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KPAC News

November 10, 2011

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5th, 7 p.m., Kilmer Library

CHAIR'S REPORT

The November KPAC meeting was very well attended; thank you to all the parents who came out to help make some big decisions. There was a couple of funding requests that had been made and, after some discussion, both requests were granted.

The popcorn day team has been asking for a bigger popcorn machine for awhile now and it was agreed that they should have one. Funds in the general account will be used and the money raised on popcorn days will pay back the account by the end of the school year. The team is excited that they will no longer have to spend over *four hours* popping enough corn for the whole school.

The other big decision was to use gaming grant funds to buy new sports equipment at Mr. Collins' request. Some of the equipment is much older than the students using it. Coming soon to a gymnasium near you: a new high jump crash mat, individual floor mats, volleyball jerseys, and some ball cages and other general gym equipment. Mr. Collins feels that this list represents the most immediate needs of the students.

The more parents we have out at these meetings, the more ideas are shared, and the students really benefit. If you have a suggestion for an existing KPAC activity, or an idea for a new one, we would love to have your input. I hope to see you at our next general meeting.

Colin Aspinall, colin_aspinall@hotmail.com
KPAC Chair

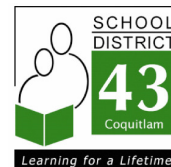
SOUTHSIDE FAMILY of SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION

Thank you to those Kilmer Families who were able to get out to the "Kids and Drugs" parent education workshop held last month. We, at the Southside, try very hard to pick speakers that will fill you with knowledge and continue to prepare us for all our stages of parenting. Our next event will deal with *Children's Self Esteem*. We will be meeting at Citadel Middle school on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 2012. Our fees remain the same - \$3/person or \$5/couple (any two people).

We want you to check out our **facebook** page,
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Southside-Family-of-Schools-for-Parental-Education/113621995411090>

as well as our SD43 link; <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/SouthSide/Pages/default.aspx>.
For the next workshop, you will also be able to simply register online and bring in your payment to the event. If you ever have any questions I would be glad to help.

Thank you.
Rachelle (on behalf of The Southside Family of School Parent Education)



VOLUNTEERING

A big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with the Halloween dance! A great time was had by all. Those that volunteered their time enabled many families to enjoy the evening together.

Other volunteer opportunities will arise throughout the year, and many events may only require 1 hour of your time. Please help make our events successful and come volunteer in support of Kilmer students. If interested, please email Cathy at puckheads@shaw.ca

Thanks, Cathy

FUNDRAISING

Thank you Kilmer community for the fantastic turnout at our Halloween Family Dance! It was great to see entire families get into the spirit of the event with your creative costumes. We raised about \$1000 which will go towards paying for the laptops - great job everyone! A special thanks goes to **Phil McDonell**, our dance DJ. We would also like to thank **Art Knapps** who donated the bales of hay and pumpkins, and **Cannon Industries Shipping and Packaging Supplies** who donated all of the table centre pieces.

We have **five boxes of chocolates** left that need to be sold. If you didn't get a chance to participate please contact Debbie Lenihan.

The next event we have planned is the **Adult only FUN BOWL** - this will be a great night to get a babysitter and have some fun with other Kilmer parents. The notice has gone home so get your tickets soon as there are only 84 available. If you need any other information, please contact Livian Smith.

We also have a **Kids and Parents Craft Night** on Friday, November 18 from 5:30 - 10:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per person. Please contact Rachele Jadot for more information.

Thank you from the Fundraising Group.

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Popcorn Day

Please mark your calendars as the next Popcorn Day is **Friday, December 2nd**. We will be also selling **Smencils** that day by the gym doors; \$2 each (first come first serve as we only have a select amount). Thanks to our wonderful PAC we will be upgrading to a 16ounce popcorn machine allowing us to pop faster and more efficiently. ***Volunteers always needed. Currently, I am looking for someone to hand out reminder notices (already drawn up) to kindergarten classes the day before all popcorn days and someone to be in charge of the mobile sign. Contact Jasmine at jazzparker@shaw.ca to help. Thank-you

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Greetings from the Hot Lunch Team. Thanks again to all the wonderful volunteers who were able to help at our last Hot Lunch. Our team really appreciates you!

Our next HL will be held next week, **November 18th** and we are excited to present a new vendor, **Taco Bell**. The following month, HL will be held on **December 9th** and will be featuring one of the children's favourite - **McDonald's**. Thank you for the positive feedback this month about the two hot lunch orders. We look forward to trying this again in the new year.

As you may be aware, our team is comprised of a number of wonderful volunteers. One of these members is Susan Deyotte, our hot lunch "shopper". She has been buying all the food necessary to provide the students with all those tasty snacks each month and has truly done an amazing job. **Thank You Susan!** However, after many years of dedication, we are sad to say that this is her last year at Kilmer. We are currently looking for someone to come aboard in the new year to work with Susan to complete the transition before the next school year. If you LOVE to shop and would like to be part of the Hot Lunch team, please contact Viktoria (vsimek@telus.net) or Debby (debbybondi@hotmail.com) for more information.

We are still looking for volunteers for several divisions. If you are able to help in any way, please contact us. Remember, younger siblings are always welcome to join you.

Thank you Kilmer parents for all your support.
Hot Lunch Team



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Upcoming Events

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Thurs., Nov.10

Hot Lunch

Fri., Nov.18

BCCPAC Conference

Sat., Nov.26

Popcorn Day

Fri. Nov.4th
Fri. Dec.2nd (+Smencils)

Garden Club

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

KPAC Meeting

Mon., Dec.5, 7pm

CPF Book Sale

Dec.7 & 8
11:30-1pm and
3-4pm

CPF Meeting

Dec.13, 7pm

Hot Lunch

Fri., Dec.9

Southside Parent Ed.

Weds., Jan.18



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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.

Collection of used **batteries** for recycling in front hallway.

DISTRICT PAC REPORT

Currently, we are in Phase 1 of the Teacher Job Action. Rest assured that the safety of our kids and student learning is still a priority to the teachers.

The **BC College of Teachers** has a new provincially legislated act designed to restore confidence in the teaching profession. For more information check out:

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2011EDUC0088-001360.htm

Parents as Partners - Building Success: **BCCPAC Regional Conference** will be taking place on Saturday, November 26th in Surrey. This conference will provide an opportunity for parent leaders and educational partners to share information and resources in a regional setting and to continue to build the relationship of parents as partners in education. For more information, check out

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar/2011RgnlConf.aspx

CANADIAN PARENTS for FRENCH (CPF)

CPF Tri-Cities has a new Facebook page! Like us on Facebook and be entered to win an autographed Charlotte Diamond CD or CPF t-shirt.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Canadian-Parents-for-French-Tri-Cities/124713870971007>

The first *Parents Night Out* on Nov. 4, 2011 was a huge success. There were 31 children in attendance. Great fun was had by all and we raised \$335 to help support French programming in the Tri-Cities area.

Do you need a night out for shopping or holiday parties? The next *Parents Night Out* will be December 9, 2011 at *Place Maillardville*, 1200 Cartier Avenue, Coquitlam, from 5 to 9 PM. The cost for CPF members is \$20 for the first child, and \$5 for each sibling (for non-members, siblings are \$10). Price includes child care, pizza, and beverages. Space is limited. Email tricityscpf@gmail.com with child's name, age and pizza choice today! Remember this event is mostly in French.

The French *Scholastic Book Sale* is coming! This is a great opportunity to pick up French language books and resources for your family. Cash, checks, VISA and MasterCard will be accepted.

L'école des Pionniers

3550 Wellington Street, Port Coquitlam

Wednesday and Thursday, **December 7th and 8th**

Lunchtime from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, **After school** from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our next CPF meeting is December 13, 2011 at Glen Elementary School. Meetings begin at 7 PM and everyone is welcome to attend.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

As previously stated, we will not be collecting the traditional \$2/child donation to the Emergency Preparation Classroom kits due to a surplus of money from last year. As of this week all of the food (granola bars, Nutri-Grain bars and fruit leathers) have been purchased and distributed to each classroom. We are set for another year!

Emergency Prep Team
Susan Deyotte, Anna Sato, Candice Miller



The Kilmer LEGO Club is gearing up. We are still looking for a few more donations of Lego, and a parent volunteer to help out at lunchtime. Stay tuned for the first meeting date later in November.



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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? @ ??)

GARDEN CLUB

Well, November has started out a little wet, but I have one of the most dedicated groups of gardeners and parent helpers that anyone could ask for. The **Flower Bulb donations** in October were amazing and I know that in the spring we are going to have the most beautiful garden ever. A grandmother from Alberta sent us a donation that allowed us to buy a series of perennials for the garden which will be with us for many years to come.

In addition to planting, the children were able to finish picking the harvest of carrots and a few stray potatoes that were growing in the compost bin!!! Yes that was a surprise. A few of our gardeners took the harvest basket around from classroom to classroom to show everyone all the success that we had through last seasons' planting and this years' harvesting. The harvest was shared with staff and administration and I was told that the carrots were especially tasty.

As the wet winter is upon us, we will be spending some of our garden days indoors. Make sure to remind your children to listen for Monday announcements as to where garden club will be held. Please remind your children that there is no Garden Club on November 14th as there is no school that day.

Thank you again for all the generous donations.

Michelle Oucharek-Deo, mlod@telus.net
Garden Club Coordinator

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

