



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE KILMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

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Welcome Connections- Connexions Bienvenue

January 2, 2023

Dear Kilmer Community,

Happy New Year. On behalf of Kilmer Staff, we hope you weathered the holidays safely. We are looking forward to seeing all students and stepping into 2023 with the comfort of established school routines and connections to staff and friends.



Thank you for the tremendous support of the Holiday Hampers. Our school community helped 13 families. The Holiday Hamper parent committee was truly amazing with the time and effort spent seeking and organizing donations. To the many private donors, the Port Coquitlam Running Club, and KPAC- THANK YOU!!

We are all set for a fantastic winter term together. Some anticipated highlights:

Athletics: Gymnastics in January and lacrosse in February gym classes. Soccer on Mon/Wed in January, and KHL in February and March at lunch times.

Events: Black Excellence Day, Lunar New Year and Litter-less Lunch in January; Kindness, Valentine's and Pink Shirt Day in February; and Bon Homme returns for Carnival in March! In addition, we will host Wednesday Assembly once per month with 2 classes performing each time until all classes have the opportunity to perform.

Theme Days: Jersey Day, School Spirit Wear, Plaid Day
Kilmer Spirit Wear will be on sale through an online store that opens on January 9th.

After School Programs: Luv2 Dance, Science, Crazy Sports, Functional Fitness
There is still time to register for the after-school programs. They begin next week- January 9th.

The Report Cards were published on December 15th. If you have difficulty accessing your child's report card please contact me directly on email and I will help you. I will be following up with all families who experienced log in issues. This process will get easier as we go through the years, especially now that the Family Portal is linked to the BC Services Card and does not require a password change every few months.

We wish Ms. Fraser and Ms. Chabot health and happiness for the start of 2023. Ms. Fraser is expecting a baby early in the new year and Ms. Chabot is on a leave of absence. Both teachers will be replaced with a temporary teacher for the time being.

Please find below more information and links for After School Programs, School Fundraisers, Black Excellence Day, and Programs of Choice. The school calendar at the end of the page has pro d days and holidays highlighted for quick reference.

Mrs. Roberts, Principal

Return It! Proceeds go to Grade 5 Camp Sasamat Day Consider donating your bottle refunds to the school. Thanks to KPAC, Kilmer Elementary has a Return It account. Please use the school phone number at any Encorp Pacific Depot and your refund amount will be allocated to the school. Proceeds from January and February will go directly to supporting the grade five trip to Camp Sasamat.



Tru Earth KPAC Fundraiser Support our NEW fundraiser by shopping for your **everyday eco-friendly essentials** with Tru

Earth: <https://fundraising.tru.earth/kilmer>

From January to June, every purchase made through this link will earn 20% back towards supporting the wellbeing of our community and students at École Kilmer. Please feel free to share the link on social media or send it to friends and family! All products will ship directly to homes for free (minimum spend) or low cost.

After School Programs *Click the links below for details - Register on [DWUL](#).*

[Kilmer \(Mon\): Love2Dance](#)

[Kilmer \(Thurs\) Game Ready Crazy Sports](#)

[Kilmer \(Friday\) Function Health Powered By Moresports](#)

[Kilmer \(Tues\) Science Zone](#) Registration at www.portcoquitlam.ca/register or 604-927-7529

Black Excellence Day At school we will be reading books in classes with a focus on Black Excellence particularly in the second week of January. Families may be interested in reading together at home.

[Read Aloud Stories for Families](#) . Parents may be interested in learning more about [Black Excellence Day](#) and listening to an informative podcast [Quirks and Quarks Podcast](#) *This special edition of CBC Radio's Quirks & Quarks looks at the history and future of Black people in science. We delve into the history of biased and false "race science" that for hundreds of years was used to justify slavery, exploitation and exclusion.*

Winter Weather Ahead! Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall. Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio. We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION – FOR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS 2023

Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Kindergarten entering September 2023:
 Opens January 5, 2023 at 9am
 Closes January 11, 2023 at 4pm

The link to application will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for placement. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2023. Children who are not successfully placed will be on a waitlist and must register for Kindergarten at their catchment school.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice and wish their upcoming kindergarten child to enter must still apply and indicate “Confirmation of Sibling Status applies”.


Please ensure the school has your most current address.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

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 dates as they are confirmed.***

Tuesday	Jan. 3	Welcome Back to School!
Tuesday	Jan. 3	Register for after school programs online
Thursday	Jan. 5	SD43 Programs of Choice K Registration (FRIM K) opens online
Saturday	Jan. 7	Eastern Orthodox Christmas
Monday	Jan. 9	After school programs begin

Monday	Jan. 9	Gymnastics Unit in all GYM classes
Monday	Jan. 9	KPAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm School Library
Friday	Jan. 13	Black Excellence Day – Wear Black
Tuesday	Jan. 17	Hearing Screening- Grade 2 and new students
Friday	Jan. 20	Theme Day- Jersey Day – wear a jersey from one of your favourite teams
Monday	Jan. 23	Lunar New Year
Wednesday	Jan. 25	School Assembly 9:15-10:15 Div. 10&11 performing, families invited
Friday	Jan. 27	KPAC Hot Lunch
Monday	Jan. 30	Pro D Day – no school for students
Tuesday	Jan. 31	Kindergarten Registration Week
Thursday	Feb. 2	 Groundhog Day
Monday	Feb. 6	KPAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm School Library
Monday	Feb. 6	KHL Begins! Mondays and Wednesdays at Lunch
Tuesday	Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Friday	Feb. 17	BC Lion’s Energy Presentation in GYM – all classes
Saturday	Feb. 18	Maha Shivrati
Monday	Feb. 20	Family Day – Statutory Holiday
Wednesday	Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day Assembly- Divisions 4&5 perform
Wednesday	Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
Friday	Feb. 24	Pro D Day- no school for students
Friday	March 3	KPAC Hot Lunch
Monday	March 6	KPAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm School Library
Tuesday	March 7	Early Dismissal 1:45pm
Wednesday	March 8	School Assembly
Wednesday	March 8	Holi
Thursday	March 9	Term 2 Report Cards published
Friday	March 10	Carnival! All students participate in the French Cultural Festivities
Friday	March 10	Theme Day- wear plaid
Friday	March 10	Last day before Spring Vacation
		SPRING BREAK March 11- March 26
Monday	March 27	Welcome Back to School!