

THIS WEEK AT KILMER

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.
-Coretta Scott King

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR
Tuesday, November 23rd - KPAC plant fundraiser due
Friday, November 26th - KPAC Hot Lunch Day- Subway - Kilmer Spirit Day- Red & Blue
Monday, November 29 - KPAC Purdys fundraiser due
Tuesday, November 30th - KPAC munchAlunch due
Tuesday, December 7th - Early Dismissal- 1:40pm
Wednesday, December 8th - KPAC plant fundraiser pickup
Thursday, December 9th - KPAC Snack Day (@Recess)
Friday, December 10th - Report Cards go home
Wednesday, December 15th - Pyjama Day
Thursday, December 16th - KPAC Purdys fundraiser pickup
Friday, December 17 - Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
Tuesday, January 4 - School Reopens
Friday, January 21 - Spirit Day- Jersey Day
Monday, January 24 - School Based Pro-D Day- no school

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have been faced with more crisis than we could have ever imagined in recent times. The consequences of these crisis are sometimes ours alone and others we share with the greater community. We carry our personal stories with us, invisible to those around us.

There is **unprecedented** courage, kindness and generosity, of individuals and groups, sometimes invisible and sometimes with public acclaim.

I am grateful to be a part of a community who understands that these are times that call for us to consider the impact of what we say and what we do and to focus on those compassionate actions.

Laurie Birnie

DONATIONS

Mme Malakoff's class is collecting donations for local animal shelters. Please see the attached flyer below for more details. Originally the plan was to help local shelters in the Tri-Cities but due to the recent floods and devastating activities in the Fraser Valley, we have reached out to some animal shelters in need from those neighbourhoods as well. All the items are in need but particularly animal food. Thank you for helping!

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.

Symptoms including:

- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sinus congestion
- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness
- Anxiety
- Anger
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Mental confusion
- Inability to concentrate

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

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

HOT LUNCH IS NOW READY FOR ORDERS

Please visit munchalunch.com to place your orders for Treat Day:

Thurs, Dec 9 - Cob's Bread Treat Day (recess) - **orders due Tues, Nov 30**

Should you have any questions please contact KPAC @ 031-pac@sd43.bc.ca

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.

SCENT AWARE

Did you know that all School District 43 sites are SCENT AWARE? All staff, students and visitors are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives. Although the mechanisms by which fragrance chemicals act to produce symptoms are not yet understood, the impact on all those affected can be quite severe, resulting in great difficulty in work and study activities. Please avoid sending your children to school with heavily scented items, **including hand sanitizer**. The district has supplied our school with ample amounts of sanitizer that are both scent aware and safe for the fight against Covid-19.

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DISTRICT RESOURCES



Vaping Prevention Resources: As part of the Province's ongoing work to combat the surge in youth vaping, the Youth Advisory Council for Anti-Vaping and the Minister of Health created the [BC Lung Toolkit](#) with new classroom presentations for Grades 5-7 and 8-10, and a video. These resources are intended to support school administrators, educators and parents in talking to children and youth about the risks of vaping.

https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer/Publications/Vaping_Families_sec020420.pdf



Visit https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and search for “Kilmer Elementary” to support our school.

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 in BC. Our return it code is: **604-941-3401**

KILMER IS FUNDRAISING!

WINTER PLANT FUNDRAISER NOW OPEN



KPAC is fundraising with a Holiday Plant fundraiser. Please consider supporting us and stepping up your holiday decor at the same time! <https://kilmerpac.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Orders will be accepted on the website until Nov 23, and can be picked up on December 8, in time to fill your house with cheer.



It is that time of year again to order your Purdy's for Christmas and support our school PAC fundraiser!! You can click the link below and place your order on the website. If you need to enter the customer number once logged in, it is 39135.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1364293-90360>

Orders are due on or before November 29th and pickup will be approximately December 16.

Please feel free to contact kilmerpac@gmail.com if you have issues or need assistance.

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REMINDER

STUDENT ABSENCES

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](#)

OFFICE HOURS

Kilmer Elementary

1575 Knappen St
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2P8
604-941-3401
kilmer@sd43.b.ca

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



November 15-26th Kilmer Parent and KPAC Vice President, Lynn Bradshaw will be collecting new or gently used Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Coats, Warm Clothing, New Socks & New Underwear for the Local real estate REALTORS Care Blanket Drive.

Please contact her directly at lynnbradshaw@kw.com or 778-998-3746 if you have any donations.

KILMER KIDS CARE



DIVISION 9

We are collecting items for several local animal shelters. We will be sorting and delivering the items to the SPCA, VOKRA and the Coquitlam Animal Shelter.

WHAT ARE WE COLLECTING?

- Wet food, dry food and treats for dogs and cats
- Cardboard scratchers, cleaning supplies, towels
- Litter boxes, flea combs, toys for cats and dogs
- Pet beds, brushes, nail clippers, cat litter
- Small Cat trees/climber, litter scoops, small pet carriers

**Questions? Please email Mme Malakoff
nmalakoff@sd43.bc.ca**

**PLEASE HELP US
HELP OTHERS!**

WHEN?

**We are collecting items
now until Dec. 6th.**

HOW?

Mme Malakoff will be storing the items in her room. You can drop items off at the front of the school, at her outside door (just knock if the door is closed), or a student can drop it off at her room.

EVERY BIT COUNTS

Even if you only donate one can of food...this will help. Imagine if everyone brought one can of food...that's more than 250 cans from Kilmer kids!

