

# THIS WEEK AT

January 14, 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

### Monday, January 17

- Pink Shirt Day orders due
- Annual Hearing Screening
- KPAC Meeting 7pm

### Friday, January 21

- Spirit Day- Jersey Day

### Monday, January 24

- School Based Pro-D Day- no school

### February 1-4

- Kindergarten Registration (online)

### February 4-9

- Cross Catchment Process (online)

### Friday, February 18

- KPAC Munch-a-Lunch \*\*\*\*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today, students are bringing home a letter with information that will help families navigate through the event of a Functional Closure at Kilmer. You can view the letter [here](#) if your child did not bring it home. Both this document, and a helpful [Microsoft Teams Instruction](#) page has been added to the Kilmer Website should you be unable to access it through this newsletter.

Please contact the classroom teacher directly should you require further instruction or help with your child's username & password.

## CURRENT COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AT KILMER

- Regular hand washing
- Staying home when sick.
- Maintaining a 2-metre distance wherever possible and respecting physical distancing and the personal space of others- floor markings and signage
- Staff & Students Completing a daily health check or BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool and following the advice provided.
- assigned play zones by grade level for outdoor play time at recess and at lunch.
- Observing the 14-day wait period for return to school after international travel
- classrooms have been rearranged to maximize space between people
- Wearing masks in accordance with the Provincial Health Order
- School access has been limited to school and district staff. All staff and parent meetings will be held virtually.

## QUICK LINKS

- [Kilmer Website](#)
- [Online Absence Report](#)
- [School Cash Online/KEV](#)
- [munch A lunch](#)
- [Parent EForms](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Behaviour Matrix](#)
- [BC Gov - Safe Schools](#)
- [BC CDC K-12 Schools & COVID 19](#)
- [Microsoft Teams Instructions](#)


## STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING DURING THIS TIME


As of January 10th we are now recording those who are self isolating due to being a close contact or those returning from international travel as "illness" If this applies to your child, please ensure you select Illness/Medical when submitting your [Online Absence Report](#)



### Absence:

- Illness/Medical    Family Vacation    Early Dismissal    Late    Other

From:    
(Enter **first** day of absence above)

To:    
(Enter **last** day of absence above)

### **You should self-isolate if:**

- You have symptoms of COVID-19.
- You are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and you are not fully vaccinated.
- You have been asked to self-isolate by public health or because of recent travel.

### **For more information on Self Isolating please visit:**

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>

- A close contact is generally someone who has been near a person with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes when health and safety measures were not in place or were insufficient.
- People you live or share a room with.
- People you had intimate contact with.
- If public health decides you are a close contact, you have to follow their advice.

### **For more information on Close Contacts please visit:**

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer/Documents/COVID-19%20Instructions%20%20for%20close%20contact.pdf>

## 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.





\$10 each

### PINK SHIRT DAY IS FEBRUARY 23/21

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, "Be Kind", with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds to "Kidsport Tri Cities" to help youth get involved in organized sport. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Let's make a difference that lasts!

Order online through [School Cash Online/KEV](#) by January 17th



\$30 each

## Online Kindergarten Registration

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FEB 1-3

Kindergarten registration opens on February 1<sup>st</sup> for 2017 born children. Please see the School District website for more information and to complete your application. The link to application will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>. Applicants living within our catchment and those with siblings currently registered in grades k-4 at Kilmer will send their registration packages digitally to Kilmer Elementary. Applicants wishing to register at Kilmer from outside of our catchment will need to register at their catchment school, and then complete the Cross Catchment Application online beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### 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**

### 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.

### KILMER IS FUNDRAISING!



Consider purchasing **Mabel's Labels** to help identify your child's belongings. Visit [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) and search for "Kilmer Elementary" to support our school.



**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**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- [City of Port Coquitlam Website](#)
- [Westcoast Family Centres](#)
- [Share Family & Community Services](#)

### DISTRICT NEWS

- [Fraser Health Region Rapid Response Team International Travel Advisory](#)
- [Superintendent's letter to families re: local and international travel advisories](#)
- [Government of BC COVID-19 Update: Vaccination for children 5-11](#)

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Kilmer Elementary

1575 Knappen St  
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2P8  
604-941-3401  
kilmer@sd43.bc.ca  
[www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer](http://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 the school at [Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca)

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](#)

