



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE KILMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

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Welcome Connections- Connexions Bienvenue



Dear Kilmer Community,

We are off and running at school 😊 Thanks to everyone for supporting the Terry Fox Run and the Community BBQ a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to the entire school community for their efforts in the Terry Fox Run. École Kilmer raised over \$1400.00 in funds to support cancer research. Well Done!

October brings full day school weeks- at long last. We are now settling into regular classroom routines, projects, and assignments. October has a theme of Emergency Preparedness. As such we will be completing a Fire Drill with Port Coquitlam Fire Department on site. We will also participate in the Shake Out BC – Earthquake Drill.

Several school items are just getting underway this year including PAC Hot Lunches, Lunchbox Theatre, school wear orders, and Scholastic Book Fair. I will continue sending regular emails to keep you informed.

The Kilmer Staff, new and returning, have started the year with some amazing work together on Orange Shirt Week, Kilometer Club, and starting this week- Reading Rocks. This week we welcome HUB Cycling later to teach students in Divisions 1,2,6 and 7 all about bike safety. Later this month intermediate students will participate in the Student Vote, and primary students will venture to the Pumpkin Patch.

Take care and see you outside soon,

Mrs. Roberts, Principal

FAQ's

Late for School? Please come to the Office to sign in Late. Students will then proceed to class inside the building.

Appointment during School? Please come to the Office to sign your child in or out for appointments.

Absent from School? Please use the online absence form on the school website OR email the Office OR phone and leave a message. 604-941-0341

Dropping off Lunch? There is a table at the Office counter for leaving the lunch bags. We will deliver to the classroom for you.

Phoning the school? Please know that Office staff check the answering machine throughout the day. There are scheduled breaks for clerical staff and I am often with students in classrooms, so please leave a message and we will return your call, prepare your child for early or late pick up or pass the message to the teachers as soon as possible.

Kilmer PAC Events



École Kilmer PAC, like many PACs across the world, is rebuilding and reconnecting after several years of quiet, due to the pandemic.

All parents are invited to join the PAC meetings on the first Monday of the month in the school Library. We will be meeting this evening from 6:30-8:00pm to finalize the PAC Budget for the school year. Childcare is provided.

DPAC – The District Parent Advisory Council Executive invites all District 43 parents to a Parent Advisory Council 101 Orientation session on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The evening is open to all parents, grandparents, caregivers and other stakeholders of education in the district. The event is free, but registration is required as seating is limited. Please register by Tuesday, October 4, 2022, online [DPAC Online Event Registration](#)

- KPAC Hot Lunch starts soon- online ordering will be advertised. First lunch date is October 24th.
- KPAC Halloween Dance- Friday October 28th. Details coming soon.

Lunchbox Theatre

Registration for Lunchbox Theatre opens tomorrow. This Fall's show is ***Beauty and the Beast***. Please see attached flyer for details or <https://theatrixouthatre.com/>

Fire Prevention Week - Contest Entries due October 5th

Port Coquitlam Fire & Emergency Services and your child's school have teamed up for safety! The theme this year is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape!" All students at Kilmer are eligible for the "Captain of the Day" contest and win an iPad contest.

[Contest Entry: Captain of the Day](#)

Win an iPad: [Fire Prevention Week - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

STUDENT SERVICES

Our Student Services Team works tirelessly to support students across the school. Student Services includes supporting students with needs for giftedness, counselling, self-regulation, social-emotional needs, health conditions, English language acquisition, learning assistance. Students can be formally designated with learning differences or not and still receive service to support their learning.

Thanks to our fantastic team for their amazing work: Ms. Hyatt, Ms. Turner, Ms. McClarty, Mr. Van Sickle, Ms. Li, Mr. Warhurst, Ms. Saleem, Ms. Eniade, Ms. Horie, Ms. Carr, Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Toombs. As we move through Term 1 we will begin the process of updating the IEP (Individual Education Plan) with families with plans to have all IEP's updated by early December.

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Traditionally, Student Services and KPAC support a few families who are struggling financially through food donations, holiday hampers and field trip subsidies. The Province of British Columbia, recognizing the increased pressure families face due to inflation, is assisting to schools to directly respond to the emergent needs of the community. They anticipate that some families may need help with groceries at some point during the school year and it may be temporary but necessary. If your family, or another is facing hardship, please approach in confidence. Please contact Theresa Roberts, Principal, or Jen McClarty, Counselor.

Halloween at School – Monday October 31st

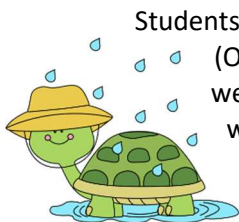


Students and Staff are looking forward to Halloween Fun this year. Classroom teachers will be sending information about how their class plans to spend the Halloween day including when costumes can be worn in class. Please keep in mind that costumes worn to school must follow these

guidelines:

- Fake/Costume weapons of any kind are not permitted
- Masks/Hoods must be removable for safety and so we can see our students
- Keep “scary” to a minimum - please remember what the costume might be like for youngest students

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Students will be going outside every day for recess and lunch. (Occasionally, we do keep the students inside under **extreme** weather conditions.) We ask that ALL students come to school with coats, appropriate outdoor shoes or boots, hats, umbrellas, gloves, etc. as needed. It is strongly **recommended** that students keep a change of clothes and underwear in their gym bags (older students) or in their indoor shoe bag (younger students).




SD43 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

Daily brown-bag lunches are available on a monthly basis at Kilmer. Menus are sent out via email and the lunches are distributed at the office at noon. The cost is \$6.00 per lunch and a subsidy is available for families with financial concerns. Meals are prepared by School District staff at Central Elementary School and delivered daily. Lunches are available for purchase through [KEV/School Cash Online](#) please contact the Kilmer office for more information- kilmer@sd43.bc.ca

COMING UP AT KILMER

The École Kilmer calendar is online – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance. Please revisit our site as ***we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed.***

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KPAC Meeting – School Library 6:30-8:00pm, childcare provided	Oct. 3	Monday
World Teacher Day	Oct. 5	Wednesday
School Photo Day	Oct. 7	Friday
Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL	Oct. 10	Monday
Polling Stations- Gym Closed	Oct. 14,15	Friday, Saturday
Shake Out BC Earthquake Preparedness	Oct. 20	Thursday
Interim Reports Home	Oct. 20	Thursday
Provincial Pro D Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	Oct. 21	Friday
 Halloween	Oct. 31	Monday
Photo Retakes	Nov. 8	Tuesday
Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 AM)	Nov. 10	Thursday
Early Dismissal for Parent- Teacher Interviews	Nov. 10	Thursday
 Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL	Nov. 11	Friday
Family Skate 5:30-7:30	Dec. 14	Wednesday
Term 1 Report Cards published	Dec. 15	Thursday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 20	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Jan. 3, 2023	Tuesday