

## **Weekly Family Update**

### **Week of February 24, 2025**

Hello KOTR Families!

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

### **Treasure Jar**

Many thanks to the School Council and parent volunteers who helped make the Treasure Jar Fundraiser a success once again! The kids were so excited to see all the amazing jars!

### **School Photography**

We have listened to all the feedback from the last two years as we worked with Everest Solutions, and based on that feedback, we have booked a different company for next year, Mementos. Many families have shared their experiences with this company and we are excited for the opportunity to work with them. We hope that this change in service will be a positive one, and as always, we want to hear from you. Mementos will be taking all school photos, grade 8 photos, and helping with the yearbook beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

### **Anti Bullying Art Contest**

We are inviting all students in kindergarten through grade 8 to share their artistic abilities to create a poster in colour, or black and white on the theme of *Kindness/Anti Bullying*. Artwork may be on regular 8.5 x 11 sized paper, and hand drawn, painted, or illustrated, and must be an original piece of work.

We will be accepting **one entry per student** for the next two weeks leading up to the March Break. Entry deadline is Friday, March 7th. Judging will occur the week after March Break, and winning entries (one per grade, per category of colour or black and white) will be announced the last week in March.

### **Judging Criteria:**

- **Positive Messaging:** Does the artwork promote kindness, empathy, and respect?
- **Visual Impact:** Is the artwork visually appealing and engaging?
- **Originality:** Is the artwork creative and unique?
- **Technical Skill:** Is the artwork well-crafted and executed?
- **Theme Relevance:** Does the artwork clearly relate to the theme of kindness and anti-bullying?

Students can submit entries to the office by completing and printing the following [entry form](#). We would like to invite a few parents to help with judging. If you are interested, please reach out to me.

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

Hot Lunches

Pizza lunches: February 25,

Subway lunches: March 4

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

Take good care,

Erin and Lara

Principal and Vice-Principal

[Kars on the Rideau PS](#)