

THIS WEEK AT KILMER

December 11, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the PAC for their financial contribution to the Frisbee Golf Targets, for ordering Frisbees for each Kilmer Student and to the Parents who volunteered to assemble them this week!



The Power of Hello

January 27, 2016 – DASH BC website

While the title may conjure up thoughts of Adele's powerful new song, give it a bit more thought and it will likely make you think about a time when someone's friendly "hello" put a smile on your face, reassured you during a challenging time or perhaps made you feel welcomed in a new environment – like when you started at a new school (whether as a student, a teacher or an administrator!)

Studies tell us that students who are well connected to teachers and peers within their learning environment are more likely to prosper. Most of us even know this intuitively. It makes sense that young people who feel cared for and liked by others tend to experience better mental health, have reduced involvement in health risk behaviours (including but not limited to substance use), and are more motivated to learn and achieve higher academic performance.

The good news for school professionals and other adults is that supporting the academic and social development of young people need not be complicated. In fact, most schools' informal curricula emphasize school as community and present abundant opportunities for fostering the connections most kids need to survive and thrive in today's world.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, December 18th - Pyjama Day

- Last Day Before Winter Break

Monday, January 4th - School Re Opens from Winter Break

- KPAC Meeting

January 7th-13th – Program Of Choice Registration Opens

(for 2020-2021 Kindergarten & Grade 6)

February 2-5th - 2021 Kindergarten Registration

February 5-10th – Cross Catchment Applications Due (online)

KILMER LIBRARY

Our Library is OPEN and students are now able to check out books ONLINE with the help from a parent at home.

[Click Here to Learn how now!](#)

To request a book, you will need to use your child's student account. If you do not have the account information, please contact your child's classroom teacher for the credentials. This is the same login information used for TEAMS.



KILMER YEARBOOK

Please fill out the permission form in [School Cash Online/KEV](#) if you wish for your child's name a photo to appear in the 2020-2021 Yearbook.

RAINY OR SNOWY DAYS AT KILMER

Thanks to everyone for sending extra clothes for the children to change into after recess and lunch. Dry socks made the afternoon much more comfortable for many kids. In the new year, we will be monitoring our outside time and the weather, keeping as much outside time as we can given the daily forecast.

QUICK LINKS

- [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](#)
- [Behaviour Matrix](#)
- [Mabel's Labels](#)

FRECH IMMERSION PARENTS

Don't forget to register incoming French Immersion Kindergarten siblings during the Program of Choice Online Application process **January 7th-13th**.

More information will be posted online at www.sd43.bc.ca

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ILLNESS POLICY

At this time, we are asking all students, staff and visitors must perform a [Daily Health Check](#) before coming to school and stay home when sick. The Daily Health Check is a critical factor in our efforts to keep our community well over the coming months. Wellness is not just about COVID –19, it is also about of the seasonal coughs, colds and flu bugs that we encounter every fall and winter. Any steps that we can take together to lessen seasonal illnesses including stay home when ill, helps us take care of each other.

Your child must stay home for
at least

24 hours

if they have any of the
following symptoms:

- Fever
- shortness of breath
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- nausea
- cough
- worsening of chronic cough
- loss of taste
- loss of smell
- 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.**

MESSAGE FROM KPAC

Kilmer Wear Update- On December 9th Textile Innovations reported that all the screening was complete, and they were working on the embroidered names. *They hope to have the Kilmer Wear and Grad Hoodies completed next week.*

KPAC IS FUNDRAISING!

**COBS
BREAD**

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: E142671.

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)



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

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

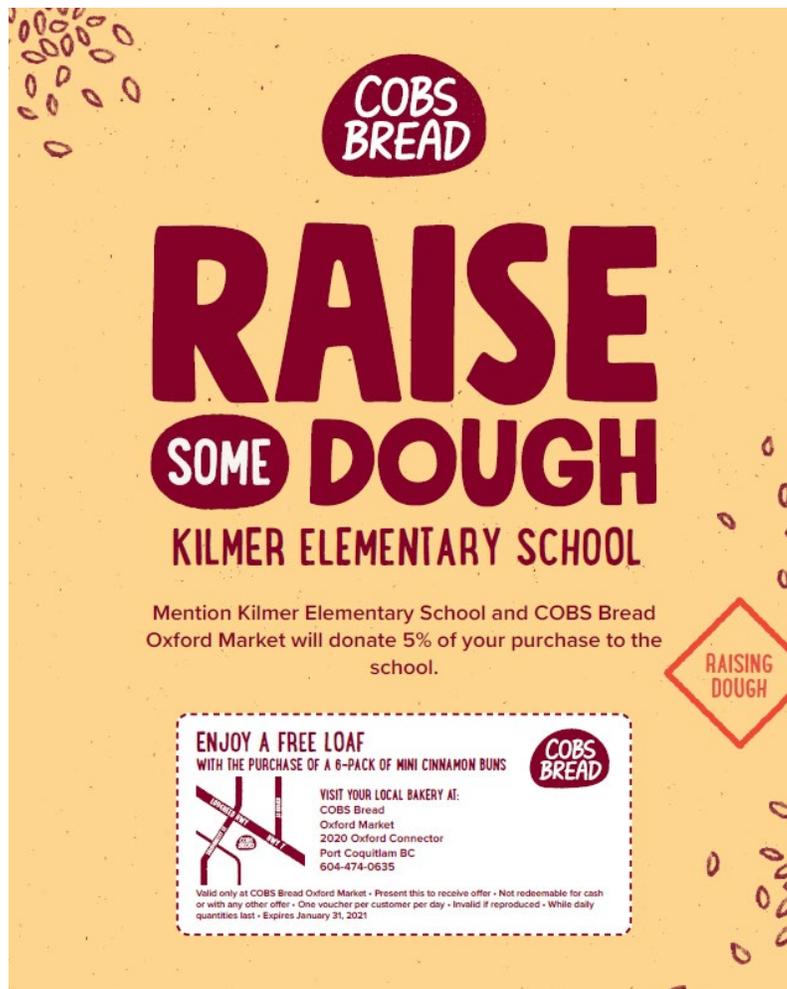
*We ask that any students arriving **AFTER** 9:30 am report to the main entrance. If you are picking your child up for an appointment during the lunch break, it is helpful if you can plan to pick them up at 11:45 from their classroom door.*

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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. 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

December 3, 2020

Dear SD43 Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the SD43 Education Foundation (the “Foundation”). The SD43 Education Foundation has as its named purpose to:

- advance the education initiatives of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) by providing grants and general support to the Board in alignment with its stated goals and objectives,
- support extra-curricular activities, programs and projects, and
- provide scholarships and prizes to students within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam).

More specifically, in these turbulent times, we are focused on supporting the well-being and mental health of SD43 students and to support vulnerable students especially by providing food security to these individuals through SD43 and other Tri-Cities support groups. The SD43 Board of Education has already provided their support through a founding grant sourced from International Education revenues. Further after-school programming and technology are additional areas of need for students in the District, and the Foundation endeavors to support all aspects of a student’s learning experience.

We are receptive to exploring other initiatives with your involvement and interest. This could be a school leaving gift for a scholarship fund or support an art or cultural project.



We invite you to look into the details of the Foundation’s activities on our website at www.sd43foundation.org and our social media accounts, linked to that page. Information on future events and activities will be advertised through these channels.

To reach a Foundation representative, please email foundation@sd43.bc.ca and we would be happy to respond to your questions, concerns or inquiries.

Yours truly,
SD43 Education Foundation



Barb Hobson
Chair, SD43 Education Foundation

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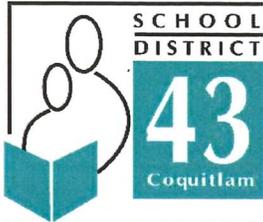
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November 30, 2020

Dear SD43 families,

Your continued support and dedication to help keep schools safe for children is appreciated. The best place for the well-being of children emotionally, socially, and educationally, is in school. The protocols in place at schools have been successful because children and families continue to practice hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing, wear masks when required, and perform daily health checks. As you are no doubt aware, there have been individual exposures in district schools but in each situation, the school community has responded to the direction of health authorities with diligence.

In matters of health, the district closely follows all guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer and the Fraser Health Authority. This includes communication of potential exposures. If a member of the school community tests positive for COVID-19, Fraser Health follows up directly with those individuals who may have been exposed and provides them instruction on whether to isolate or seek testing. When the school is notified of a potential exposure, based on a lab confirmed case, a letter is sent to the school community. The letter identifies the school and outlines any required actions. Individual students, families or classrooms are not identified to preserve personal privacy. Anyone considered to be a close contact will be contacted by health authorities. Please follow any directions provided if you are contacted. If your child attends a school that has experienced a case and you are not contacted by health authorities, it has been determined that your child is not at immediate risk of developing COVID-19 and your child may continue to attend school. Please continue to do daily health checks before school.

For more information visit www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures.

If you need assistance from a medical professional regarding symptoms or have concerns around a suspected case of COVID-19 in your household, please contact 8-1-1 to speak to a registered nurse. If you require more general information, please contact Fraser Health 7:30a.m. - 8:00p.m. by phone or text at 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319). Service is available in more than 110 languages.

For the most recent information on B.C.'s Back to School Plan, including health and safety measures, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>.

The safety and well-being of students continues to be the top priority for SD43 and the protocols in place continue to ensure schools are a controlled environment and as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent and CEO