

# THIS WEEK AT KILMER

February 18, 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

**Monday, February 21**  
- BC Family Day- No School

**Wednesday, February 23**  
- Pink Shirt Day

**Friday, February 25**  
- District Pro-D Day- no school

**Wednesday, March 9**  
- Spirit Day: Dress like a book character

**Thursday, March 10**  
- Report Cards go home

**March 12-27**  
- Spring Break

**Monday, March 28**  
-School ReOpens

**Friday, April 15**  
-Good Friday NO SCHOOL

**Monday, April 18**  
-Easter Monday NO SCHOOL



## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21—NO SCHOOL

BC Family Day is a provincial statutory holiday. British Columbians celebrate Family Day on the third Monday of February. In 2022, Family Day falls on Monday, February 21st. To celebrate, the B.C. government provides funding for free Family Day activities.

BC Family Day gives families the opportunity to spend time with their loved ones.

The B.C. government is funding free virtual and in person Family Day activities throughout the province over the Family Day weekend. This makes sure celebrations are accessible for everyone.

For more information on activities:

- [BC Recreation and Parks Association](#)
- [BC Museums Association](#)
- [Royal BC Museum](#)
- [Chinese Canadian Museum](#)
- [Click here for Family Day Fun with The City of Port Coquitlam](#)

## QUICK LINKS

- [Kilmer Website](#)
- [Online Absence Report](#)
- [School Cash Online/KEY](#)
- [munch A lunch](#)
- [Parent EForms](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Behaviour Matrix](#)
- [BC Gov - Safe Schools](#)  
updated Feb 10/22
- [BC CDC K-12 Schools & COVID 19](#)
- [Microsoft Teams Instructions](#)
- [SD43 K-12 Health & Safety Protocols](#)
- [SD43 Maintaining a Healthy School](#)

## PARENT PORTAL

School District 43 launched the Family Portal during the 2019-20 school year for Highschool students and will soon be available to Elementary Schools.

This will allow parents to view student contacts, report cards, schedules, attendance and more, specific to your son/daughter.

Once the parent portal is available to Kilmer families, we will no longer be sending home paper copies of report cards.

To prepare your family for the transition to the parent portal you must ensure that each guardian is using their own unique email as each contact will have their own unique username and password. **We are unable to use @sd43.bc.ca email addresses.**

If you have any questions about the Family portal or need to update your email contact information, please email [kilmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kilmer@sd43.bc.ca) for assistance.



## THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT FEBRUARY 18-21

connect with birds, nature & each other!

<https://www.birdscanada.org/connect-with-birds-nature-and-each-other-participate-in-the-great-backyard-bird-count-february-18-21/>

KPAC sponsored a virtual bird workshop for Kilmer students February 8-11 with the Vancouver Avian Research Centre.

## YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

We are still looking for an interested Kilmer parent or parents who would be willing to help organize and create the 2021/22 Kilmer Yearbook. **Please contact Ms Birnie @ [lbirnie@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:lbirnie@sd43.bc.ca) if you can help!**



## If You Have COVID-19

[What to do if you have mild symptoms and testing is not recommended](#)

- [What to do if you test positive for COVID-19](#)
- [Managing your symptoms](#)
- [Vaccination after infection](#)
- [Caring for someone with COVID-19](#)

The BC CDC updated their guidance around Close contacts and contact tracing on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

[Please visit their website for more information.](#)

## DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Please ensure you perform a [Daily Health Check](#) on your child before they arrive at school. As the cases in our community rise, it is important that we all follow the directions from Public Health. The BC CDC updated their guidance around close contacts and contract tracing. [Please visit their website for more information.](#) All parents are encouraged to review the [BC Ministry of Education's COVID-19 safe schools](#) plan.

**Children must be 24 hours free of vomiting, diarrhea, or fever before returning to school**



## DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

### DO YOUR DOO DILIGENCE!



Thanks for leashing your dog and cleaning up after it.  
REQUIRED BY BYLAW | FINES WILL APPLY  
portcoquitlam.ca/bylaws

There has been an increase of dog poo being left in the areas where your students play. Please report unleashed dogs and/or irresponsible owners to the City of Port Coquitlam Bylaw

**Bylaw Enforcement** Tel 604.927.5440

Email: [bylawservices@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:bylawservices@portcoquitlam.ca)

**At all times during student drop off and pick up, all dogs on District property must be:**

- Licensed;
- Cleaned up after and have their waste removed;
- Leashed and under adult control (assistance dogs exempt) and
- Kept away from building entrances and play areas

## VANDAL WATCH- HELP REDUCE VANDALISM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Our school is being regularly hit by graffiti. If you see vandalism or other suspicious activity, call the tip line below. When you provide a tip, security personnel will be dispatched to investigate and if necessary, involve the police. Please call as soon as you suspect there might be a problem. Do not get in a confrontation yourself.

**Tip Line: 604-927-7600** The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day.

All Vandal Watch tips are anonymous and confidential. When you provide a tip, no one will ask you for your name or phone number.

## KILMER IS FUNDRAISING!

Please contact the PAC if you have any questions at [031-pac@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:031-pac@sd43.bc.ca) or view their Facebook Page for up to date information [www.facebook.com/KilmerPAC](http://www.facebook.com/KilmerPAC)



mabel's labels

Consider purchasing **Mabel's Labels** to help identify your child's belongings.



## Return It Express Fundraiser!

École Kilmer Elementary School is registered with Return It Express Recycling  
Our return it code is:

**604-941-3401**

Visit: [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

and search for "Kilmer Elementary" to support our school.



## COMING SOON!

Purdy's Easter Fundraiser  
Order online February 28-March 28

Pick Up- Monday, April 11th  
**Tell your friends!**

## DAILY REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS



A reminder to please send your child with a mask each day. If possible, having additional clean masks available in their back should they need to change. Thank you for your assistance.



School routines are in full swing both at home and at school and we know that on occasion supplies such as; cutlery and other essentials will be left out of the lunch box. We have had quite several students asking for water bottles, forks and spoons. The water bottle filling station located near the library is accessible to students throughout the day. We ask that you try to provide all the needed items your child will require to eat their lunch and snack.



At Kilmer, we practice west coast recess and lunch breaks which means, we go outside rain or shine every day. We all need a break with fresh air and the chance to run around, this helps our focus and ability to learn. We need students to come to school with clothing and footwear appropriate to the climate so that we can enjoy our breaks outside. We request each student to have an extra change of clothing hanging in their cloakroom or in their backpack.



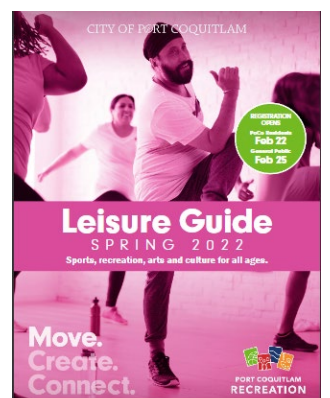
## COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Port Coquitlam spring leisure guide is here! Looking for safe ways to have fun, stay active and healthy? Take advantage of the activities the city has planned.

[View Online](#) or [download here.](#) [Register Online](#)

**Registration for Spring 2022**

PoCo residents: Starts Feb 22      General public: Starts Feb 25



## DISTRICT NEWS



Casual Clericals      Casual Cooks      Noon Hour Supervisors  
Temporary Speech Pathologist (full time)

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# NOW HIRING

View current job opportunities at  
[sd43.bc.ca/careers](https://sd43.bc.ca/careers)

## OFFICE HOURS

### Kilmer Elementary

1575 Knappen St  
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2P8

604-941-3401

[kilmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kilmer@sd43.bc.ca)

[www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer)



The doors to the school remain locked, please call the office at 604-941-3401 between 8:15-3:15 if you require assistance or email the school at [Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca)

*If your child is going to be away, you're running late or they require an early dismissal please submit a Daily Absence Report Online. If your child (ren) will be late or absent for the day, please contact the school online or by email [Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca) by phone 604-941-3401 (answering machine on 24/7). If you child is late or being picked up early, please call the office first to sign them in or out. If you are picking up, we will notify the classroom teacher and they will be ready at their exterior door for pickup.*

*These procedures are very important for us to follow for student security.*

[Report your Student's Absence Online](#)

