

# THIS WEEK AT

March 12, 2021

## IMPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 16th**  
- 1:40 **Early Dismissal**

**Wednesday, March 17th**  
- Spirit Day- Crazy Hair/Hat Day  
- Hearing Screening continued

**Friday, March 19**  
- Last Day before Spring Break  
- Report Cards sent home

**March 19-April 5**  
- Spring Break

**Tuesday, April 6**  
- School Reopens

**Friday, April 30**  
- Spirit Day- Jersey/Sports Team Day

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Last week's newsletter contained an important message asking parents to help support keeping our community as safe as possible by avoiding playing on the school grounds before and after school where students may be mixing learning groups (cohorts) which is aligned with COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools, and our site specific safety plan.

Please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools> to learn more about Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings.

This week, the province announced NEW guidelines around outdoor gatherings. While these new guidelines do not apply to the school setting, it is important that we all follow the new directions to avoid confusion amongst our students.

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions#pho-order>)

- Up to 10 people may gather at a park or beach
- Up to 10 people may gather in the backyard of a residence
- No gatherings of any size are allowed indoors
- Do not gather with several groups of new people – stick to **the same people**.
- Continue to use COVID-19 layers of protection and maintain physical distancing.

We are seeing a surge in local cases due to community spread and we need everyone to continue to make the effort to abide by the current guidelines. We are reminding families that on school days from 8:20am-3:15pm, while on school grounds children must remain in their learning groups.

## ILLNESS POLICY- The Daily Health Check has changed.

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

1 or more of these symptoms	Symptoms	
	Fever (above 38° C)	Chills
	Cough	Loss of sense of smell
	Difficulty Breathing	Loss of sense of taste

If you have 1 symptom:	UPDATED Symptoms	
	Sore Throat	Extreme fatigue or tiredness
	Loss of appetite	Nausea
	Headache	Vomiting

  

If you have 2 or more symptoms:	Body Aches	Diarrhea
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- Stay home
- Contact health care provider or 8-11 about your symptoms and next steps.

- Stay home until you feel better
- If you have concerns or questions about your health, please contact 8-1-1 at any time

- Stay home and wait 24 hrs. to see if you feel better. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.



Today, each Kilmer student left with 2 teal youth sized masks purchased by SD43 with funds from the Federal Government.

Students in Elementary school are not currently required to wear masks in a school setting, but should you choose to use these new masks please wash them first and consider labelling them with your child's name and/or attaching a lanyard to help keep them clean and identifiable.



### FOUNTAINS ARE CLOSED

Please ensure your student arrives to school each day with a filled water bottle. Some families are choosing to keep an additional water bottle in the bottom of the backpack

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If a child starts showing or indicates any symptom as listed above 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.

The Daily Health Check for students has been updated to reflect the new information provided by the Ministry of Education and the BCCDC. For convenience, the Ministry of Education has also provided a link to the new App for the Daily Health Check. To download the mobile app go to:

[K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health_services/daily_health_check)

## DOGS ON THE SCHOOLGROUNDS

Students have noticed an increase of dog poo left in their play areas, ultimately ruining their outdoor activity. We are happy to welcome family dogs on the playground before and after school. All dogs must remain on a leash. **Please clean up after your dog.**



## STUDENT ABSENCES

We are finding that too much information regarding absences is going to teachers instead of the office and we are making phone calls because the office has not been informed. The Online Absence form, is a District Standard. 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](#)

**Due to COVID-19 protocols, we can not facilitate Early Dismissals during the Lunch Hour or Recess Break. Early Dismissals and late arrivals are executed from the exterior classroom doors.**

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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.*



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**KPAC IS FUNDRAISING!** [031-pac@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:031-pac@sd43.bc.ca)

## 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.



## Return It Express Fundraiser!

École Kilmer Elementary School is now registered with Return It Express Recycling in BC.

Our return it code is: **604-941-3401**



## 2020-2021 KILMER YEARBOOK

KPAC & Kilmer Teachers are actively preparing for the 2020-2021 Yearbook, and copies are available for purchase via [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#).

In the meantime, please ensure you have completed the permission form for your child's photo and name to be used in the yearbook.

**The permission slip can be found on [School Cash Online](#)**

