

THIS WEEK AT ILMER

January 21, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

February 1-3 -Kindergarten Registration (online)
February 4-9 -Cross Catchment Process (online)
Wednesday, February 9 -Annual Hearing Screening #2
Monday, February 14 -Spirit Day- Valentine's Day Red & White
Friday, February 18 - KPAC Munch-a-Lunch **** -KPAC Coffee Fundraiser Due
Monday, February 21 - BC Family Day- No School
Wednesday, February 23 - Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 25 - District Pro-D Day- no school
Wednesday, March 9 - Spirit Day: Dress like a book character
Thursday, March 10 - Report Cards go home
March 12-27 - Spring Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for incoming Kindergarten students officially runs from February 1st to 3rd. Registration forms are currently available on the district website. If a school is at capacity for Kindergarten intake, any registration received by February 4th at 4pm will be placed in a random draw for acceptance. Students who are not accepted will be placed in a nearby school with space. Siblings of current grades K-4 students get first priority in placement before a draw is initiated.

It is imperative that incoming K students with siblings currently in grades K-4 register before the February 3rd deadline. Failure to register by the deadline may mean that space will no longer be available for the incoming sibling.

Families who do not live in our school catchment area but have a child in K-4 attending our school, will register their incoming kindergarten student at Kilmer and do not register at their catchment school or complete the online cross catchment form on February 4th.

The program of Choice (French) application process has ended. Children who have been accepted into a Program of Choice register at the Program of Choice school. There is no need to register at their neighbourhood (English) catchment school.



Applicants living within our catchment and those with siblings currently registered in grades K-4 are to [submit their applications](#) and documents via email at kilmer@sd43.bc.ca

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](#)

Cross Catchment

Any student currently in grades K-5 who wish to attend another school in SD43 for the 2022-23 school year will need to apply for a cross catchment request. The online cross catchment process begins Friday, February 4th at 9am and ends on Wednesday, February 9th at 4pm. The parent/guardian must apply for a cross-catchment placement through the School District web site (www.sd43.bc.ca). You can check your catchment by visiting the [School Locator Tool](#).

Virtual Fieldtrip and Experiences for Kilmer Kids

If we can't get to the theatre, the theatre can come to us! Through Axis Theatre Tours, Kilmer students and teachers have accessed **Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish - The Film**. This Kwantlen First Nations tale follows a sly Mouse (Kw'at'el) who is caught stealing cheese from this feast dish. To appease an angry Th'owxiya, Kw'at'el embarks on a journey to find two children for the ogress to eat, or else! Students and staff enjoyed the traditional Coast Salish and Sto:lo music, masks, and imagery while learning how Raven (Sqeweqs), Bear (Spa:th), and Sasquatch (Sasq'ets) trick a hungry spirit and save Kw'at'el and their family from becoming the feast!



The funds for this and future opportunities have come from a donation of \$1,340.00 from BC Housing who have kindly supported our community's journey of engagement with Indigenous culture and knowledge.

IF YOU HAVE COVID-19- updated Jan 24/21

Learn how to care for yourself if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19.



- [What to do if you have mild symptoms and testing is not recommended](#)
- [What to do if you test positive for COVID-19](#)
- [Managing your symptoms](#)
- [Vaccination after infection](#)
- [Caring for someone with COVID-19](#)

The BC CDC updated their guidance around Close contacts and contact tracing on January 26th. [Please visit their website for more information.](#)

- [Instructions for close contacts](#) updated Jan 26/21

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 BC CDC updated their guidance around close contacts and contract tracing. [Please visit their website for more information.](#) All parents are encouraged to review the [BC Ministry of Education's COVID-19 safe schools](#) plan.



DO YOUR DOO DILIGENCE!



Thanks for leashing your dog and cleaning up after it.

REQUIRED BY BYLAW | FINES WILL APPLY

portcoquitlam.ca/bylaws

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

There has been an increase of dog poo being left in the areas where your students play. Please report unleashed dogs and/or irresponsible owners to the City of Port Coquitlam Bylaw

Bylaw Enforcement

Bylaw Services

Tel 604.927.5440

Email: bylawservices@portcoquitlam.ca

At all times during student drop off and pick up, all dogs on District property must be:

- Licensed;
- Cleaned up after and have their waste removed;
- Leashed and under adult control (assistance dogs exempt); and
- Kept away from building entrances and play areas

KILMER IS FUNDRAISING!

Please contact the PAC if you have any questions at 031-pac@sd43.bc.ca or view their Facebook Page for up to date information www.facebook.com/KilmerPAC



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**



École Kilmer Elementary PAC is excited to announce a new fundraiser that will be sure to "wake" us up this New Year!

Orders due **Friday, February 18th**

<https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/kilmer/>

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.**

DAILY REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS



A reminder to please send your child with a mask each day. If possible, having additional clean masks available in their back should they need to change. Thank you for your assistance.



School routines are in full swing both at home and at school and we know that on occasion supplies such as; cutlery and other essentials will be left out of the lunch box. We have had quite a number of students asking for water bottles, forks and spoons. The water bottle filling station located near the library is accessible to students throughout the day. We ask that you try to provide all the needed items your child will require to eat their lunch and snack.



At Kilmer, we practice west coast recess and lunch breaks which means, we go outside rain or shine every day. We all need a break with fresh air and the chance to run around, this helps our focus and ability to learn. We need students to come to school with clothing and footwear appropriate to the climate so that we can enjoy our breaks outside. We request each student to have an extra change of clothing hanging in their cloakroom or in their backpack.



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

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

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 If your child (ren) will be late or absent for the day, please contact the school online or by email Kilmer@sd43.bc.ca by phone 604-941-3401 (answering machine on 24/7). If you child is late or being picked up early, please call the office first to sign them in or out. If you are picking up, we will notify the classroom teacher and they will be ready at their exterior door for pickup.

These procedures are very important for us to follow for student security.

[Report your Student's Absence Online](#)



YOUTH OFFERING LISTENING OPPORTUNITIES

**YOUTH SHARE THEIR LIFE EXPERIENCES
IN ORDER TO HELP PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
UNDERSTAND TEENS BETTER**

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022

6:30-8:30 PM

VIRTUAL EVENT - ZOOM

RSVP BY: FEBRUARY 8TH, 2022

Please RSVP at <https://forms.office.com/r/ziViR0TGmf> or to sabrina.hayward@sharesociety.ca if you are unable to use the link. Zoom details will be provided closer to the event date.