

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

from June 25/20

Dear Parents,

We thank you for your support during this health crisis and know the situation has been challenging for many families in our community. While the school year began as many others have in the past, it quickly transitioned over Spring Break to something very different with the spread of COVID-19 in our province. The Ministry of Education has since outlined 5 Stages of responses to the COVID-19 pandemic for public education. We began this school year in Stage 1 (regular face-to-face educational delivery), moved to Stage 4 after Spring Break (remote learning) and shifted to Stage 3 (a combination of remote learning and face-to-face learning based on family choice) on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We end this school year in Stage 3.

At this time we have not been provided with direction from the Ministry of Education on what our September start-up will look like, but we have been told that we may need to shift between the various stages dependent on the COVID-19 infection rates. The Ministry of Education, under guidance from the Provincial Health Officer, determines the stage of educational delivery.

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### **YEAR END**

This has been a very different yearend than we have ever experienced. With only a third of our families returning in June. We didn't realize that our Spring Break 'so long – see ya in two weeks' would actually be our good-byes. So, here are our good-byes for June 2020 – the year of Covid 19.

We are saying good-bye to the following members of our staff – Mme Anderson, Mrs Faria, Mrs Goetz, Mrs Pitman, Mme Rowe, Mr De Ocampo and Mme Underwood who begins her maternity leave this July.

Thank you to all the families whose youngest child is now moving on to middle school. Your contributions to our community – the fundraisers sponsored, KPAC meeting attended, the driving and the coaching made a difference. You will be missed.

Special thanks to our KPAC president, Amber Davis and her executive for the 2019/20 school year. It has been a pleasure working with you on behalf our students and our community.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Any report cards that have not been picked up, will be held until September. Families can made arrangement for pick up with the office.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost and found will be held over the summer and be available for parents and students to look through during the first week of September.

### **SEPTEMBER START UP**

We will communicate with you via e-mail at the end of August to provide the most up-to-date school-based information for September start-up. We do hope for a 'regular' return to school but we are preparing for any possible stage of return and ask that you consider this for your September planning and beyond.

While this has been a very challenging end to the school year for students, families, and staff, we hope that everyone has an opportunity re-charge and remain healthy. We wish all our families and their children who are moving on best wishes in their new endeavors and we look forward to working with our new and returning families when the new school year begins

### **2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The 2020-2021 Calendar for École Kilmer Elementary has been updated and added to the school website.

[VIEW ONLINE](#)

[SUBSCRIBE TO THE CALENDAR](#)



*Principal's Message continued....*

What school will look-like in September will likely not be finalized until late August. I also believe that even if we return to Stage 1, there will likely still be new protocols on how we operate school (physical distancing, hand washing expectations, health screening, etc.). As such, we ask that you monitor our school district website (<http://www.sd43.bc.ca>) and Twitter site (@sd43bc) for information.

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Have a wonderful summer.

Regards,

*Laurie*

Laurie Birnie, Principal

## SEPTEMBER PLANNING

We have begun our September planning. If you are moving or know that your child will not be returning to Kilmer in the Fall or have a family update to share please notify the office by email at [kilmer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kilmer@sd43.bc.ca)



**Please see the attached [letter regarding requests for class placement.](#)**

## 2020-2021 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply information can be found on the website under "parents"

For the 2020-2021 School year, our school is encouraging families:

- to use supplies from last year where possible
- to send a container for their supplies to be kept separate from other students' supplies (*pencil box*)
- to label all student supplies
- to purchase supplies as needed
- that any excess supplies should be kept at home
- to Replenish as needed

*Kilmer Elementary has removed all duo tangs, and pocket folders from the student supply lists, and will be supplying them to Kilmer students as needed for the 2020-2021 School Year.*

**Please see the list of [Basic Supplies required for September .](#)**

*For those of you who would prefer to continue to purchase Creative Packs, ordering is available online until July 5<sup>th</sup>*

<https://creativepacks.ca/collections/packs/ecole-kilmer-elementary+>

**CREATIVE CHILDREN IS ACCEPTING ONLINE ORDERS UNTIL JULY 5TH**

## OFFICE HOURS

*The School is now closed for the Summer, and the office plans to reopen the first week of September 8:15-3:15. Please call ahead, as the doors may be locked.*

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