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# KPAC News

September 27, 2012

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m., Kilmer Library

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hello Kilmer families and welcome to the Kindergarten Parents.

We hope that you have enjoyed your Summer Holiday. We are all back for the chance to volunteer our time for the Kilmer children and are looking forward to seeing more parents in attendance at PAC meetings. You are all members of the PAC and your opinion is always needed in current discussions. Please say you will join us. It is up to you how the PAC spends its funds raised each year.

School Ground Reminders:

- Stopping is prohibited on Knappen Street on the school side. Please use the loop drop off on Pooley Avenue as an alternative.
- Please refrain from blocking neighbourhood driveways
- Double parking and speed on the streets around the school are always a concern as it is very dangerous for children who are crossing the road.
- Dogs are not allowed on school grounds during school hours as some children are very afraid of dogs no matter the size. This directive comes directly from School District 43.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as our neighbours are important to our community and we would like to be able to maintain a positive working relationship.

Thank you,  
Rose Shaw KPAC Chair - [les.shaw@shaw.ca](mailto:les.shaw@shaw.ca)

### **DPAC REPORT**

DPAC Parent Orientation – October 11, 2012 – 6:30 to 9pm. See the invitation at the end of this newsletter with details on how to RSVP for this event. There will be a keynote speaker and interactive workshops.

To read these (and other) articles on the BCCPAC website, click on the hyperlink below.

- K-12 Schools and Districts. Get Ready to Shake Out!
- TEDxKIDS@BC – Third Event – October 20 2012
- iWalk 2012 and 1st Annual Walk the Globe
- 4H Kids are the Future of Agriculture

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/news-blog/volume-13-issue-1-sept-11-2012>

Paula Fowler  
DPAC Representative - [paula.fowler@gmail.com](mailto:paula.fowler@gmail.com)



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### Upcoming Events

**KPAC Meeting**  
Mon., Oct. 1, 7pm

**Individual Photos**  
Tues., Oct. 2nd

**Popcorn Day**  
Fri., Oct. 12th

**Interim Report Cards**  
Wed., Oct. 10th then  
Tues. Oct 16th  
Early dismissal

**Hot Lunch Day**  
Fri., Oct. 26th  
Subway

**Popcorn Day**  
Fri., Nov. 16th

### 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.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Welcome to the new school year. The Kilmer fundraising committee met in June to plan this year's activities, and we hope you are able to participate in these important initiatives - your participation is essential to our success!

Sincerely, Kilmer KPAC - [031-pac@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:031-pac@sd43.bc.ca)

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Interested in volunteering for any of our upcoming events at Kilmer? Please send me your email address and I will send out requests for different volunteer opportunities that come up. Often they can be a one time commitment of only a couple of hours, but any help is always appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Cathy Willis - [puckheads@shaw.ca](mailto:puckheads@shaw.ca)

### **GARDEN CLUB**

Garden club started up again this month.

- Garden club is open to grades 1-5.
- Regular garden club started on September 24th for grades 1-5
- Several of our grade four and five children have become garden club helpers. This is a part of the program that was started last year to encourage the older children to further develop leadership skills and encourage community volunteerism in an relaxed and fun environment.
- Garden club runs on Mondays in the courtyard. As this is an outdoor club, if club days are too rainy and messy Garden Club will be cancelled that day.
- An announcement will be placed in the Monday morning announcements to remind children that Garden Club will take place at the noon hour after they eat.

We are very excited as the city of Port Coquitlam donated a large amount of flower bulbs for us to plant, for the spring bloom. Each grade set will have designated areas that they will be allowed to plant in. Our spring is going to be filled with colour and beauty.

If anyone has any questions or donations or if you would like to volunteer to help with garden club, please contact me at 604-468-1695.

Michelle Deo  
Garden Club Coordinator - [mlod@telus.net](mailto:mlod@telus.net)

### **PARENT LIBRARY**

The Kilmer Parent Library is located in the hallway, adjacent to the main office. You can sign out books on a variety of parenting subjects. For your convenience, our catalogue of titles is available on the KPAC website. Please check out this great resource.

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/kilmer/Parents/PAC/PAC%20Constitution/KPAC\\_ParentLib\\_110505.pdf](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/kilmer/Parents/PAC/PAC%20Constitution/KPAC_ParentLib_110505.pdf)

Iham Muralidharan  
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#### KPAC MEETINGS

First Monday each month  
7pm, Kilmer Library  
Free childminding

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- October 1, 2012
- November 5, 2012
- December 3, 2012
- January 7, 2013
- February 4, 2013
- March 4, 2013
- April 8, 2013
- May 6, 2013
- June 3, 2013

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM**

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 the change in your pocket, 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.  
Thank you for your support and Let's be prepared!

Candice Miller  
Emergency Coordinator - [clmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:clmiller7@gmail.com)

### **Canadian Parents for French (CPF)**

CPF is a parent-led, non-profit organization that provides French-language educational, social, cultural and sporting activities for youth. The Tri-Cities chapter will be distributing welcome packages to the new Kindergarten students (and students new to the district) enrolled in French Immersion soon.

Included in the package will be information about CPF and a registration form to become a CPF member at a discounted rate.

More information is available at <http://www.cpf.bc.ca/>.

The membership drive is on and will run through to October 31st! Now is a great time to renew or sign up.

- Interested in brushing up on your French? Société francophone de Maillardville is offering French classes for adults and children. If interested, contact them at (604) 515- 7070 or by email at [info@maillardville.com](mailto:info@maillardville.com).
- CPF tri-cities is extremely happy to bring 4 Charlotte Diamond concerts to our schools. Mary Hill is hosting Kilmer on October 25, 2012 @ 10:30 am. These concerts are possible through your membership.
- Festival de Livre and parents night out on November 16, 2012 @ Winslow Centre (1100 Winslow Avenue in Coquitlam) from 5 to 9pm. This is a Scholastic book fair for French books only. Parents night out is an opportunity for you to go Christmas shopping or a movie or dinner without the kids. How great is that! The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5 for each subsequent child if you are a CPF member or \$10 if you are a non-member. If you are interested in parents night out, please email [tricitescpf@gmail.com](mailto:tricitescpf@gmail.com) with your child's name, age and pizza choice – cheese, pepperoni or Hawaiian. CPF Tri-Cities are asking that you put down a deposit of \$10 to secure your spot. You can send them your deposit by mail to 2-300 Maude Road, Port Moody, BC V3H 2X6 or send an e-transfer to their email address. If there are less than 10 children registered, the parents night out will be cancelled.
- "Step Up for Place Maillardville Community Centre" 1st Annual Walk-a-Thon September 29, 9am to noon Prizes, Music and Community BBQ! Come walk with us! Register at 604.933.6166
- The next CPF Tri-Cities chapter meeting is October 1, 2012 at Glen Elementary school. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and everyone is welcome.

Sheila Tremblay  
CPF Representative - [sheilam.tremblay@gmail.com](mailto:sheilam.tremblay@gmail.com)

### **POPCORN DAY**

Popcorn days are back! First one will be on October 12 and we are trying something new this year. We will be handing out popcorn at RECESS now, instead of lunch. Your child can bring their \$1 to the undercover area and they will receive a yummy bag of popcorn to enjoy for their recess snack. Kindergarten classes will get their delivered to their classes just before recess as they play in a different area. The next popcorn day following this one will be November 16, so if you would like to help make loads of popcorn for all the kids, volunteers are always welcome.

Just contact myself, Moe Pullen at [moejol@hotmail.com](mailto:moejol@hotmail.com)



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### **Southside Family of Schools Parent Education (SFSPE)**

SFSPE was formed after a large Southside Family of Schools Meeting held about 10 years ago. It was decided that parent education was a priority that we could easily work on collectively, and Susan Foster offered to pull together all the parent education co-ordinators for a planning meeting, and SFSPE was born.

Since then we have planned 3 -4 joint parent education events for our Family of Schools (which also includes Kwaykwitlem), each year. Each school has taken turns hosting the presentations and our parent reps share in the planning and co-ordination of the events. The committee meets every 2nd month (4 times a year) and every second meeting; we invite school administrators to join us. When we meet with the administrators, we ask for their expertise and insight into parent education issues or concerns that they may come across in their daily interaction with students and their families.

In terms of our financial viability, the first couple of years we collected \$50.00 from each of our 8 PACs to provide seed money. After that, administrators donated \$1 per student (one-time only) to our cause and due to their generosity; we have not had to ask the PACs for any more donations. When we put events on, our goal is cost recovery and we normally charge a nominal fee to parents. We never turn a parent away who cannot afford the fee, and committee members ensure that those families get complimentary admission if necessary.

Our plans for this year are well underway. September's meeting the parents met and are looking into having Don Lasell come and do a presentation regarding Anxiety and/or Self-Esteem issues in October; a presentation on Peer Pressure in January and possibly Nancy Perry on Self-Regulated Learning in February.

Castle Park – Dese Fulijames  
Hazel Trembath – Angela Moino/Diane Kitto  
Mary Hill – Tanya Goldstein  
Riverside – Dirk Rohde (Vice-Chair)  
Kwaykwitlem – David Costin

Central – Jehnel Wong  
Kilmer – Shaley Hoogendorn  
Citadel Middle – Susan Foster (Chair)  
Riverside - Sherri-Lyn Citulec (Treasurer)  
Pitt River – Stacey Kalman

Thank you Shaley, [hoogs4@gmail.com](mailto:hoogs4@gmail.com)

### **CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS**

Wow, a new year has begun already. Hope you all had a great summer and have been saving all those Campbell's Soup and Goldfish Cracker labels along with all those other eligible products. For all the new parents, by collecting labels from eligible Campbell products, we can qualify for neat items. A complete list of labels that we are collecting can be found at [http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/eligible\\_exp.asp](http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/eligible_exp.asp) or in the Campbell's Soup Can by the office.

This is also where you can drop off your labels. Let's see what fun items we can get for the school this year!!!

Thanks so much, Della O'Reilly - [dellaoreilly@yahoo.com](mailto:dellaoreilly@yahoo.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>

*Inviting all District 43 parents to attend*

## **Parent Orientation**

**Date:** Thursday, October 11, 2012  
**Place:** Centennial Secondary (theatre)  
570 Poirier Street, Coquitlam  
**Time:** 6:30-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00)

### **Keynote Speaker: Jesse Miller – Mediated Reality – “Two Lives”**

There are a number of concerns facing communities when connecting through social media & multimedia based communication. As social media use transforms the way we communicate & the way we view the world around us, can we as a society adjust to the world that is being created online as it is connected with the world where we live & breathe? For parents, the general use of social media by their children is becoming an everyday occurrence in combination with homework, communication with friends & online gaming.

The presentation will focus on options to find balance between online & in person reputation. This balance will become increasingly difficult in upcoming years for those currently in & those entering workplace &/or education settings. With the amount of volunteered personal information now made available online, social media is playing an instrumental role in the development of youth, the connection of relationships & how generations are being shaped with every friend request.

“Two lives” demonstrates the realities facing youth as they become social media users, the challenges with content that fails to disappear from an online search engine & how the term “online privacy” has given a user base a false sense of security on social media platforms.

Presentation Focus Points Include:

- Content – Appropriate versus Inappropriate
- Friendship – Friends we need/want in reality compared to friends we have on a list online
- Privacy – Definition of privacy in a social media world

### **Interactive Workshops: “How do I stay connected with my child’s learning?”**

- Elementary – Susan Ross (Principal – Seaview Elementary)
- Middle – Rob McFaul (Principal – Montgomery Middle)
- Secondary – Rob Zambrano (Principal – Centennial Secondary)

#### **Please let us know you’re coming!**

Please register by **Oct. 9** via phone (604-939-3690) or email ([office@dpac43.org](mailto:office@dpac43.org)) leaving your name, telephone number & choice of interactive workshop (elementary/middle/secondary).