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position available

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positions available

Hot Lunch

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Emergency Prep

Susan Deyotte
Anna Sato
Della O'Reilly
Thaddeus Seidler

Volunteer Coordinators

Deborah Demers
position available

Safety Committee

positions available

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KPAC News

September 28, 2009

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5th, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

CHAIR'S REPORT

To all our new families, **Welcome to Kilmer**, & to our returning families, **Welcome Back**. If you are new to Kilmer you may be wondering what the PAC is all about. Please come and meet myself and others at the Kilmer Open House in the library this coming Weds., Sept.30. We will do our best to give you a snapshot of what we do at the school.

This newsletter is a great way to start reading all about it. Almost 90% of Kilmer families signed up for email delivery last year. Most correspondence from the PAC teams, DPAC, BCCPAC and additional Kilmer information will be quickly & efficiently forwarded to you. Paper copies will still need to be sent home for hot lunch, ordering fundraising items, etc. This helps us save an incredible amount of time and money. Please forward your email address to Rachelle Jadot (thejadots@gmail.com) to be added to the master list, and shared with the school administration.

As a parent of a Kilmer Student you are automatically a member of the PAC. Keep in mind that coming out to PAC meetings is so much more than finding out about the latest fundraiser. There are many valuable conversations that impact your child and your feedback in these discussions is invaluable.

Within KPAC there are several smaller teams. However, there is constant turnover as parents move on to middle school with their kids. To help a smooth transition of knowledge, we discussed a mentoring initiative in which a new parent would shadow a PAC executive member to learn about particular roles. Hopefully, this would help break down some of the uncertainty associated with volunteering since some of the most common questions from new team players are along the lines of "What do I have to do?" and "How much time will it take?" If you are interested in any PAC functions, it would be a great & easy way to stretch yourself and learn something new about the Kilmer PAC & even the greater SD43 community. I can direct your inquiry to the appropriate person.

If you have any comments or suggestions for Kilmer School, please let me know and we can work with the school to see if it is viable. We welcome any new ideas and will support you in taking the lead to run the project or working within a team. I look forward to a great year at Kilmer and working with the community of parents that support us in so many ways. Thank you all so much for your time.

Finally, Thank you to our past Kilmer parent Linda Goldade for the Kilmer magnets that she still donated to us this year. We really appreciate her generosity and patience while we sent her all those important dates to remember! Thank you very much Linda! We wish you all the best as a Middle school parent.

Rachelle Jadot (thejadots@gmail.com)

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

Kilmer Wear will be offered this year during the first part of October. Stainless steel water bottles have been added to the list of hoodies, zip-ups, t-shirts and more. A reminder for Grade 5 students that this is the only opportunity to purchase **GRAD WEAR**. Watch for your notice to come home.

Candice Miller, clmiller7@gmail.com

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL (SPC)

To meet with Principal Collins by the end of September to go over the Kilmer school goal of improved writing, to review the school Code of Conduct (which is available in your child's planner) and to review the school organization for class size and composition.



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October Events

Fruit & Veggies

Sept. 29th & Oct. 1st
Oct. 13th & 15th

DDA Clothing Drive

Thursday, Oct. 1st

KPAC Meeting

Monday, Oct. 5th

Garden Club

Oct. 5th & 19th

Thanksgiving

Monday, Oct. 12th

SFSPE - Jay Timms

Wednesday, Oct. 14th

Hot Lunch

Friday, Oct. 16th

Interim Reports Home

Friday, Oct. 16th

Parent-Teacher Conf./

Early Dismissal

Thursday, Oct. 22nd

Halloween Howl

Thursday, Oct. 22nd

District Pro-D Day

Friday, Oct. 22nd

DPAC Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 28th

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Community Gaming Grants for the 2009/10 school year from the Provincial Government have been cut in half - from \$20 to \$10 per student. This represents a significant cut in our budgeted funds. Please attend the next KPAC meeting to discuss the ramifications of this shortfall & to view the details in the letters from the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

Wing Yu per Cathy Clelland

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Fundraising is just one of the ways Kilmer parents can support their PAC, which in-turn supports the students directly at your school. The Fundraising plan for this year was attached to the KPAC package sent home recently. The annual sale of **Entertainment books** started off the year. Soon we will know the final numbers for these sales. September continues to be busy with the **book sale and MJM Family Photos** on Weds. Sept.30. Drop-off day for the **clothing drive** is Thurs., Oct. 1st from 8am - 10am in the front undercover area by the main office entrance. Watch for this notice and your bag to fill to come home soon. This has always been a great NO COST fundraiser for Kilmer families.

There is also the option to make a **direct donation**. Please make cheques payable to **KILMER PAC - NOT SD43** - to ensure a tax receipt

Thank you very much to Pitt River Middle School for donating 10 bags of clothing to our DDA Clothing Drive Oct 1st. Your community spirit is greatly appreciated. Thank you once again for your support to both the Kilmer clothing drive and the Developmental Disabilities Association.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We don't formally have a playground team this year. However, there is approximately \$14,000 left in the playground budget. Discussions are required to finalize what you and your children would like to see added to either of the playgrounds and/or other grounds equipment (e.g. 3-in-1 basketball hoop, tether ball poles, climbing apparatus, painted ground stencils). These discussions will be held at PAC meetings. We need your input!

Once again, I don't think the Kilmer playground team members and families can be thanked enough for their time and energy for completing the dream of a new playground last spring. Thank You!

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Thank you to the families that have sent in their EP donation money. Please note that we have only received approximately 1/3 of the money required to restock classroom supplies. We are still welcoming donations of \$2.00 per child. This money is being used toward the purchasing of new food for the emergency comfort kits in each classroom.

Just a note to parents - if you have any contacts or know of anyone that might be able to get a discount on these items, please let us know. Much appreciated.

Thank You from your Emergency Prep Team,
Susan Deyotte, Anna Sato, Della O'Reilly, & Thaddeus Seidler

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thank you to Port Coquitlam RCMP for their presence at the school during the first few days regarding traffic safety. Traffic around Kilmer is a big safety issue. Please respect the no stopping areas on Knappen Street & be courteous to our neighbours by not stopping in or blocking their driveways. Keep both eyes out for our small students crossing the street. The position of Safety Committee Coordinator is open.



Ongoing Events

Collection of **Campbell Soup Labels**

Collection of **metal tabs** for Shriners

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

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Our names are Yvonne Greentree and Rita Moore and we are your Hot Lunch (HL) Coordinators. We get lots of help from our awesome HL Leadership Team (Susan Deyotte, Christina Bailey, Kim MacKinnon, Claudia Thomson and Laura Lilley) and from a great group of parents who faithfully help deliver the lunches to the classrooms. The HL team has already been hard at work planning and researching to ensure a great year of Hot Lunches.

Our monthly HL is an effective and fun way for KPAC to raise funds for the school. Our goal for this year is to provide fun and nutritious lunches that will offer choices to suit all families. Though our prices do include a small mark-up (as we are fundraising) we strive to make the meals affordable to everyone.

The first HL for the year was on Friday, September 18th. Considering the short amount of time we had to get it done, it was a huge success. Our next HL is Friday, October 16. Watch for the forms to come out on October 2 since it will be an exciting menu with a new vendor - watch for it!

We are looking for volunteers to hand out lunches in the classroom on the day of HL. Each division needs two helpers. You are welcome to bring pre-school children with you. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne at ylg@shaw.ca as soon as possible with the division you would like to help with, and a second choice if you have more than one child at the school.

You are probably aware that all BC Schools have been mandated by both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to follow the "*Guideline for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools*" (details at www.brandnamefoodlist.ca). These guidelines contain strict nutrition criteria for the consumption of calories, fat, salt and sugar. All public elementary schools in BC, including Kilmer, implemented these Guidelines in January 2008. It is not a simple process to come up with menu items that are appealing to the students, will meet the guidelines set out by the Government and still meet our fundraising commitments. Your HL Team is determined to provide healthy and fun lunches for Kilmer kids. If you have any suggestions or ideas, we would love to hear from you.

Thank-you for supporting Hot Lunch!

Yvonne Greentree (ylg@shaw.ca) and Rita Moore (rtmoore@shaw.ca)

FRUIT AND VEGGIES

The Fruit and Veggies program is a free program for Kilmer students and is supported by the Provincial Government. It provides a taste of current, in-season produce to schools which are then handed out to the children. The program runs twice a week, every other week, by volunteer parents with Foodsafe Certification. We are we looking for new parents to take over delivery of food to the classrooms. Brochures about the program are available on the parent board or visit <http://www.aitc.ca/bc/snacks>.

Candice Miller & Susan Deyotte

PARENT LIBRARY

Great parents may have an innate aptitude for raising children, but you can bet they have also put considerable time and effort into researching, accessing information, and otherwise educating themselves in this regard. The Kilmer Parent's Library is a great resource for parents looking for such information. For new parents, this is located adjacent to the office by the parent's notice board, where you can find relevant info on the PAC and the Kilmer community. I'm excited about assuming responsibility for the Parent's Library & I would like to invite all our Kilmer parents to contact me if you have any ideas as to how we can ensure that we maximize the usefulness of this important resource.

Additionally, please feel free to contact me if you need help accessing information regarding any aspect of parenting & I'll do my best to assist in finding the resources you need.

Cheers,
Thaddeus Seidler, thadseidler@live.com



GARDEN CLUB

The 2009 Kilmer Garden Club had its first meeting on Monday, September 21, 2009. There were 21 students who attended. Children from Grades 1-5 took part in the meeting where we brainstormed garden club names. We will be voting on the names next week and will let you all know the final decision in the next newsletter. We will be opening a Garden Club page on the Kilmer PAC Website so that you can see all the progress that is being made. The school board is dropping off soil for our garden beds on October 19, 2009. We should be planting bulbs that following week before the first frost. The kids are very excited and are looking forward to this experience.

Garden Club Coordinator - Michelle Oucharek-Deo ("Mrs.Deo" to the kids), Kilmer Parent Sponsor Teacher - Mrs.Higo, Garden Club Supporters - Mr. Collins, Mrs. Hardy & Mrs. Obst . The Garden Club will be running on Mondays at lunch between 12:00-12:25pm. Sunny days in the courtyard, rainy days in the library. Days booked September 28, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, November 30, December 7 (Last meeting of 2009).

We are in need of some garden equipment and flower bulbs for the fall planting. If you have any spare garden tools (weed tools, trowels, hand-pruners, brooms, watering cans, brown paper garden bags & gardening gloves of all sizes) or flower bulbs we would greatly appreciate the donation. Also, we would appreciate any dried leaves for our compost.

I thank you all for the encouragement and support we have received since we started the club last spring. It was a beautiful site to return to school this fall and see some left over colour from our plantings in June. I want to thank the custodial staff for keeping an eye on the garden over the summer and to Mrs. Hardy who photographed our one lone spaghetti squash that grew over the summer.

All the best, and good gardening,
Michelle Oucharek-Deo, mlod@telus.net

DISTRICT PAC REPORT

DPAC 43 orientation titled *Parents as Partners – Building Great Learning Communities Together*, is being held for all SD43 parents. Please see details below or www.dpac43.org

When: Thurs., Oct. 1/09, 5:30-6:30pm (registration & dinner), 6:30-8:30pm (presentations), 8:30-9:30pm (networking)

Where: Seaview Elementary School (1215 Cecile Drive, Port Moody)

Cost: Free

CHILD MINDING: Is available by prior registration (must be potty trained)

REGISTRATION is required by Sept. 25/09 for the purposes of ordering food. This registration date for food will be past by the time you get this, but you are welcome to come for the orientation sessions. Please use a separate form for each individual registration.

The first DPAC meeting is **Wednesday October 28th at 7:00pm**, Winslow Center, Coquitlam.

Since there is currently no DPAC Rep. from Kilmer, Rachele will go to these meetings on behalf of the Kilmer community temporarily. Please consider stepping forward to take on the DPAC position – a very important conduit of information between Kilmer & the District.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF)

Membership drive now on till October 31st. Memberships are \$60, are valid for 3 years, with a majority of the funds coming back to be used in the local chapter. Benefits are many and include opportunities for your child to attend extra field trips at no additional cost. Watch for a notice to come home, check the bulletin board at the office, or visit <http://cpf.bc.ca> for details. The CPF meets every 6 weeks. The position of Canadian Parents for French Representative is open.



SOUTHSIDE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION (SFSPE)

The SFSPE includes all schools on the south side of Port Coquitlam. They arrange fantastic parent education nights. See the attached brochure for the upcoming presentation by Jay Timms titled *How To Raise A Teen Without Using Duct Tape*. The position of SFSPE Representative is open.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Wow, a new year has begun. Hope you all had a great summer and have been saving all those Campbell's Soup and Goldfish labels along with all those other eligible products. For a complete list please go to www.labelsforeducation.ca or a list can be found in the Campbell's Soup jar by the office which is also where you can drop off your labels. Let's see what fun items we can get for the school this year!!!

Thanks so much,
Moe and Della

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Volunteering at your child's school presents a great opportunity to understand the curriculum, make contacts, and meet staff. The school has numerous exciting events and other tasks that require volunteers.

The Open House on Sept. 30th requires some volunteers for the book sale. Please see your notice for times and dates. The sign up sheet is available in the library or send an email to Deb Demers at the link below.

Family photo night will also be taking place at the Open House and requires some assistance to help families coming in for their appointment time. Please email Rachelle at theadots@gmail.com

We are always looking for volunteers who can work from home or come in to help with stapling, sorting papers and other miscellaneous tasks as required.

Please contact Deb Demers at demersfamilyednw@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping out with future volunteer opportunities. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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 14, 2009~~

October 5, 2009

November 2, 2009

December 7, 2009 (Social @ tbd)

January 11, 2010

February 1, 2010

March 1, 2010

April 12, 2010

May 3, 2010 (Elections)

June 7, 2010 (Budget)

June ??, 2009 (Social @ tbd)

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%20Pages/PAC.aspx))