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positions available

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KPAC News

November 27, 2009

Next Meeting: Monday, December 7th, 7p.m., Social at Samz Neighbourhood Pub

CHAIR'S REPORT

We are quickly approaching a festive time of year with so many family opportunities to share. We hope that if you were affected by the flu, that you are well on the mend and can anticipate a great holiday season. Thank you to Kilmer School for working extra hard cleaning and teaching the children how important it is to cover sneezes and wash hands. We hope you found the websites that were in the last newsletter helpful.

We now have over 200 email addresses out of 219 Kilmer families. This is a great way to communicate current events and links to information from our DPAC, BCCPAC and other vital information for our Kilmer Parent community. The hardcopy newsletter will only go home to those families that do not have an email on file. If you wish to be on the email list please send your email address to theadots@gmail.com and to your class rep.

The KPAC social is booked for 7pm, MONDAY DECEMBER 7th at SAMZ Neighbourhood Pub, located at 2342 Elgin Ave. in downtown PoCo. There are many specials including a toonie burger special. Please come out and meet your parent community and celebrate the role you play in your child's school. All Kilmer parents are welcome. Please reply to Rachelle by Friday Dec 4th if you are able to come. Unfortunately, babysitting can not be provided by the KPAC for this function.

As a neighbour in our community you are invited to complete an online survey for the *Neighbourhoods of Learning* (NOL) initiative as a part of the rebuilding of Pitt River Middle School. If the NOL initiative goes ahead, your input is needed in determining which agencies are placed and then allocating use of the space. Basically, the Government may fund up to 15% in excess of the new school space (approximately 1800 sq.ft of additional space) to be utilized as the NOL. I strongly encourage you to be a part of this opportunity. Please follow the link below where you will be able to find more information on the NOL initiative and then follow the survey link near the bottom of the text.

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/NewSchoolConstruction/Pitt River Community Middle/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/NewSchoolConstruction/Pitt_River_Community_Middle/Pages/default.aspx)

Have a wonderful holiday,
Rachelle Jadot (theadots@gmail.com)

TREASURER'S REPORT

If you require a refund from a fundraiser or hot lunch, please do not put a stop payment on your cheque as it costs the KPAC \$5 in service charges. We would be more than happy to write a refund cheque or pull your cheque if it has not been deposited yet. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Cathy Clelland and Rachelle Jadot

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Thank you, thank you, thank you, once again to all the parents who have sent in their \$2/child to help replenish the Emergency preparedness food. We now have enough money to cover the cost of the food - the granola bars, nutrigrain bars and fruit leathers (all peanut free) have been purchased and placed in each classroom in case of an emergency.

Emergency Prep,
Susan Deyotte, Anna Sato, Della O'Reilly and Thaddeus Seidler



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NOV./DEC. EVENTS

Cookies/Pies/Pizza

Pick-Up

Monday, Nov. 30th

Garden Club

Alternate Mondays
Nov. 30 – Library
Dec. 07 – Library Party

KPAC Meeting

Monday, Dec. 7th
7pm, Social @ Samz

Early Dismissal/ Parent Interviews

Friday, Dec. 18th

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Friday, Dec. 11th

Hot Lunch

Friday, Dec. 18th

Last Day of Classes

Friday, Dec. 18th

Return To Class

Monday, Jan. 4th

GARDEN CLUB

Thank you to everyone who helped make planting such a success - from all the bulbs, to shovels and rainy after-school digging bees.

I have met with Mr. Collins and Mrs. Higo and we are in the final stages of putting together the Garden Grant that will be sent off to the *Toyota Evergreen Foundation*. In the next newsletter we will be releasing our larger school garden plan. It is a very exciting project that we are embarking upon.

Upcoming meetings: November 30, 2009 Library, December 07, 2009 Library Christmas Party

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michelle Deo, mld@telus.net

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

You were awesome in supporting the **Halloween Howl** by raising approximately **\$1800**.

The **cookies/pies** order has raised over **\$700**. Don't forget that pick up is **MONDAY 30TH, 2:30 - 3:15 PM** on the gym stage. Please ensure that you make arrangements to pick up since there is very little room to keep any frozen forgotten orders at the school.

Unfortunately, the **Poinsettias** order had to be returned to the families that ordered. There were only 11 orders and with the time, minimum order and delivery fee, it was just not a fundraiser that we are able to complete. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope the families were able to purchase elsewhere.

The **QSP Online Magazine** email was sent out with a follow up paper copy. Please visit <https://www.qsp.ca/store/Lightreg.aspx>. Our Kilmer code is **3029** - same as last year.

See you next at the **Canucks** game **SATURDAY MARCH 20TH, 2010**. We're going to meet at **DEWEY'S PUB** this time around. Please contact Jasmine Parker (jazzparker@shaw.ca) if you have a door prize/raffle item/etc. to donate or to help with the event.

Over the holidays, quotes will be gathered for additions to the playground(s). If anyone would like to help or have input with this project it would be welcomed & much appreciated. A separate meeting will be scheduled to vote on what you would like to proceed with. Make sure you send in your ideas/wishes to the KPAC mailbox in the Kilmer office.

Have a wonderful holiday and, thank you so much for your support!

The Fundraising Team

PARENT LIBRARY

I'm pleased to announce several new additions to our Parent Library. We have two items from the highly regarded Worry Dragons series; *Taming Worry Dragons*, and *Tools for Taming and Trapping Worry Dragons (a Children's Workbook)*. I hope that these may provide some help to families dealing with mood and anxiety challenges.

We also have two more books, generously donated by a Kilmer family. One is titled *Safe and Secure – Six Steps to Creating a Good Life For People With Disabilities*, and the other is *Healing the Grieving Child's Heart – 100 Practical Ideas for Families, Friends & Caregivers*.

I wish you all the best in the upcoming holiday season.

Thaddeus Seidler, thadseidler@live.com



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 can be found by the Parent Library.

DISTRICT PAC REPORT

President's Report (Heidi Gable):

A budget meeting organized by the DPAC involving all levels (PAC members, teachers, CUPE members, principals, etc.) to discuss financial structures and government funding will take place some time in January. Discussions about government funding cuts

- Info to be posted on DPAC website
- Encouragement to write letters to government to express displeasure about the cuts

Superintendent's Report (Tom Grant):

Communications with parents, Parents as volunteers, Parental support of children in schools, How to include parents in support of educational decisions, How to support the development of a better community

Coquitlam is the second lowest funded district in the province; Budget meeting will discuss how government funds are allocated

Full-day kindergarten will be phased in over the next two or three years

- Funding for half of all qualifying students will be provided next year
- Government has said that they would let the district know by Christmas how many kindergarten seats will be funded
- Don't know yet whether the province or the district selects the schools that get full-day kindergarten
- Detailed information on each school was given to the government - 82% of kids in the district graduate on time every year

New Buildings and Designs - Neighbourhoods of Learning (Carey Chute):

- Four community schools in the district already do something similar
- Began in SD 43 in mid 90s
- Offers a whole host of programs
- Any new or replacement buildings can apply to be considered for the Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) initiative, e.g. Pitt River Middle qualifies
- Ministry may provide up to 15% increase in space for school to house NLC services and programs
- 5 buildings identified for new or replacement buildings
 - James Park Elementary (replacement)
 - Anmore/Heritage Middle (new)
 - Pitt River Middle (replacement)
 - Moody Middle (replacement)
 - Centennial Secondary (replacement)
- All schools can be considered for the NLC initiative
- Need community to state what they need and then district will seek community groups to provide those services
- Groups will not have exclusive use of any given space
- James Park is the first school to start on this process
- Consultation consisted of electronic and paper surveys, meetings with staff and PAC and a community meeting
- James Park info has been presented to Ministry of Education
- Once ministry approves concept, design and planning for space will start
- Pitt River Middle is next school to start with info to be communicated in next 2 weeks

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We just had our third very successful Hot Lunch (HL) of the school year. McDonald's was a great vendor and we will for sure use them again. Your HL team is trying hard to create new and different menus. But when we do try something new, there is a learning curve for us. We now know that next time we use McDonald's to offer a plain hamburger (no condiments) as well as the six piece chicken nuggets rather than the four (for the same price). Special thanks to Christina Bailey, Susan Deyotte and Rita Moore for working really hard on this HL. Our next HL will be Friday, December 18th. Forms will come home December 4th. If you have comments or suggestions, please email me (ylg@shaw.ca). We love to hear from parents!



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

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**, unless otherwise noted.

~~September 14, 2009~~

~~October 5, 2009~~

~~November 2, 2009~~

December 7, 2009 (Social @ SAMZ Pub)

January 11, 2010

February 1, 2010

March 1, 2010

April 12, 2010

May 3, 2010 (Elections)

June 7, 2010 (Budget)

June ??, 2010 (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%20Part%20Pages/PAC.aspx))