

THIS WEEK AT KILMER

January 7, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR
January 6-12 -Program of Choice Registration
Monday, January 10 - School scheduled to open
Wednesday, January 12 - Annual Hearing Screening - KPAC Meeting 7pm
Monday, January 17 - Pink Shirt Day orders due
Friday, January 21 - Spirit Day- Jersey Day
Monday, January 24 - School Based Pro-D Day- no school
Friday, January 28 - KPAC Munch-a-Lunch
February 1-4 -Kindergarten Registration (online)
February 4-9 -Cross Catchment Process (online)
Friday, February 18 - KPAC Munch-a-Lunch

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

Unfortunately, we are facing some new challenges to the start-up of the school year due to the surge in Covid-19 cases. To facilitate the return of students to school on Monday January 10th, we will continue to strictly follow all the required protocols:

- Regular hand washing
- Wearing masks in accordance with the Provincial Health Order
- Maintaining a 2-metre distance wherever possible and respecting physical distancing and the personal space of others
- Completing a daily health check or BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool and following the advice provided.
- Staying home when sick.
- Observing the 14-day wait period for return to school after international travel

The staff has spent time this week preparing the classrooms for students to maximize space and ensure wherever possible that students will be seated 2 metres apart.

We have decided not to alter the school schedule, as a result, the start and dismissal time will remain unchanged. Late arrivals, and early dismissals will continue to be facilitated through the classroom door. Every classroom has an outside door and students will be encouraged to keep their physical distance in line ups and to take care not to crowd together. **We have created a play schedule for recess and lunch and Students will be assigned to zones by grade level for play time at recess and at lunch.** Assigned zones will be changed each day to ensure that all students have opportunities for a variety of activities.

We have reintroduced some of the **floor markings and signage** from last year, and **classrooms have been rearranged to maximize space between people**

Access to the school will be limited to school and district staff. All staff and parent meetings will be held virtually.

We ask that parents send their children to school each day with one or more well-fitting masks. We will continue to provide masks at the office for students who need one.

Students should also be prepared for the wet weather and should have a complete change of clothes at the school.

The health and safety of students and staff is our top priority, and we will work diligently to keep everyone safe.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE ON-LINE APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN:

Opens: January 6, 2022 at 9am

Closes: January 12, 2022 at 4pm

The link to application will be posted on the school district website.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for placement. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2022.

Children who are not successfully placed will be on a waitlist and must register for kindergarten at their catchment school.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice and wish their upcoming kindergarten child to enter must still apply and indicate "Confirmation of Sibling Status applies".

Please ensure the school has your most current address.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit: [the website](#).

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](#)

Online

Kindergarten

Registration

Program of Choice Applications: January 6-12

Kindergarten Registration: February 1-4

Cross Catchment Process: February 4-9

www.sd43.bc.ca

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.



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

SNOWMUCH FUN!

As Winter Weather arrives, it is important to be both safe & warm outside at playtime.

Rules for Snow Play:

1. sledding only in designated areas with 10+ cm of snow
2. no sleds with seats or handlebars (no heavy plastic sleds)
3. no snowballs
4. stay warm & dry- make sure children have dry socks just incase



\$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

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/ 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](#)
- [2021 Tri-City Light Displays](#)
- [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.b.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](#), before 8am.

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



KPAC Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 17th, 2022 – 7:00 pm via ZOOM

7:00 - 7:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of December 2021 minutes
4. Executive Reports
 - President - Krista Ramirez
 - Vice President - Lynn Bradshaw
 - Treasurer – Fatima Benlarhzal
 - DPAC Representative - Jeremy Bauman

7:15 – 7:30 p.m.

5. Committee volunteers
 - Grade 5 committee update
 - Fundraising updates
 - Still looking for a volunteer with food safe to assist Dipti with the fruit and veggie program and take it over next year

7:30 – 7:45 p.m.

6. Administration Report - Principal, Laurie Birnie

7:45 – 8:00 p.m.

7. New Business
8. Open Forum

Adjournment: **Next meeting Monday, February 7th, 2022 via ZOOM**

December 21, 2021
Our File: 05-1770-25/AS/2021-1
Doc #: 4295292.v1

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1575 Knappen Street
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2P8

To all of the students in Ms. Malokoff's Grade 2 and 3 class:

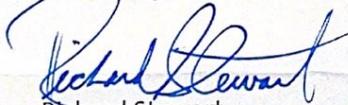
RE: City of Coquitlam Animal Shelter

On behalf of Coquitlam City Council, I would like to convey to you our very sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donation to the Coquitlam Animal Shelter.

All of the food, treats, toys and other items you donated will be used to further the welfare of stray animals in our care, and we are grateful for the support we receive. They will help provide better comfort to the many stray animals that are housed and cared for at the Coquitlam Animal Shelter.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours truly,


Richard Stewart
Mayor

Thank you to the entire community
of Kilmer Elementary for helping these
wonderful animals while we look for
their "Forever Homes".

