

# THIS WEEK AT KILMER

December 17, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b> - School Reopens
<b>January 6-12</b> -Program of Choice Registration
<b>Wednesday, January 12</b> - Gr 2 Hearing Screening
<b>Monday, January 17</b> - Pink Shirt Day orders due
<b>Friday, January 21</b> - Spirit Day- Jersey Day
<b>Monday, January 24</b> - School Based Pro-D Day- no school
<b>Friday, January 28</b> - KPAC Munch-a-Lunch
<b>February 1-4</b> -Kindergarten Registration (online)
<b>February 4-9</b> -Cross Catchment Process (online)
<b>Friday, February 18</b> - KPAC Munch-a-Lunch

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE


We made it! This fall we had many challenges but along the way, we had wonderful time. Thanks to all of you for your support. We are saying good-bye to two members of our staff, Cathy Willis who had braved the weather every noon hour since September is leaving us to pursue other opportunities. We are also saying good-bye to Mr. Obal who has been at Kilmer since October covering my teaching duties and supporting our student service team.

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you next year.

## SNOWMUCH FUN!

 **As Winter Weather arrives, it is important to be both safe & warm outside at playtime.**

### Rules for Snow Play:

-  1. **sledding only in designated areas with 10+ cm of snow**
- no sleds with seats or handlebars (no heavy plastic sleds)**
- no snowballs**
- stay warm & dry- make sure children have dry socks just incase**



## QUICK LINKS

- [Kilmer Website](#)
- [Online Absence Report](#)
- [School Cash Online/KEV](#)
- [munch A lunch](#)
- [Parent EForms](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Behaviour Matrix](#)
- [BC Gov - Safe Schools](#)

## PROGRAM OF CHOICE REGISTRATION- January 6-12

If you are interested in registering your current grade 5 student for the LATE French Immersion Program at Middle school, OR your **incoming Kindergarten student in the EARLY French Immersion Program**, please register them online by the School District web site ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)) from January 6-12 See the link below for more information: [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Documents/SD43\\_Program\\_Reg\\_Info\\_2022.pdf](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Documents/SD43_Program_Reg_Info_2022.pdf)

## GRADE 5s TO MIDDLE

Middle School Catchment Letters were sent home with all Grade 5 students on December 10th. Please refer to this letter for your child's placement for next year. You can also check the school locator [HERE](#). If you wish your child to attend a different school than his/her catchment school, then you the parent/guardian must apply for a cross-catchment placement through the School District web site ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)). The process **begins February 4 @ 9:00 am and will close on February 9 at 4:00 pm** Applications for **Late French Immersion** are to be completed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

## 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 CDC has produced a document to help if you or your student have been a [close contact](#) of a person with Covid-19. All parents are encouraged to review the [BC Ministry of Education's COVID-19 safe schools](#) plan.

## WEST COAST RECESS

At Kilmer Elementary students need to be prepared for a West Coast Recess and Lunch. We know that if kids are well prepared to be outside in the rain, they actually enjoy it. As long as they stay dry and warm there is a great deal of fun to be had in all kinds of weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as:

- Rain Jacket**
- Rain Pants/Muddy Buddy**
- Rubber Boots**
- Umbrella**
- A complete Change of Clothes to stay At School**



## 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.



\$10 each

### PINK SHIRT DAY IS FEBRUARY 23/21

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, "Be Kind", with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds to "Kidsport Tri Cities" to help youth get involved in organized sport. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Let's make a difference that lasts!

Order online through [School Cash Online/KEV](#) by January 17th



\$30 each



### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you to the Kilmer Community for their generous donations to SHARE this holiday season & the Port Coquitlam Fire Department for arranging delivery.



### CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS FOR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS



In the case of extreme weather conditions such as ice, wind and/or excessive snowfall, the Superintendent of Schools has authority on behalf of the Board, to temporarily close a school. As a general expectation, parents should assume that schools are open. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they should keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal.

**If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 7:30 am if possible**

### KILMER IS FUNDRAISING!



mabel's labels

Consider purchasing **Mabel's Labels** to help identify your child's belongings. Visit [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) and search for "Kilmer Elementary" to support our school.



### Return It Express Fundraiser!

École Kilmer Elementary School is registered with Return It Express Recycling in BC. Our return it code is: **604-941-3401**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- [City of Port Coquitlam Website](#)
- [2021 Tri-City Light Displays](#)
- [Westcoast Family Centres](#)
- [Share Family & Community Services](#)

### DISTRICT NEWS

- [Fraser Health Region Rapid Response Team International Travel Advisory](#)
- [Superintendent's letter to families re: local and international travel advisories](#)
- [Government of BC COVID-19 Update: Vaccination for children 5-11](#)

### OFFICE HOURS

**Kilmer Elementary**  
1575 Knappen St  
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2P8  
604-941-3401  
kilmer@sd43.bc.ca  
[www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer](http://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](#), before 8am.

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



# Happy Holidays



P. AKBARI

C. AUSTEN

N. BITENG

L. BIRNIE  
PRINCIPAL

T. CAMPAGNA

J. CHABOT

D. COLLIER



B. COMARTIN

S. CRAIG



B. ENIADE

A. FRASER



T. FRASER

A. HEWITT



H. HORIE

E. HUGGON

## Kilmer Elementary

2021 - 2022

## STAFF



W. HYATT

V. JAMES

S. KEEFE

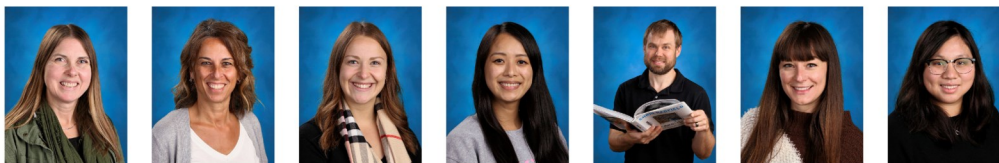
J. KOEBEL

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L. NIGUMA

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T. TONG

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M. WATTS

C. WONG

*John Nantz Jr.*  
*Xironi Horie*  
*D. Collins*  
*A Hewitt*  
*W. Hyatt*  
*Bob Comartin*  
*S. Keefe*  
*S. Craig*  
*Michelle Nava*  
*James*

*Bucky Eniade*  
*Jane Chabot*  
*Jamie Koebel*  
*Curtis Collier*  
*N. Malakoff*  
*Paulina J. Song*  
*Shash*  
*Celeste Wong*  
*Suzanne M.*

*Birnie* *Brittany Seibold* *Mary* *Janet Higger*

*L. Warden*

*Michael Thomas*

*Christine Pollock*

*Carol Cahoon*

*Merry Christmas*

*Keith Wats*

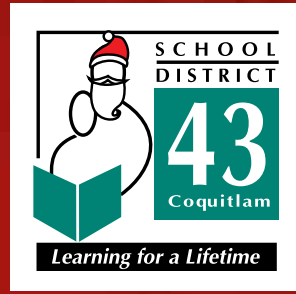
*Barb Hobson*

*Jennifer Blatherwick*

*Kim Palmer & Saak*

*Lisa Park*

*Seasons Greetings from the  
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) Board of Education*

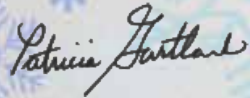


***On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our students, families, and employees!***

***With Christmas and the coming of a new year we can look back upon the year passed and reflect with gratitude on the memories we hold dear. This last year, like the one before, held many challenges but our young people continue to rise above, achieve, and enjoy success in their classrooms and in their personal lives. Students are learning and connecting with each other within our schools and I am grateful they have remained open for the course of the year, providing a touchstone for our community.***

***Though the holiday break can be busy and hectic, it is also an opportunity to recharge, to renew, and to recapture the joy of the season and appreciate those around us that make our lives complete. Take time for self-care and consider giving some time to those less fortunate. I encourage you to embrace hope this coming year and wish for you to achieve all your aspirations. Be kind, be charitable, and most of all, be merry this festive season!***

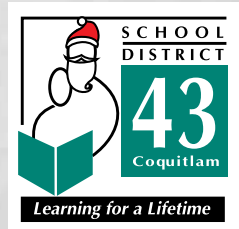
***Sincerely,***



**Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent/CEO**



***merry  
christmas  
&  
happy New Year***



# SD43-DWUL: Community Letter

December 2021



## Do What U Luv - Online Platform

Other community-based programs, education, and services

### **Mpower Lives - Youth “Mpowerment” Camps**

- (CLICK) [Winter break camps: Dec 20-22 & Dec 27-29 - Register now](#)



### **Innovation Works - Online STEAM Programs**

- (CLICK) [Online coding & game \(Beginners & Intermediate, scratch, python\), Line Drawing Art series, Graphics Design](#)



### **Moresports BC - Youth Volunteer Opportunities**

- Tri-Cities hub, ages 12-18 - (CLICK) [Submit an online form](#)



## Community Resources

**Tri-Cities Kids Matter:** [Community resource guide for COVID-19](#)

**City of Coquitlam:** [Recreation Programs](#)

**City of Port Coquitlam:** [Recreation & Youth Services](#)

**City of Port Moody:** [Parks and Recreation](#)

**Place Maillardville Community Centre:** [Youth Programs](#)

**Place des Arts:** [Community Arts Programs, in-person or online](#)

**Westcoast Family Centres:** [Free activities and workshops](#)

**Tri-Cities Children’s Charter of Rights:** [Available in multiple languages](#)

**Tri-Cities Healthy Living Working group:** [Creating healthy habits - Get the “Live 5-2-1-0 App.”](#)

**James Park Community School:** [Online Registration for Winter programs](#)



Resources are provided with the help of Do What U Luv, Tri-Cities Kids Matter, Moresports Coquitlam, City of Coquitlam, City of Port Moody, and City of Port Coquitlam. Questions? Please contact them directly.

# 2 Day Holiday Camps

Martial Arts, Yoga, Acting & Fun Games!!



Cost: \$69.00

Time: 12:30pm - 3:00pm (bring a snack)

Location: Mary Hill Fit Body BOOTCAMP - 503 - 1515, Port Coquitlam

These fun afternoon camps will support your child's mental, emotional, social, and physical well-being while building confidence and self-esteem in a safe supportive environment.

Dec 20 & 22 [click here](#)

Dec 27 & 29 [click here](#)

For questions email [programs@dowhatuluv.ca](mailto:programs@dowhatuluv.ca)

## Classes are:

- Martial Arts & Self-Defense
- Acting and Improv
- Yoga & Mindfulness
- Fun games



**“I had so much fun and made new friends!!”**

