

January 15, 20201

# THIS WEEK AT KILMER

## Safety Protocols and Daily Health Checks

It is so hard to believe that almost a year has passed since we first became aware of COVID 19, the possible impact of this virus and the changes that we would have to make in our personal lives and our lives at school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our Kilmer staff, especially our caretaking staff, who have worked so hard to keep our school clean and sanitized.

Thank you to our families for their support and their commitment to following the safety protocols and Daily Health Checks.

It has been a challenging time and for the next while we will need to stay focused on our commitment to follow our safety protocols, Daily Health Checks, social distancing, handwashing and hand sanitizing

We can do this together!

## **IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Grade 2 Hearing Screening

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

- School Based Non-Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL)

- KPAC Meeting 7pm Zoom

**February 2-5<sup>th</sup>**

- 2021 Kindergarten Registration

**February 5-10<sup>th</sup>**

- Cross Catchment Applications Due (online)

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

- BC Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Me n Ed's Fundraiser

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Non-Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL)

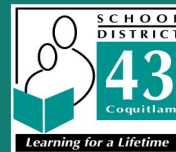
**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 2pm Early Dismissal

**March 19-April 5**

- Spring Break

## **IMPORTANT REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**



[www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

**Kindergarten Registration**

**Cross Catchment Application**



**Wednesday, January 27, 2021 to Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9 am to Thursday, February 10, 2021 at 4 pm**

## **FRISBEE GOLF AT KILMER**

Thank you to our parent community for supporting this opportunity for our students with the purchase of nine Frisbee Targets and individual frisbees so that all children can access this new sport without sharing the equipment.

On Thursday at lunch, we put out the targets and the two classes that were assigned to the lower field got the first chance to play. It was wonderful to see the children playing with the frisbees. This is a new and different activity at our school, and we are looking forward the seeing the students developing their frisbee skills and learn more about Frisbee Golf.



[Here are a couple photos from the first day!](#)

## **KILMER WEAR UPDATE**

We have not received an update from KPAC or BC Textile Innovations. If you have any questions or concerns about the items you received, please contact KPAC at [031-pac@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:031-pac@sd43.bc.ca)

## **ILLNESS POLICY**

All students, staff and visitors must perform a [Daily Health Check](#) before coming to school and stay home when sick.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| -Fever               | -cough                      |
| -shortness of breath | -worsening of chronic cough |
| -vomiting            | -loss of taste              |
| -diarrhea            | -loss of smell              |
| -nausea              | -chills                     |

**If symptoms do not improve or worsen after 24hrs you must seek a Health Assessment before returning to school.**

A health assessment can include calling 8-1-1, a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner, or going to a COVID-19 testing centre.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, your child can return to school when symptoms improve and they feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. Not COVID-19).

If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because the person or parent chooses not to have the test or a health assessment is not sought when recommended, and the person's symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, they should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then may return if feeling well enough.

If the COVID-19 test is positive, the person should stay home until they are told by public health to end their self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.

**If the COVID-19 test is negative, the person can return to school once symptoms have improved and they feel well enough.** Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless the person develops a new illness. BCCDC has information on receiving negative test results.

If a child starts showing symptoms of which **could be Influenza or COVID-19** 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.

**Parents must seek a Health Assessment for their child, and students should not return for at least 24 hours.**

## KPAC IS FUNDRAISING!



**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.



## NEW! 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 \*updated

Alternatively, if you would like to request an Express Bag label, please contact PAC at: [031-pac@sd43.bc.ca!](mailto:031-pac@sd43.bc.ca)



## Me N Ed's Pizza - Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 11am-9pm

Please This fundraiser is from 11:00 am- 9:00 pm and is good for dine in, take out and delivery on ALL menu items. 25% of all sales will be given back to KILMER

**You must mention KILMER ELEMENTARY ON ALL ORDERS for our fundraiser to be triggered.**

The fundraiser is affiliated with the Port Coquitlam location only.

spread the word! **(604) 942-1200** <https://www.meneds.ca/port-coquitlam>

## 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. **If your student is on the GTS Program, please put in their absences for January 2021.**

### Report your Student's Absence Online

*We ask that any students arriving **AFTER 9:30 am** report to the main entrance. If you are picking your child up for an appointment during the lunch break, it is helpful if you can plan to pick them up at 11:45 from their classroom door.*

### Kilmer Elementary

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[kilmer@sd43.b.ca](mailto:kilmer@sd43.b.ca)

[www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kilmer)

### 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](mailto:Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca). We ask that your child arrives prepared for their day.*





COBS  
BREAD

# RAISE SOME DOUGH

## KILMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mention Kilmer Elementary School and COBS Bread  
Oxford Market will donate 5% of your purchase to the  
school.

RAISING  
DOUGH

ENJOY A FREE LOAF  
WITH THE PURCHASE OF A 6-PACK OF MINI CINNAMON BUNS

COBS  
BREAD



VISIT YOUR LOCAL BAKERY AT:  
COBS Bread  
Oxford Market  
2020 Oxford Connector  
Port Coquitlam BC  
604-474-0635

Valid only at COBS Bread Oxford Market • Present this to receive offer • Not redeemable for cash  
or with any other offer • One voucher per customer per day • Invalid if reproduced • While daily  
quantities last • Expires January 31, 2021

**\*Attention Kilmer Community\***

**We are having a Grade 5 Fundraiser!**



**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 11am-9pm**

**Dine In - Take-Out - Delivery**

**\*All Menu Items\***

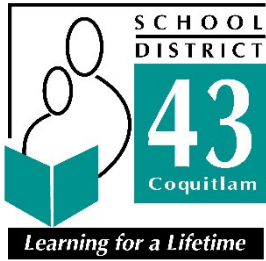
***Kilmer gets 25% of all sales!***

**Tell your family, your neighbors, your workplace, tell everyone in POCO!**

**\*\*\*Just mention KILMER when you order, and we'll receive 25% of each order.**

*Contribute to our grade 5 celebration by supporting your favorite local Pizzeria!*

<https://www.meneds.ca/port-coquitlam>



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Friday, January 15, 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 [2021-22 Budget Process – Stakeholder Consultation Guide](#), is a comprehensive document regarding the budget process and includes the many way you can provide feedback to the Board of Education.

We invite you to share your input at our first budget meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in advance of staff preparing the budget. Your input can help shape the budget proposal for the Board of Education to consider in April 2021. If you would like to provide input, please email [budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca) and a staff member will be happy to guide you through the process.

**New for 2021 – Virtual Meeting Procedure:**

The Budget Input session will occur via ZOOM. Please be mindful of the following:

- please ensure that your name on screen is your first and last name, as it appears on your sign-up documentation.
- we advise that there be one speaker for each presentation, for a more seamless presentation.
- you will note that upon accessing the meeting, that you will not be able to control your microphone or camera. At the time of your presentation, SD43 staff will grant you access to control your microphone and camera, to ensure you can make your presentation.
- access to your camera and microphone will be removed following your presentation.

\*NOTE: it would be appreciated if your camera is on for the duration of your presentation.

In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the three stakeholder information and feedback events in April, or through email ([budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca)) or mail.

Please visit the SD43 Budget website at [www.sd43.bc.ca/budget](http://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

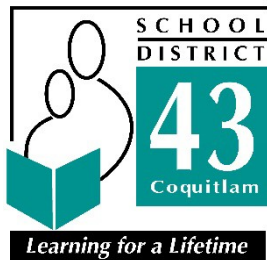
**Jennifer Toderas**

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January 5, 2021

Dear SD43 families,

We have welcomed in the new year and, while the COVID-19 pandemic still looms large, 2021 brings us new hope. I wish to commend our SD43 parent community for their efforts to ensure students are healthy and safe as they return to school. Within the SD43 community, everyone has come together in support of children and families. However, we must remain vigilant in our daily health checks, physical distancing and hand hygiene as this is not the time to let our guard down.

If you have questions related to COVID-19, school exposures or school procedures and protocols, the SD43 website is a valuable resource for accurate information and supports. The following examples are highlights that may be of interest:

- [B.C.'s Back to School Plan](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Stage 2 Health and Safety Protocols: K-12 \(PDF for SD43 Parents/Guardians\)](#)
- [SD43 Superintendent's Letter to Families – Fraser Health Notification Process Update \(PDF\)](#)
- [www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures)
- [Mental Health Resources and Information on www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

In preparation for potential severe winter weather, and possibly snow, I would like to remind you that the best source for school status updates is our SD43 website. The district site and school sites post warnings and closure notices by 6:30am, as needed. Messaging is also shared on district social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) and reported by Lower Mainland news outlets. Please be reminded to dress for the weather, including appropriate footwear, and be careful on sidewalks and roadways. As always, parents/guardians are best able to assess their immediate circumstances and choose whether to send their child(ren) to school in the event of an extreme weather event.

It is exciting to be back at school and starting a new calendar year. Coming up in January and February, grades 4 and 7 students across the province will be writing the BC Ministry of Education's *Foundation Skills Assessment for Grades 4 and 7* (FSA). This is an important measure and snapshot that provides informative data for use in shaping district plans. The Board of Education recently introduced [Directions 2025](#), a document outlining the strategic goals and objectives for SD43 over the next five years. Included in *Goal 1: Intellectual Development* is the objective "develop students as numerate citizens who practice mathematical habits of mind". Addressing the need for a more focused approach to numeracy and mathematical habits is a direct result of data analysis gathered from benchmark tests like the FSA, that measures student abilities at pivotal grade levels and provides valuable insights across the district. Numeracy is not the sole focus moving forward but identifying key areas in which students require specific supports leads to greater overall student success.

We will continue to build on our solid foundation and layer on other initiatives, like early intervention strategies, that support the success and achievement of students.

I am proud of the students, parents and staff of SD43 and their achievements are always of a high standard. With your support, we can look forward to a very successful 2021!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Gartland".

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent/CEO