

THIS WEEK AT KILMER

April 16th, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

Friday, April 23rd
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day

Friday, April 30
Spirit Day- Jersey/Sports Team Day

Friday, May 21st
School-based Non-Instructional Day

Monday, May 24th
Victoria Day – school not in session

Friday, May 28
Spirit Day- Backwards Day

Tuesday, June 2nd
Early Dismissal @1:40 pm

Friday, June 18
Spirit Day- Tropical Day

Tuesday, June 22
Grade 5 Event- *tentative, more info to come*

Tuesday, June 29th
Last Day of School for All Students

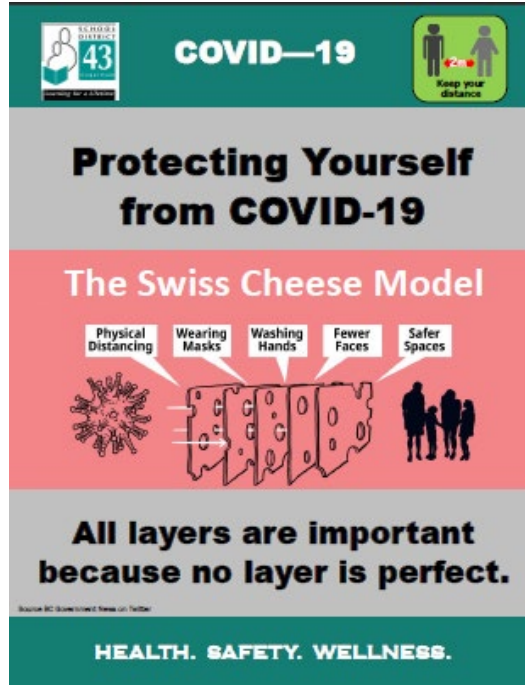
Wednesday, June 30th
Administrative Day – school not in session

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have been very lucky to have such great weather this week. The staff and students have taken advantage of the opportunity to get outside.

Turn your face toward the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.
(Maori Proverb)

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking for opportunity to practise The Swiss Cheese Model for covid 19



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Thursday, April 22nd is our Student Led Conference day, and things will look much different this year. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have visitors in the classrooms. Instead, students will be bringing home some samples of their work to show off to you, which will need to be returned on the following Monday. Each teacher will have a set of instructions or an agenda to go along with their student's package of work. Please take some time during the weekend to celebrate your child and all their hard work.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please notify the office. We are happy to receive the information in advance or first thing in the morning before 8:40 am. [Report your Student's Absence Online](#)

Please inform the office if you are deviating from your usual pick up routine. When changes are made sometimes, we forget to notify everyone involved. The office staff is often responsible for sharing such information. Thank you.



Due to COVID-19 protocols, we cannot facilitate Early Dismissals during the Lunch Hour or Recess Break. Early Dismissals and late arrivals are executed from the exterior classroom doors with prior communication to the office.



OUR WATER FOUNTAINS ARE CLOSED

Please ensure your student arrives to school each day with a filled water bottle.

Some families are choosing to keep an additional water bottle in the bottom of the backpack

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ZOOM KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION MEETING- **postponed**

Recently our Kindergarten team has been invited to a district meeting to discuss Kindergarten connection for next. In light of this, Kilmer is postponing our Kindergarten Parent orientation meeting until we have met with the District team. Incoming K parents can expect more information in the coming weeks.

Please see page 4 for Ready Set Learn details!

ILLNESS POLICY- **The Daily Health Check has changed.**

All students, staff and visitors must perform a Daily Health Check before coming to school and stay home when sick. The Daily Health Check for students has been updated to reflect the new information provided by the Ministry of Education and the BCCDC. For convenience, the Ministry of Education has also provided a link to the new App for the Daily Health Check. To download the mobile app go to: [K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools)

If a child starts showing or indicates any symptom as listed above while at school, they will be instructed to put on a mask and moved to the Isolation Room. Parents will be contacted and must plan arrangements to have their student picked up right away.

Please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools> to learn more about Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings

We are seeing a surge in local cases due to community spread and we need everyone to continue to make the effort to abide by the [current guidelines](#). We are reminding families that on school days from 8:20am-3:15pm, while on school grounds children must remain in their learning groups.

VANDAL WATCH- HELP REDUCE VANDALISM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

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.

KPAC IS FUNDRAISING! 031-pac@sd43.bc.ca

Cobs Fundraiser

Visit COBS Bread at Oxford Marker (2020 Oxford Connector, Port Coquitlam) and mention "Kilmer Elementary School" and COBS Bread will donate 5% of the purchase to the school.



Return It Express Fundraiser!

École Kilmer Elementary School is now registered with Return It Express Recycling in BC.

Our return it code is: 604-941-3401



Neufeld Farms Fundraiser – **closing April 25th**



It's BBQ Season and KPAC is fundraising with Neufeld Farms! All orders must be made online through [Munchalunch](#). Please reach out to KPAC President, Krista Ramirez at kilmerpac@gmail.com should you have any questions or require assistance with the ordering process.



Orders will close on April 25th at 3:00 pm, and we will have delivery to the school on May 5th at 2:30 pm.

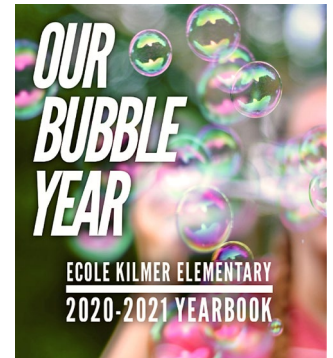
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2020-2021 KILMER YEARBOOK

KPAC & Kilmer Teachers are actively preparing for the 2020-2021 Yearbook, and copies are available for purchase via [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#).

In the meantime, please ensure you have completed the permission form for your child's photo and name to be used in the yearbook.

The permission slip can be found on School Cash Online



DOGS ON THE SCHOOLGROUNDS

Students have noticed an increase of dog poo left in their play areas, ultimately ruining their outdoor activity. We are happy to welcome family dogs on the playground before and after school. All dogs must remain on a leash. **Please clean up after your dog.**

SD43 BUDGET MEETING- APRIL 20, 2021

Dear members of our school communities,

The Board of Education appreciates and recognizes your many and valuable contributions to our school communities. With that in mind, we wish to invite you to participate in the 2021-22 Budget Process.

The [Budget 2021-22 & Three-Year Financial Plan](#), is a comprehensive document regarding the budget process, financial outlook, and the ways you can provide feedback to the Board of Education.

We invite you to share your feedback at our budget meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. If you are interested in providing feedback to the proposed budget, please email budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca and further information will be provided. In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the public meetings, or through email (budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca) or mail.

Please visit the SD43 Budget website at www.sd43.bc.ca/budget to:

- Learn about government funding and allocation;
- Learn about the SD43 budget process;
- Learn about [Directions 2025](#), the School District's vision;
- Engage in the consultation by asking questions about the budget;
- Expect responses to your concerns and input; and
- Contribute ideas that align with the goals and objectives from *Directions 2025* on how to address the opportunities and challenges.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) Board of Education

c/o Chris Nicolls, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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OFFICE HOURS

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. We ask that your child arrives prepared for their day.



Ready, Set, Learn



Coquitlam

Parents and caregivers of 3–5 year olds are invited to join virtual sessions designed to support their children's learning and development as they grow as lifelong learners. This free early learning event is sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)

Participants will receive a Zoom link prior to the session.

Nurturing Social and Emotional Competencies

Miriam Miller, Social and Emotional Learning Specialist

Tuesday, April 27th (7pm–8pm)

This session explores ways to nurture children's social and emotional competencies as they prepare to investigate the new, social landscape of school. Fostering social and emotional skills at a young age plays a key role in future learning and relationships. Join Miriam Miller as she shares simple, practical ways for parents and caregivers to build and encourage the development of these skills and behaviours at home.

Taking Learning Outdoors

Alexa Charles, Mentor Support Teacher, SD43 &

Sinead Joy, Kindergarten Teacher, Coquitlam River Elementary

Tuesday, June 1st (7pm–8pm)

In today's world, children are not always afforded with the same extended periods of outdoor time many of us experienced throughout our own childhoods. The promotion of well-being and physical development, opportunities for rich, meaningful learning, and connection to the natural world are only a few reasons that many teachers build outdoor learning into their daily schedule. Join Alexa and Sinead as they share the positive impacts that being outside can have on our children and what this might look like in Kindergarten.

Making Sense of Common Sleep Challenges

Sarah Fenrich, Occupational Therapist and Holistic Sleep Coach

Tuesday, May 4th (7pm–8pm)

Nighttime anxiety, nightmares and late bedtimes are common sleep challenges in school-aged children. Join Sarah as she shares information about sleep and common sleep challenges and provides parents and caregivers with simple hands-on sleep strategies that will lead to a more positive bedtime experience, increased independence with sleeping, and improve your child's overall sleep.

Looking into a Kindergarten/Grade 1 Classroom

Roxanne McIntyre & Erika Weiseman, Kindergarten Teachers,

James Park Elementary

Tuesday, June 15th (7pm–8pm)

Multi-age classrooms cultivate a child-led environment where students can develop a lifelong love of learning. Grouping students in such a way creates space for an environment that honours how children develop at different paces and with different natural skills set. Drawing from their experience and expertise, Roxanne and Erika will share benefits of a multi-age classroom and the positive impacts it can have on the social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a child.

Playful Numeracy

Lauren Maclean, Mentor Support Teacher, SD43

Tuesday, May 18th (7pm–8pm)

Math offers us ways to make sense of the world around us. When nurtured in a playful way, our early learners explore mathematical ideas as concepts to be discussed and reasoned through, shifting away from memorization to understanding and flexible thinking. Join Lauren as she shares how playful numeracy can be encouraged at home and what your child might experience in the Kindergarten classroom.

Families are the first teachers, the primary caregivers, and the knowledge-holders of their children. Families have the most important role in promoting their children's well-being and learning.

– BC Early Learning Framework (Ministry of Education)

For the Love of Literacy

Jenn Jeon & Janet VanStraten, Kindergarten Teachers, Leigh Elementary

Tuesday, May 25th (7pm–8pm)

Creating a literacy-rich environment at home is invaluable to your child's development. Immersing your young child in a variety of reading, writing, and oral experiences fosters creative and critical thinking from an early age. In this session, Jenn and Janet will provide a glimpse of literacy instruction in Kindergarten and will share their knowledge and passion for how to nurture your child's love of literacy at home.

If you have any questions, please contact Harpreet Esmail, Early Learning Coordinator, hesmail@sd43.bc.ca.

