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Dear Parents,

As we settle into the patterns of a new year, I wanted to send out a welcome from your new Kars on the Rideau School Council.

School Council is made up of a number of parent volunteers and is focussed on assisting the KoTR staff and administration in making our great school an even better place for our kids. Council runs complementary fundraising activities from the school (such as the hot lunch program and annual book sale) to help bring enriched programming and supplementary materials to the school including but not limited to:

- Bringing supplemental education programs to the classrooms such as: Scientists in the School workshops, Mathletes, a mosaic program and various grade-appropriate music and dance workshops
- Silver Birch/ Red Maple and A-Z reading program books
- Materials for the parent resource library
- Assisting with some of the costs of incidentals in the classrooms
- Assisting with Grade 8 graduation costs
- Subsidizing field trip bus costs

This year in particular, I am hoping to expand on the ways in which parents can get informed, provide ideas and participate in Council. Some of the ideas I would like to explore are having an open electronic forum in which parents can participate and present ideas. As well, we will be putting some focus on updating and populating the Council website so that parents can have better access to information on what is happening in council.

Another exciting initiative from my perspective this year is the KoTR archives initiative. Over the next several months, I look forward to seeing the history of KoTR and its predecessors in the Kars area come to life in the library and halls of the school.

I am looking forward to a great year of working with you the parents, Principal Haggar, Vice Principal St. Jules and our amazing KoTR teaching and administrative staff to ensure that our kids have the best experience possible wherever they may be in their JK through 8 experience.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, if you have web design experience that you would be willing to share for the Council website, or if you want to be a part of the KoTR archives committee, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, our next council meeting is October 14 at 7 pm in the school library. Any parent is welcome to join us and participate in discussions.

Sincerely,  
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