

Weekly Family Update
Week of February 10 - 14, 2025

Looking Forward to May: School Musical, Talent Show, Math Insights & Gratitude at Kars on the Rideau!

Dear Families,

Spring is in the air, and we have some positive and informative events coming up here at Kars on the Rideau!

A Big Thank You to Our Amazing School Council and Parent Volunteers!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated School Council and the wonderful parent volunteers who recently ran another incredibly successful Used Book Sale fundraiser! Your time and effort in organizing and running this event are so appreciated and directly benefit our students. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mark Your Calendars for The Wizard of Oz!

Our students have been working hard on their performance, and we'd love for you to join us for The Wizard of Oz!

- Date: Thursday, May 15th, 2025
- Time: 6:00 pm performance (Doors open at 5:30 pm)
- Tickets: \$5.00 each (Pay at the door – additional donations are welcome, as are donations of non-perishable items for the Ottawa Food Bank!)
- Concessions: We'll have some treats available for purchase during intermission (cash only).

Come and enjoy the talents of our young performers!

Get Ready to Be Amazed! KOTR Student Council Presents: Talent Show!

Our enthusiastic Student Council has been hard at work organizing a fantastic talent show for students in grades 4-8! Get ready to witness the incredible skills and talents of our students!

- **Parent Performance:** You're invited to a special performance for parents on **Tuesday, May 21st.**
- **Student Performance:** There will also be a performance for students on **Friday, May 23rd.**

We can't wait to see the amazing acts our students have prepared! More details about times will be shared soon.

A Gentle Reminder About Locker Locks

Just a friendly reminder to please ensure your child has a working lock on their locker. Thank you for your help with this.

Gain Insights at the EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians!

We're excited to share a valuable opportunity for parents and guardians of students in Grades 3, 6, and 9. Join a free live webinar hosted by EQAO staff to explore the types of math questions Ontario students encounter during the large-scale assessments.

During this webinar, EQAO staff will:

- Discuss math questions that help assess the skills students are developing in their math classes.
- Share valuable insights gathered from the past three years of assessment results.
- Provide information that can help you support your child's math learning at home.

You can register for this informative session here: [Register](#)

Learn About EQAO's Elementary Assessments in a Free Webinar!

For parents and guardians of elementary school students, EQAO is also hosting a free live webinar focused on the Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

During this session, EQAO staff will:

- Explain the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments.
- Describe the assessment format.
- Highlight helpful resources to support students.
- Answer questions from participants during a live Q&A following the approximately 45-minute presentation.

You can register for this informative session here: [Register](#)

Important Information: OSTA Transportation Opt-Out for 2025-2026

For families who utilize school bus transportation, Ottawa Student Transportation (OSTA) has implemented an opt-out process for the upcoming school year.

- Opt-Out if Not Required: If your child(ren) will not need school bus transportation in 2025-2026, please complete the electronic [opt-out form](#) on OSTA's website. This helps with efficient route planning.

- Reinstating Service: If your transportation needs change, you can request service reinstatement through OSTA's [Transportation Issues Form](#); (subject to availability and eligibility).
- Opt-Out Deadline: Please submit the opt-out form by June 1, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this important transportation information.

We have some positive and informative things happening this May, and we appreciate your continued support of our school community. As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Take good care,

Erin Paynter,

Proud Principal

Kars on the Rideau Public School

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