

THIS WEEK AT KILMER

March 19, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

Friday, March 19

- Last Day before Spring Break
- Report Cards sent home

March 19-April 5

First Day Back from Spring Break

Tuesday, April 6

School Reopens

Wednesday, April 21st

Kindergarten Orientation for Incoming K parents

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 29th

Last Day of School for All Students

Wednesday, June 30th

Administrative Day – school not in session

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 can not facilitate Early Dismissals during the Lunch Hour or Recess Break. Early Dismissals and late arrivals are executed from the exterior classroom doors.

ZOOM KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION MEETING FOR INCOMING K PARENTS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST @ 7PM

You are invited to attend a Kindergarten orientation meeting. The meeting will give you an opportunity to meet other kindergarten parents, meet the kindergarten teachers, the school principal and vice principal, and a representative from our Parents' Advisory Council. There will be a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

We will be discussing full day kindergarten, play based curriculum, school routines, protocols, for communication as well as information about our school community.

When parents have the opportunity to take an active role in their children's education, children have a greater prospect for success. Parents learn valuable ways to help their children by reinforcing skills taught at school. Teachers and school staff have an opportunity to get to know the new kindergarten students and their families.

A link will be sent out to parents closer to the date of the meeting

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.



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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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.

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.**



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

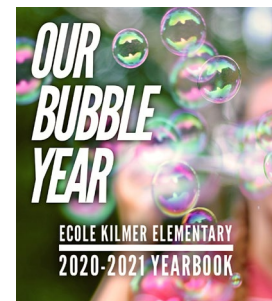


2020-2021 KILMER YEARBOOK

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



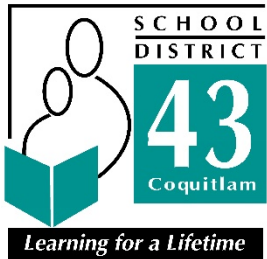
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OFFICE HOURS

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.





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March 18, 2021

Dear SD43 families,

As we acknowledge the one-year anniversary of the WHO declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, we are starting to see glimpses of light at the end of the tunnel. Spring is a time of renewal and as we move into spring break, I hope that you will have the opportunity to rest and recharge for the final stretch of the 2020-2021 school year.

The last day of classes before the break is Friday, March 19th with students returning to the classroom after Easter Monday on Tuesday, April 6th. Over the coming weeks staff and administrators will continue to share exposure notifications, should they be necessary, and we encourage you to continue to follow public health guidelines. As usual, in the event of an exposure notification, postings will be made to social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) while principals will be in contact with families directly affected. Please follow the directions of the Fraser Health Authority if they contact you. Hand hygiene, social distancing, mask wearing and continual daily monitoring for symptoms are still recommended and we all hope to return to class healthy and safe.

Increased access to vaccinations makes us all hopeful that we may soon resume activities we have enjoyed before, but now is not the time to let our guard down. We are nearing the finish line, so we must finish strong. Enjoy spring break, relax, renew, reconnect, and we will see you after the Easter holiday.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
CEO/Superintendent