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KPAC News

May 04, 2011

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9th, 7p.m., Kilmer Library, PAC Election Night.

CHAIR'S REPORT

We all hope that you have enjoyed the Easter Break and are glad that the kids are back at school. We would like to thank all the parents who came to the *Computer Vote* meeting; it was a great turn-out. It is now official that the next big purchase for the PAC will be a mobile computer lab. This will be a great addition to the school and to the students at Kilmer. Thank you to Livian Smith for presenting this to the PAC for consideration. It would not have happened without you.

As we have just had a Federal Election, we will also be having our PAC elections. A package went out describing what the PAC does and some of the positions that will need to be filled. Please come and see if you and maybe another parent might be able to hold a position. It is very rewarding and it keeps you in touch with all that is going on at our school.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I do not take this job lightly but have tried to make every parent informed of the decisions that were being made. Thank you to the Vice Chair, Treasurer, DPAC, Secretary, Fundraising, Hot Lunch, Web Page & Newsletter, CPF (Canadian Parents for French), Fruit & Veggies, Parent Library, SSFS and the Garden Club. For all the time and effort you have put into making this PAC run and the invaluable contributions to the school, I say **THANK YOU**. You made my job so easy, fun and rewarding. Thank you to Mr. Collins and his staff for bringing issues to our attention and seeking our advice on other issues. We are very fortunate to have such a great staff at Kilmer.

Thank you.
Rosie Shaw, PAC Chair

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

It's hard to believe that it is already May and that summer vacation is just around the corner. A BIG thank you to everyone that helped make this another great year at Kilmer. No matter how big or small, every job helps make this a great school for all of the Kilmer kids. KPAC Elections are coming up at our next meeting and this is a great opportunity to meet some of the people that will be part of the 2011/2012 PAC, or maybe even run for a position yourself! The upcoming year will be an exciting and busy one as the PAC works toward the goal of a mobile computer lab.

Thanks again!
Kim Becker

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Greetings from the Hot Lunch Team - we are busy preparing for the last two lunches of the school year. The next Hot Lunch will be on **May 20** and we will be enjoying **Subway** sandwiches. The forms will go home May 6 and will be due back May 13. The last Hot Lunch of the year will be on **June 17** and will coincide with **Sports Day**. We will have the kids favourite on this very fun day - **McDonald's**. As I had mentioned in previous newsletters, I will be stepping down from the Coordinator position next year but will still be part of the Team. I am very pleased to introduce *Debby Bondi*, *Viktoria Simek* and *Alana Stevens* as the newest members with Debby and Viktoria sharing the role as Coordinator. I have worked with them this year as Parent Volunteers who deliver Hot Lunches to the classrooms and they are enthusiastic and hard working. I am very excited that they will be taking on this vital role and know they will do a great job. Thank-you to everyone who supports Hot Lunch!

Go Canucks Go!
Yvonne Greentree, ylg@shaw.ca



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May/June Events

Garden Club

12:15pm every Monday

Scrap-booking Nite

Fri., May 6th,
5:30-10pm,
Kilmer Library

KPAC Meeting/Elections

Mon., May. 9th

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Fri., May 13th, 2:45pm

Hot Lunch

Fri., May 20th

Popcorn Day

Thurs., May.26th

Kilmer Garage Sale

Sat., Jun.4th

KPAC Meeting/Social

Mon., June 6th

Sports Day

Fri., June 17th

Parent Tea

Weds., June 22nd

Last Day of School

Weds., June 29th

GARDEN CLUB

Well, our growing season has been a little delayed with all the rain and cool weather, but we keep going. Garden Club was a great deal of fun this week as the children were on a mission to pull out every dandelion that they could see. Many smiles and much laughter occurred as the dirt and weeds flew through the air and into the green waste bin.

Good news as it looks like we successfully made our first batch of compost that will go into the garden beds this year.

The next two months are going to be very busy. Please come and enjoy the beautiful flowers in the courtyard and within the next few weeks our picnic tables will be painted and ready to use.

Thank you to everyone who continue to donate everything from dirt and containers to the hundreds of toilet paper rolls. You can stop sending them now.

Thank you,
Michelle Oucharek-Deo, Kilmer Garden Club
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SOUTHSIDE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION (SFSPE)

Thank you all so much for your input on the SFSPE survey. The results were very interesting. Below is what you responded with thus far from the paper notices only. I will bring this information to the meeting this week and we will see what we can do to bring in the guest speakers you want for next year!

Thanks everyone!
Rachelle

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| <u>17</u> <u>Self-Esteem</u> | <u>14</u> <u>Bullying</u> | <u>13</u> <u>Kids & Drugs</u> |
| <u>13</u> <u>Peer Pressure</u> | <u>13</u> <u>How to Cope with Anxiety</u> | <u>7</u> <u>Sibling Rivalry</u> |
| <u>12</u> <u>Raising Responsible Children</u> | <u>10</u> <u>Internet Safety</u> | <u>5</u> <u>Strong-willed/Spirited Children</u> |
| <u>5</u> <u>Stress Management</u> | <u>5</u> <u>Anger Management and Conflict Resolution</u> | <u>4</u> <u>First Aid</u> |
| <u>5</u> <u>Parenting Boys</u> | <u>4</u> <u>Nutrition and Fitness</u> | <u>3</u> <u>Technology</u> |
| <u>3</u> <u>Personalized Learning (21st Century Learning)</u> | <u>3</u> <u>Earthquake Preparation</u> | <u>2</u> <u>Noise and Hearing Loss</u> |
| <u>2</u> <u>Advocating for Your Child in the School System</u> | <u>2</u> <u>Screen Time</u> | |
| <u>2</u> <u>Work-Life Balance</u> | <u>2</u> <u>Sexuality & Children</u> | |
| <u>1</u> <u>How to Make Your Family's Footprint Smaller on the Environment (Recycling/Composting/Reducing/Reusing)</u> | | |
| <u>0</u> <u>Online Learning</u> | <u>0</u> <u>Divorce & Separation</u> | <u>0</u> <u>Grief & Loss</u> |
| <u>0</u> <u>Blended Families</u> | <u>0</u> <u>Understanding Autism</u> | |

PARENT LIBRARY

One of the greatest challenges we as parents face is finding ways to convey information to our children in such a way that it is received in a positive light (OK, maybe just not in a negative light). If that can be achieved the stage is set for their feedback, in other words real, healthy two-way communication. Sometimes, well-intentioned, constructive comments can be perceived as just criticism and children "turn off", plug their ears, and dig in their heels. *The Kilmer Parent Library* has acquired two excellent new books that can help us enhance healthy, productive communication with our kids. Please come and check out *How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids will talk* by A.M. Faber. The second book is titled *Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP)*.

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FUNDRAISING

We're almost done everyone - the year goes by so quick. Last, but not the least, will be the ever famous donations of goods for the **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!** Watch for your notice to go home later in the month. This is usually a great success so start cleaning out those garages and back rooms that you never get to! The date is set for **SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**, rain or shine! Items should only be dropped off at Kilmer during designated times - details will be provided soon. Volunteers will also be needed so please let us know if you can help with this event. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated.

Come on out and **scrapbook**, craft or just make the time to organize those boxes of photos with uninterrupted time and space for you. Meet you in the **LIBRARY this Friday night at 5:30 - 10 pm** for only \$5. Drop-in is welcomed!

Popcorn Day was a great success again this month. We were popping to the very last minute of lunchtime as there were so many kids requesting it this month! Looking forward to next month, Thursday, May 26th as this will be our last Popcorn day this school year. Thanks, Jazz.

Update on the VOTE (not the Federal!). Our local vote on the computers was held at last month's meeting. Lots of good questions and discussion were held and the result was the KPAC wanted to support the project of purchasing a new mobile computer lab! So, get ready folks for a bevy of activity to get this project underway next year for the kids!

Please take a few moments to fill out the attached fundraising survey to help maximize our ability to fund student initiatives while disturbing/troubling our community the least.

Thanks everyone!

Rachelle, Jasmine, Candice, Susan, & Shelley

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EMERGENCY PREPARATION

It's coming up to that time of year again where we sell off the Emergency Prep food at half price. There will be boxes of Chocolate Chip Granola Bars, Nutrigrain Bars and Sun-Rype Fruit Leathers for sale next month. Watch for the sale date in the June KPAC Newsletter.

Emergency Prep Team,
Susan Deyotte and Anna Sato

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 11, 2011~~

May 9, 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>



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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.