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KPAC News

April 3, 2009

Next Meeting: Monday, April 6th, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

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CHAIR'S REPORT

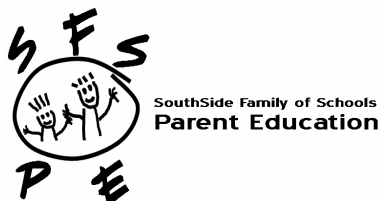
Well, it is humbling to be a part of such a tremendous task of successfully "building a playground". This last 3 year stretch has been an awesome experience. To be able to see these playgrounds benefiting our own as well as our community is truly wonderful. Thank you to Amber Henricksen, our playground lead, for her natural ability to multitask and keep us all focused on the big picture. Also, to Rose Shaw - the constant gentle mediator, Kim Becker - the one who graciously greeted you and sent home all your tickets for the big events and to Kim Zandl, for always putting in that extra effort and making an event over the top! There are so many other people that have taken on their own fundraisers or participated in some way to make this new playground a reality and great success. Each of you are all greatly appreciated and thanked - we could not have made it here today without all of your ideas and passion to see this day come true. Thank you so much to our Principal, Mr. Collins, for his efforts in helping us above and beyond with this project. His email was flooded almost daily with new updates and time crunching issues. He has truly been a constant source of stability during this journey.

Some dates to keep in mind:

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** - Tuesday April 28th 12:00noon in the library. Watch for a notice coming home about volunteer opportunities.
- **Sept 2009 School Year Budget Discussions** - Monday June 1st, 7:00 pm in the Kilmer library
- **KPAC Social** - Gillnetter Pub - Friday June 5th. -Watch for details
- **Spring Break Update** - Thursday March 25th 2010 - Tuesday April 6th 2010
- **KPAC Elections** - May 4th, at PAC meeting, Please come out and consider taking on a new position or Executive position!

That's all folks! Thank you so much for all your support in the various fundraisers.

Rachelle Jadot (theadots@gmail.com)



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

SFSPE is proud to present: **Emergency/Disaster Preparation**
Featuring **Cheryl Lalonde**, Deputy Coordinator of the
Emergency Preparedness Program in Port Coquitlam:
Thursday, April 23, 2009, 6:45pm - 8:30pm
Pitt River Middle School (2070 Tyner St., Port Coquitlam)
\$5/couple or \$3/single (Advanced Registration Required)

To register please refer to the notice that went home last week, or contact Dirk Rohde.

FRUITS & VEGGIES

The fruits & veggie program will start up again on April 21st and will run until the end of the school year.

Candice Miller and Susan Deyotte



Ongoing Events

Penny Drive for the
Playground
(Kilmer Front Hall)

Me-n-Ed's – 3rd Weds. of
each month
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

Apr. 21 & 23, 2009
May 5 & 7, 2009
May 19 & 21, 2009
Jun. 2 & 4, 2009

KPAC Meetings

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

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As we have now reached our fundraising goal for both PAC budget and our brand new playground, we have decided to postpone our Spring Fling until 2010. Instead, we will be holding a Grand Opening Celebration BBQ for all Kilmer Families, Sponsors and the local community. This will be a free event - no fundraising involved! Stay tuned for more details. We hope to see you all there.

Fundraising Reminders:

Entertainment Books for 2009- 2010 will available Sept 14-21, 2009 – Please keep in mind that Entertainment is signing new business all year long so if you have an Entertainment book make sure that you have registered to receive online coupons regularly to get the full benefit of the coupons event before they go into the 2009-2010 booklet. New for next year will be *T&T Supermarket*, *Edo Japan*, and *Swiss Chalet*.

DDA Bags - 183 bags = \$549.00 profit. Thank you for cleaning out your closets!

Pub Night – Saturday April 11th, 6:00pm, at the Cat & Fiddle Pub - Raffle for a Canucks jersey signed by the TEAM!

Me-n-Eds - Wednesday April 15th. Remember to say your order is for Kilmer.

QSP - Online www.qsp.ca, use code 3029 Kilmer Elementary - Great for gifts that give all year long.

Flowers - Hanging baskets, potted 10" and 12" plants, herbs, and strawberry plants. Delivery Thursday AM May 7th

Lifetouch Spring Photos - Tuesday April 14th. PAC receives \$1.00 for every photo taken regardless of purchases.

Garage Sale -Saturday June 13th - Watch for details later on

Thank you from Your Fundraising Team

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are extremely happy to share the following news: The application submitted to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Ministry of Housing and Social Development has been reviewed and processed. They have approved our application and are issuing us \$20,000 to use towards our new playgrounds. We are still in the application process for the City of Port Coquitlam grant, which could amount to \$10,000 if approved. That being said, we have now achieved our goal and the main playground should be complete and open by the time you read this message! We can't thank you all enough for your support throughout the last 3 years. It has been an amazing experience to see this project through successfully. There are drainage issues around the Kindergarten structure and due to all the rain in recent weeks, it has delayed completion. However, once this has had an opportunity to dry out for a couple of days, the completion shouldn't take more than a day or two.

We will be holding a Grand Opening Celebration Barbeque as a thank you to all the Kilmer families, playground sponsors and local community in May. The date has yet to be determined. At this time our Wall of Appreciation will have been erected, along with the addition of some benches for the parents! More information will follow as we get closer to this date.

Unfortunately, there have been some negative comments around the size of our new Kindergarten structure. I would like to point out to all those that may not be aware, but our original goal was to replace the playground with only one main structure. As this was an enormous project in itself, there was no discussion around replacing the Kindergarten structure at this time. As the Kindergarten structure is slated for removal, this left the Kindergarten children without a playground during school hours. With some creative purchasing and successful fundraising, we were able to purchase an additional Kindergarten structure along with the main structure.



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

The Playground Team worked incredibly hard, sacrificing their own personal time, to make sure all the children would benefit from this project and it is disappointing to hear there has been a negative response from parents.

Should there be any questions around funding or any playground questions, we would be happy to see you all at our next PAC Meeting, Monday, April 6th!

Although this is a very happy time for the Kilmer community, I would like to make mention of recent attempted vandalism to the new playground. It appears someone has tried to set fire to one of the new slides with lighter fluid. Although this didn't melt the slide, it did char it. A very unfortunate incident - especially since the children haven't been able to use the equipment yet. I'm not sure what the solution is, but if we're all aware this is happening perhaps an occasional detour past the school at night might help prevent loitering and thus more vandalism. Please don't approach anyone! If you see anything suspicious, a quick call to Vandal Watch at 604-927-7600 would be a great help.

Thank you from Your Playground Team

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

It's hard to believe that there are only three hot lunches (HL) left in our school year. The next HL will be Friday, April 24th. Notices will go out before the Easter weekend, and they will need to be returned Thursday, April 16 (Friday, April 17 is a Pro-D Day). Our menu is yet to be decided.

I would like to remind parents to take care in filling out the HL forms. Last month in particular had many errors and it took a lot of extra time for the volunteer parents to tally the information (forms without names or teacher/div, siblings together on one form, use of a yellow highlighter which was very difficult to read). We often have to guess at what is being ordered. I love it when I see the kids filling out their own HL forms, but parents please double check the information and ensure that it is legible.

Also, please review what they ordered the day of hot lunch. We had quite a few kids come to the gym claiming they had ordered something different, but upon checking their form, their lunch was in fact correct. I jot my kids' choices in their planners on the actual HL date - works great!

Once again, thank-you for your support in purchasing HL, and to all the parents who help tally, count the money, shop, and deliver the lunches - you are awesome!

Kim MacKinnon and Yvonne Greentree

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.**

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| 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 2nd 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>)