

THIS WEEK AT

October 15, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR	
Thursday, October 21st	Interim Report Cards go home
Friday, October 22nd	District Pro-D Day- no school
Tuesday, October 26th	KPAC Fresh to You Fundraiser Due
Friday, October 29th	-Halloween Celebration -KPAC Neufeld Fundraiser Due
Monday, November 1st	-KPAC Meeting <small>(online)</small>
Tuesday, November 9th	-Student Portrait RETAKES <small>9am-12pm</small>
Wednesday, November 10th	KPAC Neufeld Fundraiser Pickup <small>2:30pm</small>
Thursday, November 11th	Remembrance Day- School closed
Tuesday, December 7th	Early Dismissal- 1:40pm
Friday, December 10th	Report Cards go home
Friday, December 17	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

Over the past couple weeks, the Kilmer Staff and Students have been fortunate to have neighbouring Principals from Citadel, Pitt River and Riverside working from Kilmer to support Staff & Students while Ms Birnie is recovering from injury. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she is back at school soon!



If you need to be in touch with an administrator, please do not hesitate to call the Kilmer Office at 604-941-3401 or email kilmer@sd43.bc.ca



Tommy, the PADS Dog from Pitt River even stopped by to lend a paw!

INTERIM REPORTS- Thursday, October 21

Interim Reports will be sent home with your student on Thursday, October 21. Once you have reviewed your child's interim report, please email the classroom teacher to confirm receipt.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY- Friday, October 22

There will be no school for students on Friday October 22nd.

BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Now that the routines have been set inside and outside of the building, we will be focusing on the behaviour expectations in the coming days. You can review the [Behaviour Matrix](#) at home.

TERRY FOX RUN DONATIONS

Kilmer Elementary tried like Terry last Wednesday and are [collecting donations online](#) until TODAY Friday, October 15th.

To date we have raised over \$1000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.



2021-2022 Bell Schedule	
8:45 Start Time	
8:45-10:35	Instructional Time
10:35-10:50	Recess
10:50-12:00	Instructional Time
12:00-12:15	Eating Time
12:15-12:44	Lunch Break
12:47-2:40	Instructional Time
2:40 Dismissal	

SCENT AWARE

Did you know that all School District 43 sites are SCENT AWARE? All staff, students and visitors are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives. Although the mechanisms by which fragrance chemicals act to produce symptoms are not yet understood, the impact on all those affected can be quite severe, resulting in great difficulty in work and study activities. Please avoid sending your children to school with heavily scented items, **including hand sanitizer.**

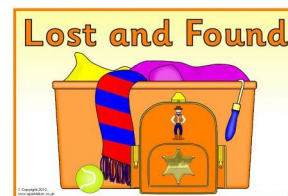
The district has supplied our school with ample amounts of sanitizer that are both scent aware and safe for the fight against Covid-19.

Symptoms including:
• Headache
• Sore throat
• Runny nose
• Sinus congestion
• Wheezing
• Shortness of breath
• Dizziness
• Anxiety
• Anger
• Nausea
• Fatigue
• Mental confusion
• Inability to concentrate

2020/2021 LOST AND FOUND

Please view the Lost & Found gallery from the 2020-2021 School Year [HERE](#).

If you locate an item that belongs to your child, **please make note of the Image Number, and complete the [Microsoft Form](#).** Claimed items will be returned directly to students. **After this weekend, unclaimed items will be donated.**



If you child has lost something this year, please encourage them to check the two lost & found on their recess and lunch break. Labelling items such as shoes, jackets & water bottles will improve the likelihood of them being reunited with your student. [Mabel's Labels](#) offers an ongoing Fundraiser to Kilmer Elementary. You can connect to Kilmer under the "Support a Fundraiser" tab.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION- Friday, October 29

Kilmer staff and students will be celebrating Halloween in the afternoon of Friday, October 29th. Students will take part in a virtual costume parade presented to the other classes, and teachers will share photos home with families.

We ask that students do not come to school in costume, but go home at lunch to get changed, or bring an easy costume that they can pull over their clothes or change into right after lunch- full changes in the washroom will not be permitted.

Parents that are taking their students home to change should pick their students up at 11:45 am from their classroom door and return them to their lineup for 12:45pm.

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to celebrate Halloween in person with parents or with treats brought from or bought by home.

Please see the attached letter from Superintendent, Patricia Garland for more information about Halloween.

QUICK LINKS

- [Kilmer Website](#)
- [Online Absence Report](#)
- [School Cash Online/KEY](#)
- [munchAlunch](#)
- [Parent EForms](#)
- [Kilmer's Terry Fox Run Donations](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)



THIS WEEK AT **KILMER**

KILMER GRAD WEAR (grade 5) - **Orders Due- October 19!**

KPAC has organized the sale of Grade 5 Hoodies, available to purchase through [School Cash Online/KEV](#). Due to COVID-19, we will not have size samples available at the school but you can view the [sizing information](#) online.

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.

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

Support the Grade 5s!

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER



Orders Due: **Wednesday, Oct 26**
Delivery: **Nov 15-26** *to be confirmed

order online through muchAlunch- <https://munchalunch.com/schools/kilmer/>

Questions? email Dipti Panchal dipti_panchal@hotmail.com

Orders Due: **October 29th**
Delivery: **November 10 @ 2:30pm**

order online through muchAlunch- <https://munchalunch.com/schools/kilmer/>



mabel's labels

Consider purchasing Mabel's Labels to help identify your child's belongings. Visit 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**

STUDENT ABSENCES

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](#)

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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



WESTCOAST PARENT BUZZ

October 2021

FOLLOW US!

@Westcoastfamctr

@WestcoastFamilyCentres

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With the leaves changing and the cool, crisp air settling in, we are starting to look forward to some exciting holidays and events this October! Check out fun Thanksgiving and Halloween activities for the kids below as well as new and exciting parenting groups starting this month.

NEW ONLINE AND IN-PERSON GROUPS

THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND IDEAS

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS To register for our new programs head to our [Calendar of Events](http://www.westcoastfamily.org/events)



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October 12, 2021

A Message to Parents and Guardians: Halloween Appropriateness

Halloween across all schools in SD43 is a fun and festive day which brings the school community together. Typically, the time around Halloween is incident-free and very respectful.

From time to time, a few students “in character” push the boundaries of what is socially acceptable, or what is appropriate behavior in schools, sometimes at the expense of others. With that in mind, for student safety and school climate reasons, and to ensure that every student and adult in our community enjoys the time around Halloween, we would like your assistance in reinforcing these guidelines with your children:

- Students in costume should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any staff member when queried. Also, students “in character” are to conduct themselves appropriately. Behaviors which intimidate, harass or humiliate members of the community do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate, as are costumes which are hyper-sexualized, or costumes which depict elements of sexual exploitation.
- It is also important to note that costumes which portray negative stereotypes or that demean any group of people or make fun of anyone’s suffering, are inappropriate. Costumes should not make light of anyone’s religious, cultural, ethnic or racial group.

As a reminder, by law and School District expectations, the use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. This pertains to students before, during or after school, on or offsite.

Finally, a few recent trends on social media platforms have encouraged disruption to school communities in the form of vandalism and/or disrespectful, potentially dangerous behaviour. Students and parents need to be mindful that inappropriate behaviour will be addressed by school administration under the authority granted by the BC School Act, and with the involvement of police where appropriate.

Please refer to these readily available public websites for more information:

<https://www.coquitlam.ca/286/Fire-Safety-Tips>

<https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/city-services/fire-emergency-services/fire-safety-information/>

<https://www.portmoody.ca/en/city-services/fall-safety-tips.aspx#Halloween-Safety>

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent/CEO