and we'd love to know what you think would make the biggest difference for our school. We are looking for ideas- these suggestions can be something that's a larger multi year project, or smaller ideas that could be done this current year.

Please take a moment to share your top ideas by completing the form here:

[Help Us Choose Our Next Big School Council Project!](#)

#### Registration Kick-Off

The OCDSB will be hosting information nights at elementary schools regarding Kindergarten registrations beginning January 13th. The Kars on the Rideau session will be in the library on Monday, February 10, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please see the [KOTR Family Calendar](#) for Upcoming Events!

Take good care,

Erin and Lara  
Principal and Vice-Principal  
[Kars on the Rideau PS](#)