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KPAC News

January 31, 2011

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello Kilmer families and welcome to 2011. We hope that you have enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations. We are back at work here, volunteering our time for all the Kilmer children and are looking forward to seeing more parents in attendance at PAC meetings. You are all members of the PAC and your opinion is always valued in discussions. Most currently we are discussing new computers as just one of the many facets of the PAC. These major decisions and many others are dealt with at the meetings. Please say you will join us. It is up to you to determine how the PAC spends the funds raised each year.

We do have several current PAC members that have children in grades 3, 4 and 5 and we would like to work with new parents to show what we have been doing for the kids so that there is a smooth transition when veteran PAC members leave. We urgently need to have a PAC Executive at the end of this school year to qualify for the Gaming Grant of approximately \$6000. If we have no PAC Executive these lucrative & important grants are gone. Gaming Grants and fundraising allows the children to have the "extras" that our government does not provide for.

School Ground Reminder:

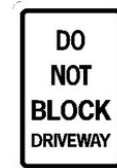
- there is **no stopping on Knappen Street on the school side** and ...
- there is **no double parking on Knappen Street**, these cause back ups and blind spots which is very dangerous for children who are crossing the road, please use the *Loop Drop* off Pooley Avenue
- there is **no blocking of neighbours driveways**
- there are **no dogs allowed on school grounds** during school hours, some children are very afraid of dogs no matter the size, this directive comes directly from School District 43

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as our neighbours are important to our community and we would like to be able to maintain a positive working relationship.

Thank you,

Rose Shaw

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I have also witnessed many incidents of parents watching their child walk into school while still driving forward & not watching kids crossing the road in front of them. Quite a few close calls have occurred. Please respect our kids and our school community & drive/behave conscientiously!

[[Editor, kilmer.news@yahoo.com](mailto:Editor.kilmer.news@yahoo.com)]

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to take the opportunity this month to thank the many great volunteers at Kilmer. By putting in extra time, these people have helped make the school a great place for all our kids. The PAC offers many great things such as hot lunch, popcorn days, parent education, district resources and much, much more. Through fundraising efforts the PAC can then offer such things as new sports equipment, sound systems, a playground, performers at assemblies and subsidizing field trips. The list could go on and on! So, thank you volunteers- you are most appreciated! It is never too late to volunteer and no job is ever too big or small!

Also please send your email address to kilmer.news@yahoo.com (if you haven't already) to receive electronic news. This is a great way to keep informed. Alternately, check out the Kilmer website for either school based or current PAC information.

Thank you.

Kim Becker, wynne01@telus.net

FUNDRAISING

The **CARDS BY ME** received great feedback and earned great money. However, the company was very challenging to deal with due to errors in spelling of names, etc. If you know of another *LOCAL* company that would be able to provide the same type of product please let suedeyotte@shaw.ca know.

Craft, Card and Scrapbooking night had quite a group of dedicated memory makers that came out to chit-chat or just get down to work! The next date for drop in is **Friday, February 11th**. The timing of this has worked out perfectly and we are able to turn it into a "**MINI CRAFT WEEKEND**". Thus, **Saturday, February 12th will be the all day Craft, Card and Scrapbooking event!** Some people pay hundreds of dollars for these events to go to - we are excited to be able to offer ours on the Friday night and then work all day on the Saturday. Watch for your notice to come home. Limited seating available. Please contact Shelley Forsyth for more information. sforsyth07@shaw.ca

Also during the craft day we will be loading up the side tables around the gym with local direct sales companies for you. They will be running fundraisers within the product sales. What a great way to also support the PAC! So if you're not all that crafty, we are sure you will be able to entertain your other gifting needs. Vendors only available between 10am-2 pm! Contact [Rachelle](#) or [Jasmine](#) for more details.

Jasmine will continue on with the kids **POPCORN DAY**, the following are booked for the rest of the year. Feb. 17th, Mar. 17th, Apr. 28th, May 24th. We also had a very generous parent donation in the fall and we are excited to be able to offer the children 2 FREE popcorn days. The first one was in December and the next one will be in March. Popcorn is \$1 and is delivered to the classrooms at lunch time. If you want to help out one of these mornings, please email [Jasmine](#).

Let's try something new! Watch for your notice! **SO YOU THINK KILMER CAN DANCE!** We will have a professional DJ and snacks for the party! Mark your family down for a night of good old fashioned fun! Family dance from 7-9 pm on **Friday, February 25th** at only \$5 per person or \$15 max per family. Thank you to David for being our DJ for the evening.

Then Easter will be around the corner! Candice will be organizing a **PURDY'S CHOCOLATES** fundraiser for you. Watch for details.

Rachelle will be organizing the bi-annual **DDA Clothing Drive** on **Wednesday April 13th from 8 am - 10 am** at Kilmer's front undercover area. We were low on bags in the fall and did not reach the 151 bags level to earn \$3 per bag but instead received only \$2 per bag. Please start holding onto those unwanted gently used items till then. It is as easy as doing a load of laundry and not putting back into the drawer items that are too small. The DDA will also take books, linens and other small household items.

Last, but not the least, the famous **Kilmer Garage Sale** on **Saturday, June 4th!**

Thanks everyone,
Your Fundraising Team,

Susan Deyotte

Candice Miller

Rachelle Jadot

Jasmine Parker

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New and Exciting Plans!

Did you know that prior to the playground project the PAC contributed to a new computer lab and well, time did not stand still and the lab is OLD. Technology is racing forward and in order to keep up and have our children be forward active learners the lab is in need of replacement. One option being presented is a mobile Mac learning lab for Kilmer at a cost of between \$25K- \$30K. We are exploring other options such as I pads or PC laptops. We want your opinion on how best to use the PAC funds during this project. Come out to have a say in where the funds go.

If you can take a few minutes and view the YouTube videos it will give you a very interesting perspective on the technology and how important it is for our children. The first two are from Riverside School.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kMO0uY7Tr4>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlXIinAn4Tw&feature=related>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjJg9NfTXos>

Please contact Livian Smith for further information. liviansmith@shaw.ca



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Jan./Feb. Events

Garden Club Signup

Mon. Jan.31
Mon. Feb.7

SSFS Parent Ed

Weds, Feb. 2nd, 6:30-8p
(Dr. Shelley Hymel)

KPAC Meeting

Monday, Feb. 7th

Scrapbooking/Crafts

Fri., Feb.11th, 5:30-10p
Sat., Feb.12th, 10a-10p

Popcorn Day

Thurs., Feb. 17th
Thurs., Mar. 17th
Thurs., Apr. 28th
Tues., May.24th

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Friday, Feb. 18th

Jesse Miller @ Citadel

Monday, Feb. 21st, 7pm
Pitfalls of Social Media

Hot Lunch

Friday, Feb. 25th

So You Think You Can Dance Kilmer!

Fri., Feb.25th, 7-9p

DDA Clothing Drive

Wed., Apr.13th, 8-10a

Kilmer Garage Sale

Sat., Jun.4th



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Ongoing Events

Collection of **Campbell Soup Labels**

Collection of **metal tabs** for Shriners

Collection of **Canadian Tire Money** for Emergency Prep.

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

SOUTHSIDE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION (SFSPE)

SouthSide Family of Schools is hosting the next presentation here at Kilmer, Weds. Feb. 2nd, 6:30-8pm. **Dr. Shelley Hymel** is going to discuss the *Psychopathology of Bullying in Schools*. The notice has gone home already and is to be returned to the PAC mailbox. Extra copies available at the Kilmer PAC website.

Jesse Miller: *The Pitfalls of Social Media Presentation*. Citadel will be hosting him at a free parent night on Monday, February 21st at 7pm. He will be speaking about the implications of social media and providing guidance on how to protect you and your kids. All parents are welcome to attend. Information can be found at www.mediatedreality.com. Although this is not an official SSFSPE event, we are promoting it as his presentation has proven to be very popular.

If you have a topic of interest or have seen a guest speaker that you think would interest others please send me an email with the information. - thejadots@gmail.com

Rachelle

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

January is the half way mark for this school year - 5 lunches down, 5 to go! Because of your support we are having our best year ever - thank you. Our latest Hot Lunch was *McDonald's* and is always a favourite. Once again many thanks to my awesome team who spend hours upon hours each month planning, tallying, counting money, banking, shopping, chopping veggies and giving up an entire day to be at the school on the day of Hot Lunch. The parent volunteers who deliver the lunches are wonderful - they are organized and energetic and fun to be around. Many thanks! The Hot Lunch team will continue to strive to provide fun and nutritious lunches while raising money for our kids' school.

Yvonne Greentree, ylg@shaw.ca
Hot Lunch Coordinator

GARDEN CLUB

Well all our Fall Gardeners have had a well deserved break after a busy fall of preparing our courtyard for Spring planting. It is going to be a wonderful season, with lots of growth while filling Kilmer's Little Village with colour and life. Our compost is finally doing its job and looks like the kids will be successful in using their first set of compost in our vegetable garden this year. Mondays, January 31st and February 7th after lunch are sign up days for the Spring Garden Club.

I am asking for any parents who have access to cedar planks for garden boxes to contact me as we are planning on expanding our garden beds and are looking for some wood to make things a little more permanent. If anyone has a pitchfork that they can donate, it would be a great asset to our garden tools.

Thank you to all the families whose children are part of Garden Club. Myself and the rest of my garden team would like to invite all the Kilmer parents and children to come and enjoy the flowers and the garden as it continues to grow and change throughout the season. New parent volunteers are always welcome.

Thank you and Good Gardening
Michelle Oucharek-Deo, Garden Club Coordinator
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DPAC REPORT

January 26, 2011

President's Announcements – Heidi Gable

- Wednesday, February 2nd – Bullying in Schools,
 - Kilmer Elementary from 6.30 – 8.00pm,
 - Cost \$5 per couple/\$3 per single,
 - Speaker: Dr. Shelley Hymel, PhD, Faculty of Education, UBC



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(...DPAC cont.)

- Reviewed the current and types of assessments that take place in Grade 4 and 7 classrooms – FSA (Fundamental Skills Achievement) test,
 - Some concerns are that children are focusing on “how to write” tests vs. spending that time to learn the related material
 - In the US, schools faced a loss of funding due to poor FSA results,

CPVPA (Coquitlam, Principal and Vice Principal Association) –Judy Robb

- School District 43 is very unique, has positive relationships between Administrators and teachers, and has excellent supports.
- Judy encouraged families to continue to be involved at our children’s school. In elementary, parents are involved – in middle and high school, parents are less involved and feel that our kids don’t need us as much. It’s the opposite – our children need us more in those upper grades.

Superintendent’s Report – Tom Grant

- District 43 is the 2nd best performing in BC,
- 96% of students write the FSA test in SD43,
- Planning for the 2011/12 year has begun – check out SD43’s website,
- Spoke about the “personalized learning” that the Ministry is launching,
 - This is a systemic change,
 - It’s customized learning per individual,
 - Each child will receive 21st century skills
 - There will be a new definition around parent engagement,
 - It’s diverse,
 - District 43 is approaching this process quite differently than other Districts. It will involve teachers, administrators, families and children to receive their feedback and help shape a framework that will be presented to the Ministry.
 - Learning to live with and without boundaries which needs to be relevant and related to early learning,
 - This will happen over the next five years.
 - Next Steps: Parents should start having the discussion with Administrators at our schools, ask how we can get involved.

Class Composition – Donna Wilkie

- At the BCTF Conference in April a resolution on Bill 33 will be on the floor,
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
 - SD43 has over 660 classrooms with more than 30 kids – which is 23% of classes,
 - Bill 33 is taking enormous resources and is not working,
 - With the cuts in IEP and SEC and no extra funding available in the system, we need a mechanism/new model for funding for children with special needs,
 - We need resources around advocacy,
 - DPAC is encouraging all PAC’s to write letters to BCTF and send our proxy to have our voice heard on this issue.

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 13, 2010~~

~~October 4, 2010~~

~~November 1, 2010~~

~~December 6, 2010 (Social)~~

~~January 10, 2011~~

February 7, 2011

March 7, 2011

April 4, 2011

May 2, 2011 (Elections)

June 6, 2011 (Budget & Social?? tbd)

Check out upcoming meeting agendas & past minutes, as well as archived KPAC newsletters at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/kilmer/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx>