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positions available

Hot Lunch

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Rachelle Jadot
Candace Miller

Garden Club

Michelle Oucharek-Deo

Parent Library

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SPC Representatives

Rosie Shaw
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Emergency Prep

Susan Deyotte
Anna Sato

Volunteer Coordinators

position available

Safety Committee

positions available

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KPAC News

October 1, 2010

Next Meeting: Monday, October 4th, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

CHAIR'S REPORT

The PAC would like to welcome our new families to Kilmer and to welcome back our returning families. If you are new to Kilmer you may wonder what the PAC is all about. To better understand what the PAC's role within the school community is, and how it impacts our children, we highly recommend attending the next PAC meeting in the library on **Monday, Oct. 4th at 7:00pm**. A copy of the agenda is available on the KPAC website. Babysitting is provided free of charge and never worry if you have to leave early - we are all parents - we understand.

My name is Rosemary Shaw and I have been elected your PAC Chair. I have two children enrolled in Kilmer. As a parent of a Kilmer Student we are all 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 our children and feedback from these discussions is invaluable. Within KPAC there are several smaller teams. Each team plays a vital role in making our PAC, and school, run smoothly.

As parents, volunteering is one way for us to give back to the school. I know that in this busy world of ours we don't always have a lot of spare time between work, sports, dance and just plain being a family. But whatever time we can spare will be more than appreciated. We are our child's voice and the changes that we would like to see require us to speak for them. Our time is valuable, so let's get a sense of what we want as a school community and move forward with some great enthusiasm.

I look forward to a great year at Kilmer and working with our community of parents that support Kilmer in so many ways. See you around the school or at a meeting. Thank you for your time.

Rosemary Shaw, PAC Chair

les.shaw@shaw.ca

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to another great year at Kilmer! I am looking forward to being the Vice Chair for the PAC this year. It will be a hard position to fill as Candice has done such a great job for the last two years.

Please feel free to come forward with any ideas or suggestions as this is always appreciated and welcome. We are all members of the PAC and volunteering is crucial to keep the PAC operating and helping to provide our kids with such things as school performances, field-trips and playground equipment, to name a few. No job or amount of time helping is ever too small. Every bit is always appreciated.

Thank you!

Kim Becker

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL (SPC)

We have met with Mr. Collins and discussed class sizes. We know that some classes are large but we do meet the district average because we don't have a lot of IEP's this year. The school is almost at maximum capacity with the amount of teachers that we have. There are very few spots left for new students. Kilmer School has 300 students this year and with the full-day kindergarten classes we are excited about what this school can do.



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October Events

Garden Club

Every Monday

KPAC Meeting

Monday, Oct. 4th

SSFS Parent Ed

Wednesday, Oct. 6th
Don Lasell on Anxiety

Scrapbooking/Crafts

Fri., Oct. 8, 5:30-10pm

Thanksgiving

Monday, Oct. 11th

DDA Clothing Drive

Wednesday, Oct. 13th

Ready, Set Learn

Thurs., Oct. 14th,
5 – 6:30pm

Hot Lunch

Friday, Oct. 15th

Interim Reports Home

Friday, Oct. 15th

Parent-Teacher Conf./

Early Dismissal

Thursday, Oct. 21st

District Pro-D Day

Friday, Oct. 22nd

Hallow'en Parade

Friday, Oct. 29th

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (CPF) REPORT

The **Canadian Parents for French**, Tri-Cities chapter, will soon be distributing welcome kits to the French Immersion Kindergarten students. Membership information will be included in the kits.

For those who are already members, you will be receiving your newsletter by email instead of the paper copy. The Tri-Cities chapter is also developing a website which should be completed by the end of the year. You can view the site at www.cpf-tricities.ca.

Please contact Lisa Aspinall (lpaspinall@hotmail.com) for information about CPF.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is just one of the many ways Kilmer parents can support their PAC, which in-turn supports the students directly at our school. The Fundraising plan for this year is listed on the Kilmer magnet of dates that was sent home recently. We got off to a great start with the book sale at the Kilmer Open House. Thanks for coming out and supporting us & thanks to the volunteers.

The annual sale of **Entertainment books** started off the 2010-2011 year. A Value Book worth \$20 has also been sent home with each student. The larger, full-versioned, Entertainment Book is also available for \$46. Don't forget, if you do not wish to purchase the book, please send it back with your child.

Drop-off day for the **clothing drive** is Wed., Oct 13th, from 8 - 10am at the undercover area by the main office entrance. Watch for this notice and your DDA bag to come home soon. This has always been a great NO COST fundraiser for Kilmer families.

Also in October, watch for "**Cards for Kids**". Over the next few weeks, your child will be creating holiday themed artwork for use as the front cover of Christmas Cards and/or a calendar that will be available for your purchase. The kids are really excited to see how their card turns out!

A direct donation of \$30/child or \$50/family is also an option. Please make cheques payable to **KILMER SCHOOL** to ensure a tax receipt. Thank you once again for your support in our fundraising efforts. Your community spirit is greatly appreciated! If you have any ideas that they would like to share or if you would like to help out at any event, please feel free to contact us.

Your Fundraising Team,
Susan Deyotte - suedeyotte@shaw.ca,
Candace Miller - clmiller7@gmail.com,
Rachelle Jadot - theadots@gmail.com

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

I don't know about you but I have been so busy getting into all the fall routines - and now can not believe that October is here already. For your Hot Lunch Team, we were busy preparing for the first Hot Lunch on September 23rd where we were excited to have all our Kindergartners join us for the first time. It was a very successful Hot Lunch with a high participation rate – thank you to everyone for filling out the forms neatly, searching for the correct change (remember that we take cheques made out to *Kilmer PAC*), and returning it all by the due date. A big thanks to "*The Team*" for their hours of work, and to all the Parent Volunteers who came out to help deliver the lunches – without you, this would not happen.

Our monthly Hot Lunch is an effective and fun way for the KPAC to raise funds for the school. Our goal 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 will strive to make the meals affordable to everyone. Our next Hot Lunch is coming up quickly - Friday, October 15th. Watch for the forms to come out on October 1st with a due date of October 8th. If you have any questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Yvonne at ylg@shaw.ca.

Your Hot Lunch Team:
Rita Moore, Christina Shelly, Susan Deyotte, Laura Lilley, Claudia Thomson and Yvonne Greentree



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.



PARENT LIBRARY

The KPAC Parent Library is located in a corner of the hallway just down from the main office. Our "catalogue" is available on the KPAC website. Please take a look & take advantage of this great resource.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out our notice for a \$2 donation for the Kilmer Emergency Preparedness Program. In case of any emergencies or disasters, a simple comfort kit has been set up in each classroom for the students consisting of blankets, flashlights, food, water etc. With the sale of last year's food, and with the \$2 requested donation, we are then able to replenish the food for the coming year for the entire school.

We also welcome your donations of *Canadian Tire Money* in the bin by the front office. Last year we collected enough to purchase items for the school's Emergency Preparedness Program (axes, etc.) and also contributed towards the purchase of the new BBQ/Grill.

Let's be prepared! Thank you for your support.
The Emergency Preparedness Team

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. The next event is on Weds., Oct. 6th and features Don Lasell with a presentation on [Anxiety in Children & Teens](#).

The position of SFSPE Representative is open.

GARDEN CLUB

Well things have gotten off to a great start. The club has been running for three weeks now and we have an amazing amount of children signed up - 62 to be exact. Exciting, but now there are not enough gloves for everyone. It would help tremendously if parents of children in the garden club send along a pair of garden gloves.

We had a wonderful harvest of potatoes and carrots this year and will be cooking them up for the children to enjoy. The kids are working hard to prep the garden for fall bulb planting. If you have any spare bulbs we would be happy to take them off your hands.

I now have three parent volunteers. It is very exciting to have that kind of support. Thank you for all the little seed packs and bags of dirt that people have dropped off in the last few months. Everything helps.

Garden club runs every Monday from 12:20-12:45pm until the weather turns and then we will change over to indoor garden club running every two weeks.

Thank you again for all your help and support
Michelle Oucharek-Deo, Garden Club Coordinator
604-468-1695, mlod@telus.net

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Wow, just a couple weeks into the school year and I've already had to empty the Campbell's Soup Can by the office. That is fantastic!!! For all the new students and parents and as a reminder to everyone, Kilmer school collects soup labels which we exchange for great and fun things for the school (e.g., hockey equipment, balls, games and books). There is a list of all the labels to be collected in the big soup can by the office including those yummy fish cracker packages that we all love to munch on!!! If you have any questions/ideas please visit www.labelsforeducation.ca or contact me, Moe Pullen at moejol@hotmail.com



SAFETY COMMITTEE

Traffic around Kilmer is a big safety issue. Please respect the **No Stopping** areas on Knappen Street, avoid **U-Turns** which causes many problems, & be courteous to our neighbours by not stopping in or **blocking their driveways**. Keep both eyes out for our small students crossing the street and use the **drop-off loop on Pooley St.** Kids walking to school or dropped off at the loop receive a ballot to enter into the monthly *Loop Draw*. The winners receive lunch at **Me 'n Eds Pizza** who we thank for the generous support.

The position of Safety Committee Coordinator is open.



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 11, 2010

December 6, 2010 (Social @ tbd)

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>

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