



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

# KPAC News

February 27, 2009

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

## CHAIR'S REPORT

**Yeah** the snow is gone! or it was when I wrote this....  
**Yeah** the new playground is here and looks like it will be up before Spring Break!  
**Yeah** for Kilmer Children and Families!

Thank you to so many people that have been involved over the years that have helped not only financially, but with the tremendous amount of volunteer hours that have gone into making these new playgrounds a reality! Not all the people who have helped in years previous are still at Kilmer, but please pass along to them that they are more than welcome to come to the BBQ Celebration that we will have in the spring to say **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARTNERS!** This event will be no cost to you - we just want to see a lot of happy faces on the children and families at the Playground Celebration BBQ!

I also want to send a **Thank you** to all those people that don't have their name on a committee or have a title somewhere on the PAC. You are so appreciated. The children's classroom activities and school-wide celebrations benefit from you being there. Thank You! We don't all need or want a title, but we all agree in being there for all the children. Also, a Thank You to such amazing administration support. I don't know of any other schools that have such a wonderful open door policy on communication. (Of course I am biased!). Watch for updates with notices regarding the Staff Appreciation week and volunteer opportunities.

I have a new appreciation for the Volunteers that have counted hot lunch money over the years. Tyler and I counted the Smencil change and he has set aside the "Chuck E Cheese", and American money. The bank teller had a little chuckle when we took those there. The children were so generous with their own allowance and even topped up their payments even though they did not purchase another Smencil.

The SD43 front page of the website has a survey for you to complete with regards to SPRING BREAK 2010. The Survey is only open until Monday March 2nd. The Trustees will make a decision at the scheduled March 10 Public Board Meeting. [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

The 2009 Volunteer Recognition Awards are on April 21st held at Riverside Secondary School. Please see [www.portcoquitlam.ca/volunteer](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/volunteer) to complete a Nomination form. The Deadline to submit is 4:00pm on Friday March 13th.

Our email directory is going great for sending out information to you. Thank you to those who have had extra patience while I update your addresses. If you are not receiving emails from me and want to, please email your address to [theadots@gmail.com](mailto:theadots@gmail.com) and I will add you to the list. The only paper copy that is sent home is the PAC newsletter, and only to those that do not have a current email address on file. All other emails with valuable information such as surveys, parent Education opportunity's, DPAC and BCCPAC information are **not** being sent home in paper copy.

Reminder that we will have our monthly **PAC meeting this Monday March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Library**. If you have never had an opportunity to come, please come and listen in, or better yet get in on the conversation. There are only 4 meetings remaining. Free babysitting is provided.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful Spring Break. I will definitely see you on the NEW Playgrounds!

Rachelle Jadot ([theadots@gmail.com](mailto:theadots@gmail.com))

## SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

The SPC met with Mr. Collins and completed a Survey on School Budgeting.

### 2008/09 KPAC Executive

**Chair**  
Rachelle Jadot

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**Secretary**  
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Karen Elrick  
Teresa Kazemir

**Parent Education**  
Dirk Rohde

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Anna Sato

**Volunteer Coordinators**  
Deborah Demers  
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Robyn Lau  
*positions available*

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#### Ongoing Events

Penny Drive for the Playground  
(Kilmer Front Hall)

Me-n-Ed's – 3rd Weds. of each month  
**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. 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

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

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**Me-n-Ed's** - We are continuing our Me-n-Ed's night, which runs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month – next one is Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to say that you are ordering for "Kilmer" or your order will not count. We have a Thank You frame to bring to them the next Me-n-Ed's Pizza Loop Draw Pizza Day.

**Trivia Night** - Thank you to all those who are participating in the event. We hope you have a wonderful mind boggling time searching your brain for those needless, & need-to-know, facts!

**DDA** - Our pick-up day will be after Spring Break - Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for your bags to come home soon. Please save all your old clothing, shoes & linens. We get \$2 to \$3/bag, so let's see if we can beat our October record of 239 bags.

**Mother's Day Flowers** with assorted herbs, tomatoes and strawberries - Delivery Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Order forms to go home prior to Easter weekend.

**Spring Fling** - Our Spring Fling will be on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please try to keep this afternoon/evening free to enjoy all the fantastic events we have planned for that day. More info to follow.

**Annual Garage Sale** - It seems like a long way away, but it will sneak up on us. Please keep this in mind if you come across gently used items that you don't know what to do with. The event will take place Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow closer to this event.

**Pub Night** - We are currently planning a pub night sometime this April. Stay tuned.

**QSP Online Magazine** is still open. [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca). Our account number is **3029** for Kilmer Elementary - They have a great selection of magazines to offer for children, home decor, food, sports, entertaining and much more. You can make a gift card for someone and they can choose the selection they want. It could be a great Birthday gift or new baby gift that gives all year long via the mailbox!

Thank you again to the Kilmer Family who Donated the **Planet Ice Skating** time and skates! We raised over \$500 for our playground! It was such a wonderful time to see all the families skating and having a great time together.

Thank you to Michelle Erho, with Mary Kay, and Tyler Jadot, a Kilmer student, who are also passionate about raising funds for the New Playground. Every idea and contribution of time and effort and money has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you from Your Fundraising Team

### PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Very exciting news ... By now, most of you will have seen the initial ground breaking for our playground installation. We anticipate the playgrounds to be erected within the next few weeks! HOWEVER, although the structures are going up, we are still short on our installation funds by approximately \$14,000.

Kilmer families that still wish to donate would need to do so by **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** (deadline extended) in order to have their family name included on our **Wall of Appreciation**. Donations will be accepted after this date, however, we will not be able to include your name on the **Wall of Appreciation**.

We are awaiting a response from BC Gaming & Enforcement on whether we qualify for up to \$20,000 of grant money. We hope to hear from them in March. However, we cannot rely on this as most of you know; in the past we have not been successful in receiving any grants.

We are extremely happy to announce another sponsor has generously donated \$5000 towards our project. A huge thank you to **Foresters Insurance** for their support!

Now for the fun stuff ...

We will be planning a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** immediately after the structure has been completed. This will involve some select sponsors and the Kilmer children. The date for this will be announced closer to completion.



#### **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

We will also be holding a **Thank You Barbeque Celebration** in the Spring. This will coincide with the **Wall of Appreciation** being erected. All families, sponsors and community members will be welcome to this event. Dates will be announced when we are able to determine a completion time for the **Wall of Appreciation**.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project, by either participating in fundraising events/programs, by donating your time towards Playground fundraising projects and to those who have donated their hard earned money. We had an enormous task of raising \$65,000+ funds and because we've all come together to participate in various ways of support, our playground is becoming a reality!

If anyone has questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact Amber at 604-945-7933 or [amberh@telus.net](mailto:amberh@telus.net)

Thank you from Your Playground Team

#### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

February's hot lunch was Church's chicken and it was popular with the kids. Along with great prices on our menu choices, Raj from Church's at Prairie & Coast Meridian also donated to the school quite a few coupons that will be used for fundraising efforts. Thank you to Church's for their support!

We would like to thank Kilmer administration and teachers for switching to "eat first, play later" on Hot Lunch day to accommodate field trips.

As always, thank you to all the parents who come together to pull off hot lunch for our kids whether it be delivery to class, shopping, tallies, counting many, many coins, or sorting out food on the actual day.

Yvonne and Kim

#### **EMERGENCY PREPARATION**

Emergency Preparation purchased a new eye-wash station which will be kept in the medical room. Thanks to all that have donated to EP.

Susan Deyotte and Anna Sato

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A report from the Transportation Solutions and Operations Committee of Port Coquitlam on the traffic review at Kilmer will be presented at their next meeting to be held on Weds, March 4, 2009, in the Heritage Room, Third Floor, City Hall at 4:00pm. Our PAC, or any concerned parents, are invited to attend the meeting as a delegation. Please confirm your attendance with Wendy Gray, Customer Services Rep. at 604-927-5221 or [grayw@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:grayw@portcoquitlam.ca).

Another friendly reminder to please use the drop off Loop along Pooley Ave. The children are a bit older now, so you may consider testing the waters by letting them get to their classroom line-up from the Loop.

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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))