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Volunteer Coordinators

Deborah Demers
position available

Safety Committee

positions available

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KPAC News

January 29, 2010

Next Meeting: Monday, February 1st, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hope you all had a nice holiday and are ready for the next 5 months of school. It will surely go by quickly.

Many Thank-You's to the staff and children at Kilmer for putting on such a wonderful Christmas show. I heard several comments that *Christmas On Candy Cane Lane* was one of the best they had seen. We are so lucky to have Mme Lajeunesse as our music teacher. Only a few elementary schools in the district even have a music teacher & we are so fortunate as to have such a wonderful one.

Thank you as well to our Kilmer mom **Sonya Leith** who consistently makes the calls for your **STAR STUDENTS**. Another Thank You to **Michelle Deo** who helped organize the Soft Moc Haiti **shoe drive**. This was a fantastic success with Mary Hill Elementary also joining in on the community spirit by donating hundreds of shoes!!!

More good news - NO HST charges for the school. This announcement, regarding the upcoming July 2010 tax, was made January 14th. However, this will only marginally assist the budgeting challenges our school district faces. You may also be aware via email and local papers that Kilmer will be able to offer full day kindergarten starting Sept. 2010. We welcome all new and returning families to Kilmer.

You may have heard about the "new math" that is being taught in our school. Mr. Don Gordon from SD43 Curriculum Math Department will be presenting a Math Workshop for the Kilmer community at 7:00pm, Monday, March 1st after the PAC meeting at 6:30 pm. Watch for a notice coming home.

A reminder that several positions are open for next year's KPAC. Elections will be held at the May 2nd KPAC meeting. Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, & DPAC positions have to be filled or the PAC will not qualify for Gaming funds! So, please consider taking on one of these, or any other, volunteer position on your PAC. It is a worthwhile & rewarding experience.

Rachelle Jadot (theadots@gmail.com)

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club held our first meeting and we had over 35 kids attend. Over the next month we are going to start prepping seeds for spring planting and taking care of any garden clean up that needs to be done in order to assure a successful growing season. The children are wanting to grow some of their own flowers and vegetables, so that they can take them home at the end of May or June.

Please note that as we are going to start working in the garden again soon, we encourage garden club members to bring their own garden gloves. Children's garden gloves can be purchased at Home Depot, Art Knapp and I have even found them at a few dollar stores.

If any parents would like to volunteer for a few meetings in the spring it would be greatly appreciated. In the next newsletter I will be compiling a list of items that we need for the club.

Thank you and Happy Planting
Michelle Deo, mlod@telus.net



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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Garden Club

Alternate Mondays

KPAC Meeting

Monday, Feb. 1st
7pm, Kilmer Library

Kindergarten Reg.

Feb. 2-4

Pro-D Day

Friday, Feb. 12th

Early Dismissal/

Student Led Conf.

Thurs., Feb. 25th, 1pm

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Friday, Feb. 19th

Hot Lunch

Friday, Feb. 26th

Last Day of Classes

Thursday, Mar. 25th

Return To Class

Tuesday, Apr. 6th

SAFETY REPORT

The parking in the loop is changing. We have requested to the city to make designated **parallel parking along the fence side**. Many of you already are pulling in this way. It does make it a lot easier to get in more vehicles during drop-off and pick-up. Remember to leave enough room between the vehicle and the fence for the children to walk along. It will be safer that way.

An announcement was sent home via email that there will be a pedestrian/bike crossing light at Pitt River Rd. and Pooley Ave. Thank you to the partners who combined finances and the City of Port Coquitlam for making this light happen. It has been a safety concern for the Kilmer community for years.

Also, **IDLE FREE** signs will be installed on school property to remind you to please turn off your engine while waiting for your child. Thank you to the Ministry of Citizens Services for providing the signs.

PARENT LIBRARY

There is an amazing resource available from the BC Children's Hospital – its Family Resource Library or FRL. Any BC resident can request an item from the catalogue which will be mailed to you free of charge. Then, you can return it simply by mailing it back in the return envelope they have provided. Check out the following link or call (604) 875-2345 Local 5102 or 1-800-331-1533 ext. 2: [ed.]

<http://www.bcchildrens.ca/KidsTeensFam/FamilyResourceLibrary/LibraryCatalogue.htm>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

An email for **Three Dog Bakery** was sent out during the holidays. The store in Port Moody's Suter Brook Village was going to donate 20% of sales to the PAC. To date no one has purchased at the store and said their order was for Kilmer. If you make a purchase there, please let the cashier know that you are from Kilmer so we can benefit from this fund-raiser.

QSP - online magazines is still an open account for us. Visit the website, www.qsp.ca, and enter our code: **3029**.

A **Popcorn machine** has been purchased and is available for use by PAC Class reps and Kilmer staff. Contact Rachelle for more information if you are interested in using it for a class party.

DDA Cash for Clothes is set for Wednesday, March 17th. Drop off between 8am - 10 am in the undercover area at the front of the school. Watch for your bag and notice to come home soon. This is always a very successful fundraiser for KPAC. Thank you for your generosity.

SCRAPBOOKERS ALERT! Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 1st for our first 10 Hr Crop! Vendors to be announced. Make-n-Takes, Food, Friends, Fun. What else could you ask for?

GARDENS GALOUR - Hanging baskets, perennials, annuals. DATE TBA (sometime this spring).

Please note that **CARDS by KiDS** and the **PUB NIGHT** have been postponed until further notice.

GARAGE SALE – Saturday, June 12th.

Playground notice - Please come out to the PAC meeting on Monday Feb 1st. to vote on the rest of the equipment for the playground, 7pm regular time. FREE Babysitting available in Kindergarten room. Three quotes will be presented with similar ideas of what you requested: Zip Line, Spider, Web climbers, spinners, teeter totter, monkey bars, tether ball, 3 pointer, and stencil games for the grounds.

Thank you so much for your support!
The Fundraising Team



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.

CPF REPORT

The CPF Tri-Cities chapter will be participating in a special edition of the **Festival du Bois** in Maillardville at Mackin Park on February 13 & 14. There will be two days and evenings of French music, storytelling, food and activities for families. Everyone is welcome. You can find more information about the program and how to purchase tickets at www.village2010.com.

Late French Immersion registration (Gr.6) will be held on Tues., Feb. 23rd, 7:00pm at Pitt River Middle School. An additional session is available on Weds., Feb. 24th, 7:00pm at Banting Middle School. The same info is presented and you can sign up there for Pitt River Middle as well. [ed.]

Thanks,
Lisa

DPAC REPORT

DPAC Meeting – 10/01/27, see www.dpac43.org for additional details and information.

President's Announcements (Constance White)

- Heidi Gable has taken a leave of absence for two months
- February's parent involvement meeting has been moved to March
- The finance meeting led by Rick Humphrey will take place in February
- Several DPAC positions are currently open
- Looking for people to join committee to review bylaws and constitutions
- DPAC is looking for any questions that we may have regarding the PAC

Superintendent's Report – Snow Policies, Boundary Review (Dan Derpak)

- Good support for direction district is taking on snow policies
 - Decision made by 6:00am, more inclined to close, working more closely with the cities
- District came up with a set of ten principles regarding cross-boundary movements
 - e.g. in-catchment students take priority; once a child is in a school, they cannot be moved out
- All schools that looked like they were pressure points will be okay (with respect to population)
- Process worked fairly well
- All-day kindergarten info, including schools selected for next year, is online at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>.

Treasurer's Report (Jason Turner)

- Income statement reviewed – just over \$5,000 cash on hand and about \$550 total assets
- Funds are very tight due to gaming and board funding cuts

Parent Ed. Opportunities (Deanne Harris)

- March 4 – “In the Driver's Seat” – a workshop for parents of teens and new young drivers
 - Several new driving rules related to getting your “L”, electronics use, etc.
- March 10, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – “Social Responsibility”
- April 14, 7:00 p.m. – “What to do When Your Child is Being Bullied: Strategies for Parents”
- Registration is required for all courses (e-mail dpac43@telus.net) but they're free
- Location – Winslow Centre (1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam)
- Further details to come for all of these
- As mentioned already, the school finance and budget meeting has been postponed – date tba

Networking

- Rachelle Jadot from Pitt River Middle expressed concern regarding frequent administrative changes – four principals and two vice principals in four years
 - Letter has been written to district, DPAC copied, expressing concern
 - Hampton Park Elementary has had four principals in 13 months
 - Rochester also has had frequent administrative changes
 - Apparently there is a shortage of principals (Canada-wide) that led to this
- 12 PACs in the province have sent letters to the ministry regarding gaming and other funding cutbacks
 - Encouraging PACs to write letters to minister of education so that we have a bigger voice
 - See BCCPAC (<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca>) website for a form letter



HOT LUNCH

The Hot Lunch team continues to strive to provide fun and nutritious lunches while earning money for the Kilmer PAC. We have six lunches left, with January being Church's Chicken and the introduction of Chicken Burgers - they were well received. It is hard to believe that the next Hot Lunch will be taking place during the Olympics on Friday, February 26. Thank-you Parents and Students for supporting us, to the teachers and staff for helping, to the parents who deliver the lunches, and to "The Team" who works so hard to pull this together every month - and every month I am so grateful to work with you!

Yvonne Greentree, ylg@shaw.ca

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))