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KPAC News

January 30, 2009

Next Meeting: Monday, February 2nd, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

CHAIR'S REPORT

I hope this note finds you all well and with a good system in place for shovelling snow. We have 5 months of school left and a lot of learning and projects still to do! September to December always goes by so quickly! We could not have come so far without your help. Kilmer School has done an incredible job in support of the new playground.

Yes, the snow was able to bring out not the best tempers in all of us, and we appreciate the difficulty in getting to the school with all the snow. But the safety of the children has been a real concern. Please be courteous to our neighbours - we all have to give and take during these circumstances.

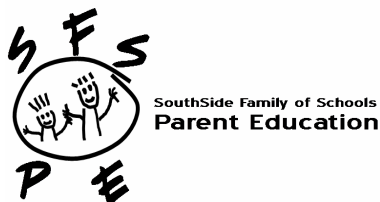
Exciting news announced today, Thursday, January 29th, by the Ministry of Education - **Pitt River Middle School** will be replaced with a **new school**. Please look for updates on the SD43 website regarding time lines as information appears.

Remember to read your newsletters for upcoming school events. These are always a pleasure to be involved in if you can.

If you are not receiving PAC emails from myself yet, and want to be, you can easily be added to our email list. Please send me your email address and it can also be shared with the school email list. We have just about 70% of all Kilmer Families! Let's get greener!

Rachelle Jadot (thejadots@gmail.com)

PARENT EDUCATION



For further info, contact:
Dirk Rohde – KPAC
at (604) 942-6410
or ssfspe@gmail.com

We have now posted, on the Kilmer Sharepoint website, a document summarizing Don Lassel's November presentation on childhood anxiety. It is entitled *Helping Children Cope with Anxiety* and includes a list of anxiety-related resources at the end. The Southside Family of Schools Parent Education Committee is planning a couple of other presentations this year - one on **Disaster Prep** that will take place in late February or early March and another on **Cyberbullying and Awareness** to take place around April or May. Further details will follow.

We now have a new e-mail account to which you can send any parent education specific requests or comments - ssfspe@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

We would like to thank everyone who has donated their Canadian Tire money. We were able to purchase an axe and a wrench to add to our School Emergency Kit. Thank you! Every little bit helps. Keep it coming!

Susan Deyotte and Anna Sato

2008/09 KPAC Executive

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Rachelle Jadot

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Candice Miller

Secretary

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Cathy Clelland

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Kim MacKinnon

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Tia Turner

Rosie Shaw

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Jasmine Parker

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Tia Turner

CPF Representative

Debra McNicol

SPC Representatives

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Parent Education

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Robyn Lau

positions available

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Ongoing Events

Penny Drive for the Playground
(Kilmer Front Hall)

Me & Ed's – 3rd Weds. of each month

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

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

Feb. 2, 2009
Mar. 2, 2009
Apr. 6, 2009
May 4, 2009 (Elections)
June ??, 2009 (Social)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Kilmer Family Skate at Planet Ice (Coquitlam)-

Saturday, February 7th from 3:00pm - 4:15pm

Tickets in advance for \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.

Requests due back by Monday, February 2nd with tickets to go home during the week.

Trivia Night:

Question: What are you doing on Friday, February 27, 2009?

Answer: Having fun at the Kilmer Elementary Trivia Night! (1575 Knappen St. Port Coquitlam)

Trivia buffs can test their knowledge at Kilmer's Trivia Night. Players will compete in rounds of questions for prizes. There will be adult beverages, 50/50 draws, Toonie tosses, door prizes and raffles that include Canucks tickets, gift certificates for spas and restaurants, sports memorabilia, and much more.

Dinner (6pm - 7:15pm) Tickets are \$20/person, includes full lasagne dinner & 1 drink & Trivia Night.

Trivia (7:30pm -11pm+) Tickets are \$15/person, includes 1 drink

Pre-reserved tables of 8 (includes dinner & 1 drink) purchased before Feb 12th is \$120, after Feb 12th tables go up to \$140

Early Bird Draw: All tickets purchased by Feb. 12th will be entered to win a \$25 gift card to Milestones.

Ticket sale cutoff: Friday, February 20, 2009

Tickets must be pre-purchased and is an Adults Only event – no minors please.

To purchase tickets, please call Susan @604-552-2499 or email suedeyotte@shaw.ca or Rosie Shaw @ les.shaw@shaw.ca.

Me & Ed's Night: Wednesday, Feb. 18th. It would be great if someone could make a sign for inside the restaurant! Please contact Rachele for details theadots@gmail.com

Pub Night: We are working on a Pub Night for us adults in the Spring (hopefully it comes). Watch for those details.

Developmental Disabilities Clothing Drive: Friendly reminder to keep saving those clothes, linens, purses, etc. that can be given away on Friday March 27th - after Spring Break! Our fall clothing drive raised over \$700 from your donations alone. Let's do it again!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

To date, we are pleased to announce that we have raised over \$40,000! As was mentioned in our Playground Newsletter, this was enough to purchase our main playground with a rock wall, as well as a separate Kindergarten playground. In order to install this new equipment we require an additional \$20,000. If we are successful at raising this additional \$20,000, we could potentially see our new playground this spring!

Anyone interested in making a contribution towards this project, please either complete the form sent home last week or contact Amber at amberh@telus.net or 604-945-7933. If anyone is interested in helping solicit funds from our local community, help with that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you from your Fundraising/Playground Team

FRUITS & VEGGIES PROGRAM

The Fruits & Veggies Program has started up again for 2009. This week we were sent organic apples with enough for two servings per student. The kids always seem to enjoy the apples!

Susan Deyotte & Candice Miller



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

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Our hot lunch January 30th was Pasta Polo. This was a new menu option but after attempting to cook and serve pasta from our own little kitchen at the school many times, we decided to leave it to the pros. Pasta Polo has a wonderful reputation and delicious food and was most accommodating to us. The prices are a tad higher than other items we have offered for lunch but in reality, the children are getting pasta from a restaurant that has won awards and one that was willing to follow the nutrition guidelines set by the BC government. The pasta was around the same price as most fast food lunch choices but nutritious, so we thought we'd give it a try.

If you have suggestions for menu options for future hot lunches, we are always open to hear them as usual. Contact Yvonne or Kim anytime ylg@shaw.ca or klmack@telus.net

Thanks again to our team of helpers! We appreciate all you do

Yvonne and Kim

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Welcome parents to the continuation of what is a very long winter. We've appreciated all of the support that everyone has shown in these long and trying days with all of this snow. To all of those parents who have adjusted their habits and have been using the drop off loop instead of Knappen Street, we thank you. Since the city didn't have many avenues or options, we have snow that has accumulated along the sides of the road and it's slow to leave. I wanted to remind everyone (including myself on those rushed mornings) that stopping on Knappen to drop the kids off creates blocked traffic and hazards. Taking the extra 2 minutes to pull over or swing around to the drop off loop would be much appreciated.

On another very unpleasant note, dog droppings are not being cleaned up by their owners (hopefully not our parents and those in the neighbourhood forgetting that children play and walk there) all along the outer perimeter of the school. Please be mindful where you are walking and if in the unfortunate circumstance walk in the droppings, clean your shoes/boots off in the snow before you enter the school. Our cleaning staff have enough on their hands this winter.

Here's hoping this snow clears up and we can get on to sunnier days.

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 @ Gillnetter Pub)~~

~~January 12, 2009 (note date change 2nd Mon.)~~

February 2, 2009

March 2, 2009

April 6, 2009

May 4, 2009 (Elections)

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](http://public.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/Kilmer/Web%20Part%20Pages/PAC.aspx))