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KPAC News

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Next Meeting: Monday, December 1st, 7p.m., Gillnetter Pub (Mary Hill Bypass & Pitt River Rd)

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Kilmer PAC I would like to extend our Holiday wishes to you and your families. We are able to celebrate and experience so many different freedoms here; sharing them with our children and families is a special time for all. Thank you once again to so many people who are always looking for a way to help out, either with your child at home doing various reading and assignments or taking on any of the other numerous tasks that we do as a PAC. It is always appreciated.

Please come to the Social next Monday, December 1st, at the Gillnetter Pub so we can visit for more than our usual quick pass in the hall with one another. Please RSVP to myself if you are able to come.

Have a great December and we will see you all back in January 2009!

Rachelle Jadot (theadots@gmail.com)
604-552-7435

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

Kilmer grad and spirit wear sale has been a great success. I'm happy to say that our families really like to show their school pride. The orders are currently being processed and we hope to have them coming home before Christmas. I would like to thank everyone that donated their gently used Kilmer wear. These items, as well as some new ones, will be sold at the Santa Stop, Drop and Shop Night with all proceeds going to the playground fund. If you have any questions regarding Kilmer wear please contact me via email.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.
Candice Miller (cmiller7@telus.net)



South Side Family of Schools
Parent Education

For further info, contact:
Dirk Rohde – KPAC
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PARENT EDUCATION

There is now a Parent Education subsection on Kilmer's KPAC SharePoint page. I have added the slides from Kimberley Schonert-Reichl's presentation on *Fostering Social Responsibility*. (<http://public.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/Kilmer/South Side Family of Schools Parent Education/Forms/AllItems.aspx>)

I hope to soon add some notes from Don Lassel's recent presentation on Anxiety in Children and Teens.

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

Reminder, if you want to see any changes, additions, or comments to the Kilmer School Code of Conduct that was sent home in October, please submit to Mr. Collins (RCollins@sd43.bc.ca). The SPC will be meeting in the New Year to sign off on the document.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Thank you to all the parents who sent in their \$2 donation for Emergency Prep. We have now replenished all the food in the classrooms in case of an emergency and are also looking at making a few other purchases for the school/principal kit including an eye wash station.

Susan Deyotte and Anna Sato



Ongoing Events

Penny Drive for the Playground
(Kilmer Front Hall)

Me & Ed's – 3rd Weds. of each month
Dec. 17th
Jan. 21
Feb. 18th
Mar. 18th
Apr. 15th
May. 20th
June. 17th

Collection of Campbell Soup Labels

Collection of metal tabs for Shriners

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

Fruit & Veggies

Dec. 2 & 4, 2008
Dec. 27 & 29, 2008
Jan. 27 & 29, 2009
Feb. 10 & 12, 2009
Feb. 24 & 26, 2009
Mar. 10 & 12, 2009
Apr. 21 & 23, 2009
May. 5 & 7, 2009
May. 19 & 21, 2009
Jun. 2 & 4, 2009

KPAC Meetings

Dec. 1, 2008 (Social)
Jan. 12, 2009
Feb. 2, 2009
Mar. 2, 2009
Apr. 6, 2009
May 4, 2009 (Elections)
June ??, 2009 (Social)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Wii RAFFLE: Thanks to all of you who participated in our Wii Raffle which raised **\$1400** for our playground! Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Prize (Wii console) - **Carolyn Deakin** (from Maple Ridge)
- 2nd Prize (\$50 Coquitlam Grill Gift Card) - **Alison Gignac** (Kilmer Family)
- 3rd Prize (\$24 Toys R Us card) - **Heather Heath** (from Surrey)

SANTA'S STOP, DROP & SHOP: There's still room left! For \$15 per child, you can drop your children off at the school gym from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday, December 5th.

SANTA WILL BE COMING BY DURING THE EVENT TO VISIT WITH THE CHILDREN.



Included in the event is:

- Dinner (Pizza)
- Movies (Shrek the Halls and many more Christmas Classics)
- Mini sock-hop
- several Christmas crafts and cookie decorating
- Visit with Santa
- Small gift from Santa

We have a full list of events throughout the night to keep your children entertained while you spend your 4 hours free to do as you like! Please note that your child must be 4 years of age and potty trained to participate. Children do not have to attend Kilmer to participate, so if you have friends with children that would like to join in the fun, they are more than welcome!

There has been some concern over the cost of this event. If you compare this event to hiring a babysitter for a night for two children, you would pay \$7/hour and to order pizza is approximately \$25. That alone brings you to \$53 for two children not to mention the crafts & cookies the kids get to bring home, the movie rental and the gift from Santa. We feel you are getting good value for your money. As well, all the proceeds will get us closer to that new playground. We just want to remind everyone that \$75,000 is a lot of money to raise and all these events help get us closer to our goal. Your participation is extremely valuable to this playground project, as well as supporting the PAC budget.

KILMER COOKBOOK: We have been busy compiling all your recipes into one fantastic cookbook. Your order form should already have come home in your child's agenda. These books are a fantastic deal at \$5 each. There is a sample of the book at the school office if you would like a sneak peak. Orders are due back by December 8th with a delivery date back to you by December 16th. What a great gift for that person you never know what to get!

COOKIE DOUGH: There was a big demand for it, so you got it! We brought back the cookie dough fundraiser and are happy to announce it was a huge success, bringing in **\$789!** Pick up is on December 1st between 2:30pm and 3:15pm.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Due to everyone's hectic schedule during December, we have decided to opt out of this event. We are incorporating a Santa visit with our Stop Drop & Shop event so the kids won't miss out.

UPCOMING EVENTS: For January, we may have an opportunity to put together a Family Skate Night. Therefore, this would move the Crash Crawly's event to Spring. Watch for more details in future notices.

Don't forget the QSP Magazines that are available to us online (<http://www.qsp.ca/Store/Index.aspx>). To get to the Kilmer page, enter in our school code **3029**. "Cookies" must be enabled. QSP will also offer a coupon for you to purchase a gift card for a magazine subscription as a gift to give to someone. It's a great Birthday or Holiday gift idea that gives all year long.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

I'm happy to say we are moving along with our fundraising for this project. I would like to remind everyone that our goal is \$75,000. We are working on a few options that could potentially reduce that number, but we still have a long way to go. We have raised approximately **\$40,000** to date.



KPAC Volunteer Opportunities

1. 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 a empty bottle for replacement.
2. Posting and removing signs around the school 4-5 doors. (no tape, only the blue tacky stuff)
3. Making up the letter board signs and putting up and taking down of KPAC meeting signs. (once a month)

Please contact:
Deb Demers
604-942-4674

In October, the PAC voted on a vendor for the new playground. However, due to pricing changes within the supplier's company, the cost went up. Therefore, we chose to do some further research and get more quotes on different products. We are excited to say that we are currently in the process of putting together a new option which would include a Grade 1 to 5 structure, with climbing wall as well as a separate Kindergarten structure for close to what our first option costs. Details will be available at the PAC Meeting/Social on December 1st at the Gillnetter Pub. We will be voting on the final structure and hope to begin the process of purchasing the equipment soon. Everyone is welcome to that meeting.

Although we are in a position to purchase the equipment, we still require at least \$35,000 for the site prep and install. Therefore, our fundraising efforts are extremely important in order for us to see this project through with a potential install of Spring 2009.

Should you have any questions please contact Amber at 604-945-7933 or amberh@telus.net

Thank you from your Fundraising/Playground Team

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We had a successful Hot Lunch (HL) on November 21, with a great response and therefore a good profit. Thank-you to all parents who participate and take the time to fill out the forms and scrounge around the house looking for change! Kim and I sent out a call for help this month, and we had a wonderful response. I would like to welcome Alison Gignac, Karen Harvey, Joshy Charan and Diana Boerma - they answered the call to deliver lunches to the classrooms. Also thank-you to Rita Moore and Christina Bailey who have taken on the tallying of the orders, Susan Deyotte who is doing the shopping, and Laura Lilley who rolls all those coins and takes them to the bank. When we received so much help, Kim and I wondered why we waited so long to ask!!! With all the fundraising going on, please remember that when submitting HL orders/money, to only place HL money/orders in the envelope (**DO NOT** mix with other fundraising) and one envelope per child. We almost missed a lunch this time because it was put in with Kilmer Wear and did not come to us until a few days before HL. Also, a brother and sister shared one envelope and were therefore put on one class list. The little girl sat waiting for her lunch until we could figure out what class she was in (she was in tears by the time we got to her). So thank-you for helping us in this way. **Our next hot lunch is the last day of school before the Christmas Break (December 19) and it will be Sub Sandwiches.**

In closing, I would like to share with you something that made me really proud to be a Kilmer parent. A substitute teacher came to the kitchen on HL Day to see if there was any left over sushi she could purchase. She said she has been in many schools, but has never seen so many parent volunteers helping with Hot Lunch, and also how smoothly it ran. I agreed with her, it is a great bunch of parents!

Yvonne (ylg@shaw.ca)

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	February 2, 2009
October 6, 2008	March 2, 2009
November 3, 2008	April 6, 2009
December 1, 2008 (Social @ Gillnetter Pub)	May 4, 2009 (Elections)
January 12, 2009 (note date change- 2 nd Mon.)	June ??, 2009 (Social)

Check out upcoming meeting agendas & past minutes, as well as archived KPAC newsletters at: (<http://public.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/Kilmer/Web Part Pages/PAC.aspx>)

KPAC Newsletter By Email

Please help KPAC go green (and save money) by registering to receive this monthly newsletter by email. A Happy Healthy New Year to all our Kilmer Families.

I would like to receive this newsletter at this email address: _____

Student(s) name(s) and division(s): _____