



Council Newsletter

June 2016



Kars on the Rideau School Council



What you supported:

- iPad's, Chromebooks and projectors for classrooms
- Reading and Literacy Programs
- Dance and Art Workshops for all grades
- Science & Math Workshops
- Kindergarten Light Tables and Music Programs
- Parent Resource Library
- Buses for Field Trips
- Grade 8 Graduation & more

Thanks for a great year!

As the 2015-16 school year draws to a close, KOTR School Council wanted to thank our school community for a really successful year. This year Council elected to support some key technology purchases for the school, amongst other things. Each time you purchased a lunch, spent a Loonie or a Toonie over the holidays, or Cake-Walked with us, you supported those things too. Below are other items Council has been working on recently.

The Lunch Program

Thanks so much to all of you who took time to complete our [KOTR Lunch Program survey](#). We had a surprising number of responses and some really good suggestions for the program next year. And we have listened! We are pleased to provide a couple new menu items next year (one each in fall and winter) and we are working on ways we can improve the way lunches get distributed throughout the school.

The most common comment we received was to make the program available more often! One of the challenges we face on Wednesdays though, is simply getting enough parent volunteers in the school to help support the

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Lunch Program. Some of you also suggested using the various lunch delivery services available in the city to help reduce the effort we put into orders and delivery. But as a rural school that is supported heavily by the communities we serve, Council feels it's important to support them too. Each of our menu items are made locally and delivered freshly to us every Wednesday. If you can help with lunches during the school day next year, [please get in touch](#).

Look for order forms coming out in early September! We are trying to kick-off the program a little earlier in the fall.

New Families to KOTR

Our school welcomes many new families every September, not only from our feeder schools that come to KOTR for grades 6-8, but also for our Middle French Immersion program in grade 4. New parents to the school sometimes come to Council to try and learn the ropes! For them, we are working on a "tip sheet" for new families at our school, to be available on our Council website.

As there are a lot of things to absorb at a new school, this is intended to be a fun and helpful way for new parents to pass on the wisdom THEY accumulated in those first frantic days at a new school. If you have

items to contribute to our "things I wish I knew" list, we'd like to hear them. We will publish as many as we can on our website in the fall. To submit a "thing" (or reach us on any occasion) please use the [contact form](#) on our website.

<http://kotrcouncil.weebly.com>

While you are there, check out our new [Parent Resource Listing](#) for the school library!

Council Elections in September

We had so many great parents and staff as part of Council this year, we want more! A fond farewell to those members moving on from KOTR this year, we so appreciate all you've done for us.

Parents/staff can always be part of our mailing list or attend meetings any time to participate. But if you are interested in being a *voting* member of Council, our bylaws require you to attend our first meeting of the year. In September, this will be **Tuesday, September 13th**. Mark your calendar now; we'd love to see you.

Many thanks for an enjoyable year. Have a great summer!

Kim Cable

Chair, KOTR School Council

