

# Kars on the Rideau School Council Newsletter

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## Dear Parents,

We're finally live! Please visit our website at: <http://kotrcouncil.weebly.com/> for the latest news about what is happening on Council and at the school, for helpful links and useful blogs. Downloadable forms will be coming in the future for those of us who lose paper. Information from the Board for parents will also be communicated through the website. There's even a "Contact us" part for questions, comments and suggestions. Check back often - the site offers something new on a regular basis!

## Loonie Toonie Sale

The annual Loonie Toonie Sale is almost here. It is a great fundraiser to support the events that Council brings to our kids and a wonderful opportunity for the kids to do some Christmas shopping for those they care about! Gently used items appropriate for the sale as well as wrapping supplies and gift bags can be dropped off in the school lobby until Friday November 28.

## Bell Time Review - an update from the OCDSB

The start times at a number of schools in the district may change effective September 2015. These changes are commonly referred to as "Bell time" changes and are the result of a review of transportation services. Over the past year, the [Ottawa Student Transportation Authority](#) (OSTA) has conducted a system-wide review of bell times. The purpose of the review is to align the bell times in such a way that school bus service can be better managed. The "bell time" changes are divided into 2 categories; changes of 10 minutes or less and changes of 11 minutes or more. The main difference between the two categories is decision-making process. OSTA has the authority to make decisions about changes of 10 minutes or less. School Boards are responsible for making changes of 11 minutes or more. [Read more](#) about what changes have been approved, what changes are recommended and how you can provide feedback on the proposed changes.

The proposed change for KotR is a 15 minute change to an 8 am start time. Many thanks to all the parents, Mr. Haggar and our Trustee, Lynn Scott who have been working hard to ensure that any change to the KotR start time is feasible for our school community.

## KotR Council has a Vice-Chair

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Paula Panetta on being Vice-Chair on Council this year. Paula brings a wealth of ideas, know-how and enthusiasm to the position. Looking forward to working with her.

## Next Council and KotR Archives Committee meetings

Please join us in the KotR library on December 9. The KotR Archives Committee will be meeting from 6-7 to plan out how the history of schools in Kars can be represented at KotR.

The KotR School Council meeting will follow, starting at 7 pm. For December, early plans are to look at our vision of how Council funds that are not already committed should be spent to best support

our students and the school. Everyone is welcome and this is a great meeting to get involved in generating ideas for the school.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, either directly or through our amazing website ☺

Sincerely,

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