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**KPAC** News

October 7, 2011

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Kilmer Library

# CHAIR'S REPORT

I'm very pleased to say that we had another successful KPAC general meeting this past Monday with a few new faces and fresh ideas. There's a lot going on around our little school and there always seems to be someone to step up and pitch in. Our kids reap the benefits of so much parent involvement and there are signs of that in the halls, classrooms and play areas of Kilmer.

We're still working hard on fundraising projects to purchase a **mobile computer lab** for Kilmer students. The school received an upgrade to the existing lab this past summer but the equipment is already quite dated. A mobile lab has the added benefit of being in the students' classroom which will save time that is lost moving from one room to the other, getting set up/logged in, and getting back to the classroom.

We explored the idea of having a KPAC **facebook** page to post events and make announcements about Kilmer activities. Like many things online these days there are benefits and drawbacks. If you have social media experience or know-how that you can share please contact me so the KPAC can better understand how a facebook page would benefit Kilmer parents.

We also might have a new club on the way - **The Lego Club!** What child doesn't like to sit with a pile of Lego and let their imagination go wild? If you have unused Lego in your attic, garage or storage room that you could donate to this new club let me know and we'll put it to good use.

I look forward to seeing you at the next KPAC general meeting on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Colin Aspinall, colin\_aspinall@hotmail.com KPAC Chair

## GARDEN CLUB

Our goals are not only to teach the kids some basic garden skills but also to grow their understanding of where our food comes from, the importance of a strong work ethic and commitment to a group.

For those not aware, several years ago, our Garden Club named the courtyard <u>KILMER'S LITTLE</u> <u>VILLAGE.</u> Mrs. Hardy had a beautiful sign made for our new garden. The courtyard is coming together and it is so exciting to see more and more people using and enjoying the space. A letter is going out to different businesses and community groups making them aware of the program that we are running. We are trying to engage others from our community to become a small part in growing Kilmer's Little Village and all that it stands for.

October is a big month and the members of our new 2011 Garden Club have lots to do to get the garden ready for the fall planting of bulbs and perennials. Garden Club runs on Mondays from 12:15-12:40pm. Most days will be held outside unless the weather gets very bad and then Garden Club will be held indoors in the Library. Fall Club Dates:

October 3, 17, 24, & 31, November 7, 21, December 5, 12 (Christmas Party)

So far we have had between 50-60 children attend our club each week!!

I would like to thank all parents, grandparents and friends of Kilmer for their donations this year. Please note that we are still looking for bulb donations for the falls planting. If you have any questions, donations or would like to help with garden club, please feel free to contact me.

Michelle Oucharek-Deo, <u>mlod@telus.net</u> Garden Club Coordinator

Good growing and gardening to everyone!!!!

# FUNDRAISING



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# Upcoming Events

Popcorn Day Fri., Oct.7

Hot Lunch Orders Due Fri., Oct.21

Garden Club Mon., Oct. 17, 12:15p

Mon., Oct. 24, 12:15p Mon., Oct. 31, 12:15p

Chocolate Funds Return

Mon., Oct.17

KilmerWear Orders Due Thurs.., Oct.20

SSFSPE "Kids & Drugs" Thurs., Oct.27

Hot Lunch Fri., Oct.28

Halloween Dance Fri., Oct.28, 6-8pm

KPAC Meeting Mon., Nov.7, 7pm

Popcorn Day Fri. Nov.4<sup>th</sup> Fri. Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Garden Club

Mon., Nov.7, 12:15p Mon., Nov.21, 12:15p Mon., Dec.5, 12:15p Mon., Dec.12, 12:15p

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We tried something new for the **donation letter** this year. It was only sent home via email and the turn out has shown that, unfortunately, the paper notice wins! Last year's donations were **\$1700** and this year, so far, they are close to **\$400**. Thus, a paper notice will be sent as a reminder that the deadline for **TAX RECEIPTS** to be issued for a \$30 or more donation is **Friday, October 14**<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to everyone who is participating in the **chocolate sales**. Remember to email Debbie Lenihan (<u>debbielenihan@hotmail.com</u>) if you would like to order more boxes. Money is due back by **Monday**, **October 17**.

Join us on **Friday, October 28** from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for the **Kilmer Family Halloween Dance**. Tickets will be \$5 each or \$15 per family. Dress up in your most creative costume and have fun with an evening filled with prizes, food, dancing and a cake walk. A concession offering food for purchase will be available. More details and registration forms will be sent home soon.

Our first **Popcorn Day** is **Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Any suggestions or help with monthly popcorn day can be directed to Jasmine Parker at <u>jazzparker@shaw.ca</u>.

Kilmer **Spirit Wear** and **Grad Wear** order forms will be sent home next week. Show your Kilmer spirit! Purchase spirit wear to be worn on spirit days! There will be samples by the office so I encourage you to come try them on to ensure accurate sizes are ordered for you or your child. Grad wear is only available for Grade 5 students. Orders will be due back **Thursday**, **October 20**<sup>th</sup>. This is not a fundraiser as items are **sold at cost**. Any questions or concerns can be sent to Jasmine at jazzparker@shaw.ca.

If you have any fundraising suggestions or ideas, please contact any member of the fundraising team:

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# HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Our names are Viktoria Simek & Debby Moran and we are your Hot Lunch Coordinators. Thank you to our HL Leadership Team (Susan Deyotte, Alana Stevens, Cathy Willis and Laura Lilley) and to the wonderful group of parents who faithfully help deliver the lunches to the classrooms. We certainly couldn't do this without you. The Hot Lunch team has already been hard at work planning and researching to ensure a great year of Hot Lunches.

The first Hot Lunch of the year was Pizza Hut. Considering the short amount of time we had to get it done, it was a huge success. Our next Hot Lunch is **Friday**, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** featuring **Subway**. Watch for the forms to come out soon.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to hand out lunches in the classroom on the day of Hot Lunch. You are welcome to bring pre-school children with you. If you are interested, please contact <u>debbybondi@hotmail.com</u> with the division you would like to help with, and a second choice if you have more than one child at the school.

Thank you for your continued support. The Hot Lunch Team

## PARENT LIBRARY

I'm pleased to announce a new addition to the Parent Library: *Raising Girls*, by *Gisella Prueschoff*. I really like this book and I hope you find it as useful as I have. How about we add another great book focused on parenting boys to balance out the collection? I invite you to share your ideas and suggestions. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving (I'll try my best to remember the giving thanks part and the all-important dessert pocket...)

Thad Seidler, thadseidler@live.com

## CANADIAN PARENTS for FRENCH (CPF)



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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.

**CPF Membership Drive**. Membership in Canadian Parents for French is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who supports our goals. You don't need to be a parent; we include many teachers, school trustees, grandparents, French Immersion graduates, researchers, and others! http://www.cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/join-cpf

**Kindergarten Registration Special:** CPF is offering a reduced membership for families of children in French Immersion Kindergarten. Please contact Nadine Kainz (604) 468-4131 for more information.

What are the Top 10 Reasons why I should join Canadian Parents for French? http://www.cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/faq/more-faqs/31-general/174-what-are-the-top-10-reasons-why-i-should-join-canadian-parents-for-french

Parents Night(s) Out, Mark your calendars: November 4, 2011 December 9, 2011 5-9 pm, Place Maillardville

March 2, 2012

For \$20, enjoy an evening out while your kids have fun at games night. Kids will have some fun with Tae-Kwon-Do and play board games. Parents can enjoy a much needed night out on us. Please note that this event is in French. Email <u>tricitiescpf@gmail.com</u> with names and ages of children who will attend.



**Got LEGO?** The new *Kilmer Lego Club* is seeking donations of Lego to help our kids get ready to build. If you have extra Lego in your basement or storage, or can spare a bit from your collection, please contact Nadine at <u>nkainz@shaw.ca</u>,

*The Kilmer Lego Club* will meet twice monthly at lunch hour starting this fall – please stay tuned for more information.

#### EMERGENCY PREPARATION

In our last newsletter we indicated that we would be collecting a \$2/child donation for the classroom Emergency Preparation kits. However, a review of our budget after the sale of last year's food shows that we will not need to collect this year!

The Emergency Prep Team thanks you for your support. Susan Deyotte, Anna Sato, Candice Miller, Alana Stevens

## VOLUNTEERING

Hi there, we're always looking for new volunteers to help with events at the school. Currently we have two opportunities to help out:

1) we need help with set up and/or clean-up after the Kilmer Halloween Dance on Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.

2) Kilmer PAC is considering including advertising on our monthly newsletter for a nominal fee. The PAC would like to find an individual who would be in charge of this venture. If this volunteer opportunity interests you, it is a position that could be often done from home. It would involve gathering all of the ads, collecting the monthly fee and sending the ads to Mr. Collins for approval. Once the ads are approved they would be sent to our newsletter editor for publishing onto the newsletter. All ads must be created beforehand as they will be published as is. The time commitment would probably be 2 to 4 hours per month.

If either opportunity appeals to you please email me to discuss details at puckheads@shaw.ca

Thanks, Cathy

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ps. Thank You to all the volunteers for the Terry Fox Run in September !!



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#### KPAC MEETINGS

First Monday each month 7pm, Kilmer Library Free childminding

- September 12, 2011
- October 3, 2011
- November 7, 2011
- December 5, 2011
- January 9, 2012
- February 6, 2012
- March 5, 2012
- April 2, 2012
- May 7, 2012
- (?Elections?) • June 4, 2012 (?Social? @ ??)

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#### SOUTHSIDE FAMILY of SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION

The Southside Family of Schools will be presenting **''Kids and Drugs''** parent education evening on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for your notice to come home. Cost is \$3/person or \$5/couple (any two people!). Location tba.

### 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. **Childminding is provided**. Please check the sidebar for upcoming dates.

Check out upcoming meeting agendas & past minutes, as well as archived KPAC newsletters at: <u>http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/kilmer/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx</u>

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