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**K I L M E R**  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# KPAC News

October 3, 2008

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hello Kilmer Families! Welcome to Kilmer and the community of parents that help create the fantastic group of many volunteers. It is a pleasure to be a part of this PAC and this school.

I have been here at Kilmer for 6 years and intend on another 5. I have participated on most committees and welcome your feedback and input; that is how some of the best ideas happen. If you have any questions, I can help you or direct you to the person that may have more expertise in that area.

With great appreciation and many thanks to **Western One Rentals and Sales** ([www.WesternOne.ca](http://www.WesternOne.ca)), formerly Production Equipment Rentals. This company once again generously donated the use of their lift to Kilmer School for the Panorama that was taken on Sept 12th. This photo opportunity is a great memory record keeper that the students can continue to view for many years when it is placed in the hallways of Kilmer. Thank you Western One very much!!



The committees have been very busy and are already off to a great start. One of the many goals of the PAC and the school this year is to have less paper going home to you. To this end, we will be sending information to you by email or by having all the committees post their reports on the Kilmer website (<http://public.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/Kilmer/default.aspx>). I recommend you use this as your main source of current information from your PAC. Alternatively, there is updated information on the Parent Board near the office.

Thank you to all those who have offered to help as class reps in your child's division. Below is a list of the volunteers. If there are two or more volunteers per division, please decide amongst yourselves who will be responsible for which duties & let me know the results. There is room to have more than one person share the job (e.g., one person do the email forwards from PAC, one organize class parties and food, one to go to PAC meetings). For divisions without a rep., consider volunteering for your child's class. Thank you! If your child is moving in next week's rotation of students, and you are now not in the class that you volunteered for, please let me know which division to change your name to.

Div	Teacher	Volunteer
1	Ms. Prchalova	VACANT
2	Mrs. Chabot	**Anna Sato
3	Mrs. Therieux	Susan Chang Judy Rohde
4	Ms. Togno	**Sue McIntosh
5	Madame King	**Rachelle Jadot
6	Ms. Tilkov	**Shelley Forsyth Laura Lilley
7	Mrs. Higo	Moe Pullen Della O'Reilly

Div	Teacher	Volunteer
8	Mrs. Hoyme	Alissa Jones Susan Deyotte
9	Madame Malakoff	Paula Santos
10	Madame Tao	Catherine Willems Stacey Lundquister
11	Mrs. Smith	**Kim MacKinnon
12	Madame Bouvier	VACANT
13	Mrs. Craig	Michelle Schubert
** If no one else volunteers		

Kilmer will be offering the **Beyond the Bell** program again this year running Thursdays after school. We will have a guest speaker from PoCo Parks and Rec at the October 6<sup>th</sup> KPAC meeting. Watch for the registration notice going home soon. There is the opportunity for the Rec Centre programs to come to us for classes ranging from Cooking, Babysitting, and Art. We are looking for your feedback on which classes you would like to see provided at Kilmer.

**2008/09 KPAC Executive**

**Chair**  
Rachelle Jadot

**Vice-Chair**  
Candice Miller

**Secretary**  
Kim Becker

**Treasurer**  
Cathy Clelland

**DPAC Representative**  
Dirk Rohde

**Hot Lunch**  
Yvonne Greentree  
Kim MacKinnon

**Fundraising/Playground**  
Amber Henriksen  
Kim Becker  
Tia Turner  
Rosie Shaw  
Rachelle Jadot  
Deborah Fowler

**Parent Library**  
Tia Turner

**CPF Representative**  
Debra McNicol

**SPC Representatives**  
Rachelle Jadot  
Karen Elrick  
Teresa Kazemir

**Parent Education**  
Dirk Rohde

**Emergency Prep**  
Susan Deyotte  
Anna Sato

**Volunteer Coordinators**  
Deborah Demers  
*position available*

**Safety Committee**  
Robyn Lau  
*positions available*

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**Ongoing Events**

Penny Drive for the Playground

Me & Eds – 3rd Weds. of each month

- Oct. 15th
- Nov 19th
- Dec.17th
- Jan. 21
- Feb. 18th
- Mar. 18th
- Apr. 15th
- May.20th
- June. 17<sup>th</sup>

Collection of Campbell Soup Labels

Collection of metal tabs for Shriners

Collection of used ziplock bags from hot lunch and fundraisers for general reuse.

**KPAC Meetings**

- Sept. 8, 2008
- Oct. 6, 2008
- Nov. 3, 2008
- Dec. 1, 2008 (Social)
- Jan. 5, 2009
- Feb. 2, 2009
- Mar. 2, 2009
- Apr. 6, 2009
- May 4, 2009 (Elections)
- June ??, 2009 (Social)

Wednesday, October 1st was Anti-Bullying Day. PINK was the colour choice suggested for all to wear to show support and recognition of Anti-Bullying. It was great to see the spirit in the children who wore pink to be part of the solution and not the problem.

Rachelle Jadot ([thejadots@gmail.com](mailto:thejadots@gmail.com))  
604-552-7435

**VICE CHAIR'S REPORT**

It has been an exciting and rewarding learning curve since I took on this position. I am thrilled to be learning so much about what goes on in KPAC on a different level. I look forward to working with you this year and welcome any suggestions that I may forward on for you.

It has become tradition that KPAC runs the KILMER WEAR/SCHOOL SPIRITIS WEAR. We had some new suggestions to look into for this year. We will look into pricing for stainless steel water bottles with the Kilmer logo on them, and a poly/nylon blend fabric rather than the poly/cotton zip up items. Watch for the order forms going home in October.

Thank you.  
Candice Miller ([cmiller7@telus.net](mailto:cmiller7@telus.net))

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

If there is a particular charity of your family's choice that you regularly contribute to, we kindly ask that you consider for this year choosing our Kilmer Playground as the charity of choice.



**PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING  
ADDITIONAL OPTIONS**

In addition to lump sum donations, families can also give post-dated cheques made out to KPAC for 8 – 10 monthly contributions (minimum \$5/month) and receive a tax deduction receipt after the last payment. See notice for more details.

A big Thank You to Michelle Ouchareck-Deo and Brian Deo of **Van-Art Expression** ([www.Van-ArtExpression.com](http://www.Van-ArtExpression.com)), who offer music & art therapy services, for generously offering to cover the cost of musical instrument upgrades at the KPAC budget meeting. The kids will certainly benefit from the upgrades, as well as the Playground fund. Thank You Michelle & Brian!

**DISTRICT PAC REPORT**



**Building Relationships that Support our Children**

October 9, 2008, Winslow Centre Gallery Room

Dinner at 5:30, Presentation 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Open to all parents, registration free, space is limited – deadline October 1, 2008  
Register via email to [dpac43@telus.net](mailto:dpac43@telus.net) or call Sandy at DPAC office (604) 939-3690

**PARENT EDUCATION**

SouthSide Family of Schools Proudly Presents

**“Raising Socially Responsible Children”**

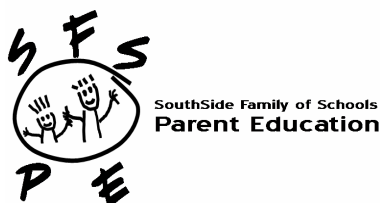
Featuring **Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl**

Learn strategies to help foster children’s social, emotional and moral understanding!

**Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 6:45 – 8:30pm**  
**at Central Elementary School**

Cost: \$3/adult or \$5/couple

Free Childminding available with advance registration.



For further info, contact:  
Dirk Rohde – KPAC  
at (604) 942-6410  
or [dirk.rohde@solarsoft.com](mailto:dirk.rohde@solarsoft.com)



### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

We had our first Hot Lunch on September 26 and Little Caesar's Pizza did a wonderful job of providing service to us. There were a few kinks that we worked out on the day, but nothing that a great group of parent volunteers could not handle. If you had/have a problem with your child's lunch, please contact Yvonne (ylg@shaw.ca). We thank all Kilmer parents for your diligence in returning the order forms on time. A big thank-you to Sue McIntosh who was a huge help on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, and to the parents who delivered to the classrooms – you were awesome!

We are always looking for new ideas for the hot lunch menu. If you have any menu ideas or have questions/suggestions regarding hot lunch please forward them to us via email or a note in the KPAC bin at the office.

Due to scheduling conflicts, a professional day and Halloween, there will be **NO Hot Lunch in October**. Please support Kilmer's fundraising efforts this month by attending the Family Bingo night on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be food, beverages and treats sold that evening.

Yvonne Greentree & Kim MacKinnon

### **FRUITS & VEGGIES PROGRAM**

We are very happy to advise that, once again, Kilmer Elementary has been selected to participate in the Fruits & Veggie Snack Program.

Every student and staff member will receive 2 servings of fresh BC fruits or vegetables (one on Tues. & one on Thurs.) every second week for 10 weeks. We have just had our 1st serving last week of pears which went over very well.

If you do not want your child to participate in this program, please inform your child's teacher.

Kim MacKinnon and Susan Deyotte

### **FUNDRAISING/PLAYGROUND**

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

Thank you to those that participated in our Entertainment Book fundraiser. This has proven to be lucrative to the PAC budget in the past and we hope to see the same results. Orders were due back on September 19th. If you haven't returned your orders/books, please do so as soon as possible. Unreturned books could mean a decrease in our profit margin.

Another thank you to those that participated in our KPAC donation request. This will help a great deal in meeting our PAC budget for the year. Your generosity is appreciated. Tax receipts will be issued by SD43 by the end of the year.

Our book sale was on September 24th in our school library. It was a big success, raising **\$765!** Thank you for all those who donated books and volunteered to help out and all the families that came and bought books. Without everyone's support, we could not make these events the successes that they are.

You will have seen a notice for cookbooks that went out a week or so ago. We encourage everyone to participate. We would love to be able to include your recipe, along with your child's name and/or picture in our school cookbook. These will be made available for purchase prior to Christmas, allowing you to purchase them as gifts for family and friends.

Our Family Photo Night is on Wednesday, October 8th. There is a \$20 sitting fee which will go directly to the PAC budget. Photos are taken by Excalibur Photography and we have had a lot of positive feedback from last year's sitting. Should you wish to participate, there is a sign-up sheet on the PAC Board near the office.



### **KPAC Volunteer Opportunities**

1. QSP Reader's Digest Program. Coordinate the ordering of magazine subscriptions at up to 85% off newsstand price
2. FundScrip Gift Card Fundraising program
3. Looking for someone to be the contact person for Gale with the Shriners Pull Tabs. She just needs a call when the water jug is full and help with coordinating the exchange with an empty bottle for replacement.
4. Posting upcoming signs around the school and take down of them. 4-5 doors. (not with tape, but only the blue tacky stuff to use)
5. Making up the letter board signs and putting up and taking down of KPAC meeting signs. (once a month)
6. Photocopying for the PAC - Includes Newsletters once a month and fundraising copying as events are in process.

**Please contact:**  
Deb Demers  
604-942-4674

We had a very successful fundraiser with the DDA bags (Developmental Disabilities Association) last year and as a result of all the positive feedback, this year we are going to do this twice. The first will be on October 16th. We need bags of used shoes/clothing/blankets. They must be full bags. The PAC will receive \$2 a bag; \$3 per bag if we reach over 171 bags. Let's try to beat last year's total of 231 bags! Also, ask your family and friends to participate. On October 16th, you can drop the bags off at the school. More info will follow.

We are in the process of planning our Halloween Event! Another fun-filled evening of Bingo with Zany Zac the magician! Watch for our notice with more details on this event and the calendar of fundraising events at the end of this newsletter.

### **PLAYGROUND:**

We are pleased to be able to tell you that \$23,099 has been raised to date for our new playground, with an additional \$5000 pledged and on its way! With the addition of these funds, we are now in a position to put a deposit on our new playground. Options will be presented at our next PAC meeting where everyone will have a chance to vote on their favourite.

Thank you to those who provided feedback on our playground fundraising efforts. As a result of this feedback, we received a suggestion of a monthly payment option, for those that would prefer over the lump sum payment. This would allow families to participate by paying a monthly amount of their choice and still have the benefit of a tax receipt. Please watch for our individual notice with details.

We currently have over 9 grant applications out to various corporations. We will keep you posted on the results of these applications as we receive word. Unfortunately, we have been declined by two of these companies, but remain optimistic that the others will come through. And YES, we would like to assure everyone that we are indeed in the process of completing the ACT NOW PAC PLAYGROUND GRANT application. We have received a ton of feedback from people asking if we knew about this grant. Thank you for making sure this wasn't overlooked. This application process is extensive and takes a bit of time to complete, but the application should be submitted within the next couple weeks.

We are also looking at the option of moving the location of our playground to the grassy field in front of the swing structure. This could essentially reduce our budget by \$20,000 and increase our playground structure options, as we won't be limited to size. We will be sure to keep you posted on the progress of this request. Should this site be approved, our new playground budget could essentially be \$55,000.

### **VOLUNTEERING:**

Our Volunteer coordinator is Deb Demers. If you haven't had a chance to complete your volunteer form to be added to our contact list, please contact Deb at [demersfamilyednnw@hotmail.com](mailto:demersfamilyednnw@hotmail.com) or 604-942-4674 and she will be happy to add you to the e-mail contact list. Deb will keep you posted on volunteer opportunities and should you see an opportunity where you'd like to help, you can let her know. Also, check the KPAC website for descriptions of the volunteer positions available. Examples on the sidebar.

The **Me & Ed's** night is an ongoing event taking place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please email Rachele ([theadots@gmail.com](mailto:theadots@gmail.com)) if you would like to see this continue. I need your feedback.

Any questions, comments or suggestions with regards to Fundraising/Playground can be directed to Amber Henricksen at [amberh@telus.net](mailto:amberh@telus.net) or 604-945-7933.

Thank you from your Fundraising Committee.

### **SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL**

The SPC met with Remi to discuss staffing levels and class compositions for this year. The SPC expressed concerns regarding the high number of identified children in a couple of classes. We documented our concerns, which were submitted to the district.



## **EMERGENCY PREPARATION**

We'd like to thank all those families who have sent in their Emergency Prep money so quickly. If you have not sent in your \$2 per child, we'd appreciate it as soon as possible so we can proceed to replenish our food supply for the entire school.

We would also appreciate any donations of Canadian Tire money you might have. There is a container by the office or you can send it with your child. This also helps to purchase Emergency Preparedness Supplies.

Thank you for your support,  
Susan Deyotte and Anna Sato  
Emergency Preparedness

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

I would like to thank all those parents who are doing their diligent part in helping keep our playgrounds clean. Over the past month, it has been apparent that the remnants of summer still remain with broken glass, etc. still being found within the school property. In addition, one of the largest problems we seem to be facing is the excrement left by dog owners. We are hoping that those in the neighbourhood who walk their dogs along the school boundaries will remember we have many students attending here at Kilmer. With so many kids trying not to run over each other in the mornings in their excitement to get to class, it's difficult to have them looking down, hoping to avoid the ever present doggie droppings. I would hope as parents we could, if we witness these incidents happening, remind these great pet owners to be responsible and pick up after their pets. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about Mr. Collin's note in the last news letter regarding dogs on the school property. The school mandate is that no dogs be allowed on the grounds at any time during the school hours, and this also means for the duration after school when we still see children enjoying the school playground. In addition, just to let everyone have a heads up, the by-law office has advised us that there is an absolute policy of "no off leash" anywhere in Port Coquitlam. As of recently they have had more and more complaints by the community and as such are requesting that families be reminded of this. With dog bites and attacks happening more frequently, it would be a shame to see one of our great kids fall victim. Children who don't have pets are more frequent to pet fear as well as lack the knowledge and training on how to approach even the friendliest of dogs. Let's do what we can to keep the kids clean and safe, our school yard clear of unnecessary droppings and the pets happy.

One last quick note. I would like to remind parents who's children enter classrooms from the North and Northeast corners of the school to utilize the North drop off spot along Pooley Ave. Knappen Street is already over crowded with traffic and the use of the North drop off would help with this congestion. The last thing we would like to see because of all the vehicle traffic is for one of our kids to be struck.

## **CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS**

Just a reminder and a big thank you to everyone for collecting all the Campbell's Soup labels. Please keep doing a fantastic job in collecting these, and also Goldfish labels. Ask your families and friends to start collecting too as we are very close to getting some fun and great prizes for everyone to enjoy. Visit the Kilmer PAC website for information on the various labels that are eligible for points.

Moe Pullen

## **KPAC MEETINGS**

Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday) in the school library; starting at 7:00 p.m. **Babysitting is provided.**

~~September 8, 2008~~  
October 6, 2008  
November 3, 2008  
December 1, 2008 (Social)  
January 5, 2009

February 2, 2009  
March 2, 2009  
April 6, 2009  
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June ??, 2009 (Social)



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2008/2009

### SEPTEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	First PAC Meeting Notice to parents
Sep 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ways & Means Notice with Entertainment Books
24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Sale/Open House 2:45 to 4:00pm & 5:30 to 7:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	School Pictures
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Notice home for cookbooks

### OCTOBER

8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Photo Night
16 <sup>th</sup>	DDA Used Clothing Drive
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Halloween Bingo Event

### NOVEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wii Raffle – draw on Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cookbook – recipe request home Distribution for Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Crash Crawly's Fun Night
	Cookie Dough – back by popular demand

### DECEMBER

5 <sup>TH</sup>	STOP, DROP & SHOP Night 6:00pm to 10:00pm Parents can drop off their kids and go Holiday shopping, we'll feed them pizza & juice, have them watch a movie with popcorn
??	Pancake Breakfast with Santa

### JANUARY

??	Adult Dance/Casino night?? Susan Deyotte looking into?
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### FEBRUARY

Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Trivia Night – Karen Elrick organizing
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### MARCH

TBA	Easter Raffle
27 <sup>th</sup>	DDA Used Clothing Drive (after spring break)

### APRIL

TBA	Pub Night – Jasmine Parker organizing
TBA	Art Show & art cards - Della – details to follow – potentially offsite
TBA	Walkathon

### MAY

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Fun Fair - Mini-golf, bouncy castle, pony rides, BBQ, Tim Hortons's
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### JUNE

13 <sup>TH</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Garage Sale
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### ONGOING

	Me & Ed's Pizza - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed each month
	Penny's for the Playground

## Fundraising Ideas

What event would you be interested in? All events with Adult beverages.

Please rate first choice 1 then 2 & 3

Casino Night   
  Adult Dance   
  New Year's Eve Dance

Please return this portion or email Susan Deyotte at [suedeyotte@shaw.ca](mailto:suedeyotte@shaw.ca)