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KPAC News

May 15, 2012

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello Kilmer parents,

Thank you to all the Kilmer parents who came out for the KPAC AGM on Monday, May 7th. We had a good mix of people who regularly attend the meetings as well as new faces, which is always good to see.

The KPAC elections were held for the 2012-2013 school year and there will be a couple new members on the KPAC executive. Stephen Hughes will be taking over as Vice-Chair and Paula Fowler as DPAC Representative. Heather Hammersley will stay on as treasurer for another term.

Unfortunately, the KPAC did not have anyone accept a nomination for the Chair and Secretary positions. The KPAC stands to lose a significant amount of money that comes from the provincial Gaming Grant program if these spots are not filled. We are very close to purchasing a new set of swings as well as a new mobile computer lab. However, without a fully formed PAC these additions may be in jeopardy. There are also a few beneficial committees that need someone to head them up for next year.

In my first year as Chair, I've been constantly impressed with the support that I was given - especially considering that I was completely new to the KPAC. I will offer the same support to anyone taking over the role for next year. The positions can be filled by one parent or they can be shared by more than one parent if the amount of time seems to be too much. I urge you to consider coming to the June meeting where another round of elections will be held. Please contact me personally if you have any questions about the roles that need to be filled or you can visit the Kilmer website for full descriptions in the Constitution and Bylaws document.

The Most Exciting Year End Event Ever is coming so make sure to mark June 2nd on your calendar for the KPAC Spring Carnival. The event team is going all out to make it a truly "not to be missed" extravaganza! A wristband order form went home last week and they need to be returned by Friday, May 25th. If you would like to volunteer there's lots to be done to make this a success so please sign up if you can.

Have a great week and a fantastic May long weekend!

Colin Aspinall, colin_aspinall@hotmail.com
KPAC Chair

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

Wow, spring has finally sprung & doesn't that sunshine feel good! Smiles and dandelions are suddenly abundant...and we'd love to see more of those smiling faces find themselves on the volunteer list and at KPAC meetings. The Kilmer community is full of terrific families with parents that really want to foster a positive attitude towards education in their kids.

One of the most effective ways to teach children is to live by example. We can show our kids, through our actions, that their school is a worthwhile place to spend their time and energy. Extra time and energy can sometimes be hard to come by while we try to juggle the demands of our careers, parenting, our kids extra-curricular activities, and all the other facets of our busy lives. Nonetheless, please consider getting actively involved with Kilmer to the extent that you are able. You'd be as welcomed as May sunshine! Even a small commitment can have a big impact on how our kids prioritize the importance of being engaged in school, education, and their community.

All The Best,
Thaddeus Seidler, Vice-Chair



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Upcoming Events

Hot Lunch

Fri., May 18, Noon
Fri., June 8, Noon

Garden Club, Gr.3/4/5

Mon., May 21 Noon

Garden Club, Gr.1/2

Mon., May 28 Noon

KPAC Meeting

Mon., June 4, 7pm
Social

KPAC Carnival

Sat., Jun. 2, Noon-4pm

Sports Day

Fri., Jun. 8,

FUNDRAISING

The last PAC event of the year - **The Spring Carnival on Saturday June 2nd** is coming up quickly. We are very excited to be able to put on a great event for the students and families of Kilmer and the community. We are having a contest between the classes to see who will come up with the "best" raffle basket. Please bring your raffle basket donation in by Friday May 18th so we have time to prepare - our parent volunteers need enough time to prepare the baskets. Thank you! The winning class will win an ice-cream sundae party!!

Also, an event of this size requires many volunteers. We are requesting that if you can volunteer an hour or two of your time, it would contribute greatly to the success of the Carnival. To date we have had very few people step forward to help out. Please contact Cathy Willis at puckheads@shaw.ca to find out the available positions. We would hate to cancel this fantastic event due to lack of volunteers.

Sports Day! This fun yearly event will take place on Friday, June 8. Due to the teacher's job action, we are looking for about 8 parents to help out with Sports Day preparations. We require 4 parents for after school on Thursday, June 7th and 4 more parents for the morning of Friday, June 8th (Sports Day). We are also looking for help to work in the Sports Day Concession Stand.

Please contact Cathy Willis at puckheads@shaw.ca to find out more.

GARDEN CLUB

Well the Sun is finally out and so are the dandelions. It was amazing to see all our great gardeners last week doing the hard job of weeding so that we can get to the fun job of planting. The colours are changing in the garden as the tulips are almost done and the lilies are on their way, and we have some sweet peas which are growing up a storm. Our Grade 1 and 2's did a wonderful job seeding a few weeks ago and thanks to our fabulous green house, the seedlings will be ready to go into the ground next week. My Grade 3, 4, 5's have been working hard fighting back a patch of stubborn ivy and have been fantastic garden leaders on the Grade 1 and 2 days.

Thanks to everyone for their donations and support - it has been a great garden year so far. We are all looking forward to May and June and seeing what the sunshine and warm weather will bring us.

Thank you again to my wonderful garden helpers, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Pollock, and to Mrs. Hardy who is my secret waterer when I cannot get in during the week.

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

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Just to let everyone know that the Emergency Prep food of Chocolate Chip Granola Bars, Nutrigrain Bars and Fruit Leather Twists will be going on sale for half price towards the end of June. If anyone wants to get their order in ahead of time, please contact Candice Miller at cmiller7@gmail.com

HOT LUNCH

It feels like yesterday that we were preparing for our first Hot Lunch in September. I can't believe how time flies as we are preparing for our last two Hot Lunches of the year. Just as we are done preparing for one, along comes the next one - especially these last two. Each month we have tried our best to provide healthy and nutritious options, but we also want to make it fun for the kids. This coming Friday, May 18th we are trying out a new vendor, *Zara's Pasta*. Their pastas look amazing and we hope the children enjoy them too.

In conjunction with Sport's Day on June 8th, we will have our last Hot Lunch of the year, *McDonald's*. Thanks once again to our dedicated group of parent volunteers who come out each month to help deliver to classes. We would also like to thank the parents who have supported Hot Lunch this year. As you know, the money we raise helps give our kids those "extras". We are starting to plan for next year very shortly, so if you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to help in any way, please email debbymbondi@hotmail.com or vsimek@telus.net.



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Ongoing Events

Collection of **Campbell Soup Labels**

Collection of **metal tabs** for Shriners

Collection of **Canadian Tire Money**

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

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

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~~
- **June 4, 2012**
("Social")

POPCORN DAY

Our Popcorn day in May went pretty well. We sold a bit less popcorn than previous months but that might have been due to a few classes on field trips, at May Day, etc.

Unfortunately, due to quite a mess left outside and inside the school, we will not be holding another popcorn day this year. Please take this opportunity to talk about respecting our school and what impression we would like to leave with the community around us with your children. The volunteers work for quite a few hours making this day a monthly activity and the janitor unfortunately is the one who cleans it up.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who make this monthly fundraiser possible! I also want to take this opportunity to say I will not be involved in organizing the popcorn days next year. Taking over will be 2 parents, Moe and Michelle. If you would like to be on the list as a helper for next year, feel free to email me and I will pass your email onto the new organizers. Have a great summer.

Jasmine Parker, jazzparker@shaw.ca

DPAC REPORT

The Southside Family of Schools had the following parent education evenings this year:

- **Drugs and our Kids: How to Reduce the Risks. What are the signs and symptoms - Oct. 2011**
- **Nurturing the Roots of Natural Self-Esteem in Children - Jan. 2012**
Evening of Discussion with SHARE guidance regarding substance use and your adolescent.
- **New Ministry of Education Directions- What we can expect from our children – Feb. 2012**
CANCELLED DUE TO LOW REGISTRATION.

We hope you were able to attend or found these topics of interest. If you could please follow the link below and complete a survey, we would like to plan our guest speakers for next year:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V8SF5B9>

Thanks you, Rachele Jadot - theadots@gmail.com

Parent Rep for Kilmer SSFSPE or ssfspe@gmail.com

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT HEARING

1. Fish do not have ears, but they can hear pressure changes through ridges on their body.
2. The ear's malleus, incus and stapes (otherwise known as the hammer, anvil and stirrup) are the smallest bones in the human body. All three together could fit together on a penny.
3. The ear continues to hear sounds, even while you sleep.
4. Sound travels at the speed of 1,130 feet per second, or 770 miles per hour.
5. Dogs can hear much higher frequencies than humans.
6. Ears not only help you hear, but also aid in balance.
7. Snakes hear through the jaw bone and through a traditional inner ear. In essence, snakes have two distinct hearing mechanisms, which helps them hear and catch prey.
8. Sitting in front of the speakers at a rock concert can expose you to 120 decibels, which will begin to damage hearing in only 7 1/2 minutes.
9. Thirty-seven percent of children with only minimal hearing loss fail at least one grade.
10. Male mosquitoes hear with thousands of tiny hairs growing on their antennae.

LEGO CLUB

Kilmer's Lego Club has wrapped up for the year. Thanks to all the students and parents who came out to build – the creativity and dedication of the group was impressive and inspiring! Please stop by the display case outside the library to see the final summer-themed designs.



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CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Canadian Parents for French Tri-Cities Chapter will be having a French family camp August 31 – September 2, 2012 at Camp McLean in Langley. Join us at *Camp à la mode* for a fun-filled summer weekend, where parents and children will relax, have fun, and get ready for another year of French language school. Children will play and use their French in a wonderful outdoor setting with their energetic and funny French-speaking moniteurs, and will have lots of free time to enjoy camping with their families. Registration is limited to 20 families.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: www.cpf.bc.ca/tricities or tricitiescpf@gmail.com

The annual French summer day camp is scheduled for July 3 – August 24, 2012. The Maillardville-Coquitlam French summer camp will be open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 3pm at Miller Park Community Elementary School, Coquitlam from July 3rd to August 10th 2012. For the last two weeks camp will be held at École des Pionniers de Maillardville, Port Coquitlam from August 13th to 24th from 8am to 3pm.

For more information and to register please call (604) 515-7070 or email info@maillardville.com

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>