

**Weekly Family Update**  
**Week of February 24 - 28, 2025**

Hello KOTR Families!

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

**February Food Drive**

Well, the count is in, and we have collected over 770 items for the North Gower Food Bank!! Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families facing food insecurity in our area. Your kindness and support are invaluable, especially during these challenging times. We are deeply thankful for your commitment to helping those in need.

**Name our Coyote Contest!**

We will be sending out a voting form to students to help us name our Coyote Mascot. The choices, submitted by students, are:

- Howler
- Kool Kevin
- Oswald
- Junior
- Rocky

**Breakfast with the Principal**

We are inviting any available parents to join us Tuesday morning for an informal, drop-in breakfast in our library between 7:45 and 9:00 am. This is an opportunity to chat with staff about general school matters. If you would like to bring a potluck item, we would be grateful. We will have coffee and tea available. We hope to see you there!

**Bullying Prevention and Intervention Team (BPIP)**

We are calling for any interested parents to join our KOTR BPIP Team. Our purpose is to foster a safe and welcoming school environment where all students, regardless of their identities and lived experiences, feel valued and respected.

We will be discussing collaborative strategies to ensure every student feels safe and supported. Your input and partnership are invaluable in this important work.

Our first meeting will be Monday, March 24th at 3:00 pm. If you are interested, please email me at [erin.paynter@ocdsb.ca](mailto:erin.paynter@ocdsb.ca) to receive the Google Meet virtual link.

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

Hot Lunches

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](#)