

# THIS WEEK AT KILMER

November 20, 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

~Leo Buscaglia

Kindness, connectedness and belonging are the cornerstones of community laying the foundation for and the influence of a child's development, their ability to self-regulation and to thrive emotionally, socially and academically.

During this time of uncertainty, it is especially important that we, with the support of our families, teachers, support staff, continue to nurture a school climate and culture that ensures that all feel that Kilmer is their place and that they are safe and happy here.

Together, we can do that for our children.

## QUICK LINKS

- [Kilmer Website](#)
- [Stage 2 Health & Safety Protocols: K-12](#)
- [Online Absence Report](#)
- [School Cash Online/KEV](#)
- [Parent EForms](#)
- [Subscribe to our Calendar](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Care of Cloth Masks](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 24th- Neufeld Farm Orders Due (KPAC)  
Thursday, November 26th- Purdy's Orders Due (KPAC)  
Thursday, December 3rd- Fruit & Veggie Day: Granny Smith Apples  
Friday, December 4th- KPAC Fundraising Order Pick Up  
Tuesday, December 8th- 1:40pm Early Dismissal  
Thursday, December 17th- Fruit & Veggie Day: Halo Mandarin Oranges  
Friday, December 18th- Last Day Before Winter Break

## KINDERGARTEN STAR ASSEMBLY

In the coming days the Kindergarten students will receive their Kilmer Stars from a Grade 5 student via Teams. If you are the parent of a Grade 5 or Kindergarten student please ensure you have received and followed up with the information sent by classroom teachers. If you have not, please reach out to your student's teacher directly.

*More information to come for new Kilmer Students in grades 1-5.*

## RAINY OR SNOWY DAYS AT KILMER

Children need to get outside into the fresh air at recess and at lunch, to have an opportunity to run and play with their classmates so that when they return to the classroom, they are ready to focus on their learning.

We will be sending students to play outside at recess and lunch every day – rain or shine. Students may not have the option to play in the undercover areas as they are assigned to specific play zone that are rotated daily. After our first week of rainy weather it is clear that no matter what the age or grade of the student, they may need to change into dry clothing after their outside breaks. **Families should pack a change of labelled clothing, dry socks footwear for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5.**

Students will go outside no matter what the weather, we have to be sure that students do not sit in wet clothing or have wet socks and shoes for the rest of the school day.

**In the case of extreme weather, children will remain inside.**

## 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.

## LOST AND FOUND

Due to COVID-19 The Lost & Found is temporarily unavailable. Please send your child with only the necessary items for the day; toys and personal items should be kept at home. Food and containers should not be taken outside of the classroom. Students are assigned to designated play areas and remain within their Learning Group for the duration of the day which should allow their items to be easily accounted for. If you arrive to pick up your child to find they have misplaced their jacket, please check with the classroom teacher, and look at their designated play area. If you still can not find the item, or you have something missing from September or October- please

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send a description of the item to the classroom teacher and we will do our best to locate it.

Labelling items such as shoes, jackets & water bottles will improve the likelihood of being reunited. [Mabel's Labels](#) offers an ongoing Fundraiser to Kilmer Elementary. You can connect to Kilmer under the "Support a Fundraiser" tab.

## ILLNESS POLICY

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

**Your child must stay home for at least 24 hours if they have any of the following symptoms:**

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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.

## A MESSAGE FROM KPAC

**Purdy's** orders are still open until November 25th and will be delivered to the school on December 7th starting at 2:30 pm near the entrance to the gym. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1195912-77961>



**Neufeld Farms** orders are still open until November 24th and will be delivered to the school on December 4th at 2:30 pm near the entrance to the gym. This is a great way to stock up your freezers with some great product and at a great price as well.

**Cobs Fundraiser** - Reminder that when you are shopping at Cobs Bread at Oxford Market, all you need to do is mention that they are raising "dough" for Kilmer and 5% of the total sale will go to our PAC.



*The Parent Advisory Committee is still looking for a Vice President as well as a few other volunteer positions (hot lunch, fundraising etc...). This year is quieter than normal and is a great opportunity to learn all the ins and outs of the PAC. If you are interested, please email us at [031-pac@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:031-pac@sd43.bc.ca). Our next Zoom meeting will be December 7th and we look forward to seeing you all there.*

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## 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](#)

*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.*

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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](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**

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