

Weekly Family Update

Week of February 10 - 14, 2025

Hello KOTR Families!

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

Family Dance

Our Family Dance last Friday was an amazing success! We managed to raise approximately \$1300 from door donations, the canteen, and pizza sales. The money raised is supporting our second annual KOTR musical, The Wizard of Oz. We heard lots of positive comments from families!

Many thanks to the students who volunteered at the canteen, served pizza, and worked at the welcome table. Thank you as well to parents Cindy Elliott and Shirley Brown who also helped out, and to the School Council for their support of the musical.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Ms. Ford, M Millen, Mme Baker, Mme Tait, Mme Jennifer, and Mrs. Pottle for the organization and leadership.

School Yearbook

We are beginning to organize the yearbook for this year. If there are any parent volunteers who would like to help out, please contact me at erin.paynter@ocdsb.ca. This year we are running a cover art contest with our grade 8 students. Information has been shared with our grade 8 students on their Google Classrooms.

North Gower Food Bank Food Drive

Our theme for February is Acts of Kindness. In keeping with that theme, we are collecting items for the North Gower Food Bank for the month of February. While they will happily accept any and all donations of non-perishable items, they have an abundance of certain things like cereal and peanut butter thanks to a grocery store initiative over Christmas. The food bank is short on the following:

- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned tuna
- Canned salmon
- Canned ham
- Pasta
- Lentils
- Rice
- Tea
- Coffee (instant and perked)

- Juice (bottles/cartons)
- Juice boxes
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Miracle Whip
- Mayonnaise
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Sugar
- Flour
- Cooking oil
- Jello
- Pudding cups
- Cake mixes
- Icing
- Cookies
- Granola bars
- Cereal bars
- Snacks for kids lunches
- Bear Paws
- Crackers
- Applesauce
- Fruit cups
- Boxed potatoes
- Hamburger Helper boxes
- Taco kits
- BBQ sauce
- Powdered gravy mix
- Canned vegetables
- Canned baked beans
- Knorr Sidekick packages
- Toothbrushes and other toiletries
- Baby items - diapers, wipes

ICYMI (In case you missed it):

Friday, February 14 is PA Day and there is no school for students.

Hot Lunches

Pizza lunches: 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.

KOTR Goes Pink!

Pink KOTR "It's Cool to Be Kind" t-shirts and hoodies are still available for sale this week on School Cash Online. We're proud to be sourcing the shirts from KOTR student entrepreneurs. Please note that this is not a school fundraiser as the school is not raising or keeping any funds.

Let's go pink for kindness, and Pink Shirt Day (February 26th)!

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

Take good care,

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