



## Kars on the Rideau School Council Newsletter

May 11, 2015

### Dear Parents,

As I look back at my last newsletter, I was hoping everyone was enjoying yet more snow. As I write this, I would hope that you are equally enjoying the heat and looking forward to some impressive thunder storms. It's hard to believe that the school year is almost finished!

I sincerely hope that your kids have had a great school year and have enjoyed some of the things that you as parents have supported through the School Council this year, including, but not limited to: subsidized transport for field trips, Luv 2 Groove, the mosaic project for Grade 7s, Mathletes, the Forest of Reading Books and Scientists in the Classroom. In addition, if you have had a need, or a chance to look through our Parent Resource Library, we hope that you found items that are of use to you.

### Labour Disruption Updates

While not something any of us (parents, teachers, administrators or the Board) is looking forward to, it is a reality that we all need to deal with. I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that School Council will be continuing activities as normal for the foreseeable future and that we intend to continue to support the school community in every way we can.

While I am certain that Mr. Haggart and the OCDSB will continue to send updates, I wanted to let you know of one more resource where you may get more up-to-date information than you may otherwise receive. The Ottawa Carleton District School Board provides a weekly newsletter to School Councils, including updates on the labour disruption, which we have been posting for all parents on our website. We would point you to the "School News" section of our website to see the most recent information that we have. We remain committed to sharing any information that we receive on the labour disruption, while hoping that it has little impact on our students.

The KotR School Council website may be accessed at: <http://kotrcouncil.weebly.com/>

### Call for Volunteers/Dishes for the staff appreciation lunch - June 5<sup>th</sup>

Putting aside things that are out of all of our control as the KotR school community, I sincerely hope that you will join me in thanking the staff of KotR for all of the hard work that they have done for our kids all year. On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, we will be hosting the teacher/staff appreciation lunch and are looking for volunteers to help with providing dishes. We will be putting up a sign-up sheet on our website in the next week or so (no names will be published), and I will be contacting those who volunteered at the beginning of the year, but if you already have an idea for a great dish that you would like to provide - please send me an email or use the "contact us" site on the website.

Let's make this one of the best appreciation lunches ever, and let the teachers and staff know how much we care about the efforts they put in with our kids.

### Gardening Day at KotR - May 23

Love gardening or have an hour to spare? Join us at KotR Saturday, May 23, for a bit of gardening. Join our Greening group, led by Bonnie Fiarchuk. She will be there from 9-12 but any time you can spare is appreciated by everyone who visits the school.

### Year End BBQ - June 9<sup>th</sup>

It's coming... the most fun of the year - the year end BBQ! We'll have the Big Sky Ranch, bouncy castles, food and fun. Please save the date for June 9<sup>th</sup> - and a call for volunteers will be coming soon ☺.

### Many Hands Make Light Work

Check out the Kars on the Rideau Websites for everything a parent might want to know ☺: <http://kotrcouncil.weebly.com/>  
[https://sites.google.com/a/cloud\\_ocdsb.ca/karsontherideaups/](https://sites.google.com/a/cloud_ocdsb.ca/karsontherideaups/)

The Grad Celebration Committee is looking for grade 7&8 parent volunteers for the 2015 graduation. This is also a chance for high school students looking for volunteer hours. There will be opportunities to help the day before the graduation (Tues., June 23) and the day of the graduation (Wed., June 24). See the School Newsletter from Friday May 8th for details or contact Sarah Galt at [galtsarah@hotmail.com](mailto:galtsarah@hotmail.com) or 613-692-2842.

### **June Council Meeting**

The June School Council meeting will be Tuesday June 16 in the school Library. I'd like to make the focus of this meeting a lessons learned - what did we do well and what would you, as parents like to see next year? Are there additional things we should be funding? Are there things we should be changing? Should we have more or less of a focus on fundraising? Please join us and take part in ensuring that the KotR School Council is truly representing the voices of parents and enriching the lives of the students to the greatest extent possible.

### **Traffic Safety (repeat)**

It's been mentioned before, but is definitely worth repeating...

As we are a community school, we have a number of students and community members walking in the area of the school and through the parking lot at the beginning and end of each school day. Unsafe situations have been observed and, thankfully, no one has been injured as a result. As a preventative measure, we would ask that all drivers please exercise the utmost in care when driving in the area of the school and particularly in the school parking lot. As you all know, speed, distracted driving (texting, cellphone use, etc.) and impatience can put our students and community members at risk. We respectfully ask that drivers observe these critical considerations. Let's all do our part in avoiding an unnecessary and unfortunate event. We thank you for your concern for the safety of all students and community members.

### **Website**

Please don't forget to visit our website and let us know what you think! We would like this site to be a resource that parents use, so let us know what you would like to see and what you would find useful!

<http://kotrcouncil.weebly.com/>

Looking forward to seeing you at the council meeting, in the school halls or in the community,

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