



## ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE KILMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Welcome Connections- Connexions Bienvenue

November 2022

Dear Kilmer Community,

All staff and students enjoyed a Spooktacular afternoon of Halloween Fun on Monday. Special thanks to our talented teachers for creating the staff Halloween costumes and organizing the parade. Very fun indeed!

We are working steadily to improve reading opportunities and practice for all students across the school. Your children have access to home reading materials from school and we try to encourage the extra practice through our monthly Reading Rocks prize draws. Please reach out if you are still unsure of what reading materials are available for your child or how to access those materials. I am happy to help!

Next up will be observing Remembrance Day. All classes will engage in meaningful learning activities in their classrooms and contribute to a larger school display with cenotaph and wreaths for Remembrance Day. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will participate together in the gym. Students who are members of Scouts Canada – Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, and Guides- are invited to wear their uniform and have their photo taken on November 10<sup>th</sup> in front of the school display.

The before school breakfast and social program is now open 8:15-8:40am in the gym each morning. This informal drop in is for any families who might benefit from light refreshments and meeting other parents. As well, intermediate students who may be alone in the morning are being invited to participate by Mrs. Roberts. This program will be run by volunteers to support families in the community.

As always, your children bring their enthusiasm and energy into the school each day- rain or shine. They absolutely LOVE learning, and we love engaging them in a variety of learning activities. Hopefully we will be able to help every student voice their own reading goal and work alongside them as they steadfastly practice reading both at home and at school.

Take care and see you outside soon,

*Mrs. Roberts, Principal*



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Lest We Forget*

## HOME READING

We read through the day at school. Teachers read aloud to students. Students read with partners. Students read silently. We encourage families to plan “reading together times” at home daily.

### Home Reading by Division

Division 1 students are continuing with novels from the library and invite to participate in Coquitlam Public Library “Reading Link Challenge” teams with Mr. Van Sickle.

Divisions 2 & 3 students now have access to Raz Kids online reading.

Divisions 4&5 students are continuing with the home reading books from classrooms.

Divisions 6-12 students now have access to Je Lise online reading.

### Home Reading FREE online

[EPIC Books](#) Create a family account and sign up for the free version- one book per day.

[Simbi](#) Trial a free version

Note: The school has access to EPIC and Simbi as well and your child’s class may also be using a class code for EPIC or a school sign in for Simbi already.

**9 REASONS TO READ MORE**

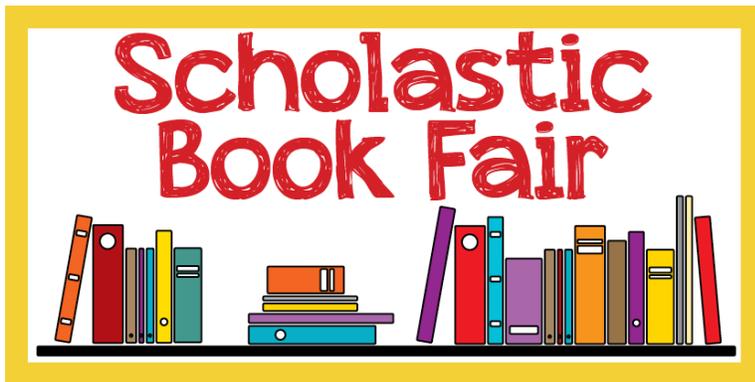
- Builds Knowledge**  
Cunningham & Stanovich, 1991 • Cunningham & Stanovich, 2003  
• Pressley, 2000
- Improves Achievement**  
Allen, Snow, & McNamara, 2015 • Anderson, Fielding, & Wilson, 1988  
• Allington, 2012 • Blachowicz & Ogle, 2001 • National Assessment of Educational Progress Report, 2015 • Worthy & Roser, 2010
- Increases Motivation**  
Atwell, 1987 • Feitelson & Goldstein, 1986 • Guthrie, Klauda, & Ho, 2013  
• Ivey & Broaddus, 2001 • Lapp & Fisher, 2009 • Lesesne, 2003  
• National Endowment for the Arts, 2007
- Increases Vocabulary**  
Krashen, 1989 • Nagy, Anderson, & Herman, 1987 • Nation & Cody, 2013  
• Read & Hodges, 1982
- Improves Writing**  
Bazerman, 1980 • Goodman & Goodman, 1983 • Langer & Flihan, 2000  
• Raphael, Kirschner, & Englert, 1988
- Builds Background Knowledge**  
Anderson, 1984 • Anderson, 1985 • McVee, Dunsmore, & Gavelek, 2005  
• Ozuru, Dempsey, & McNamara, 2009 • Smagorinsky, 2001
- Improves Understanding of Text Structures**  
Armbruster, 2004 • Fletcher, 2006 • Kendeou & van den Broek, 2007  
• Meyer & Rice, 1984 • Snyder, 2010
- Develops Empathy**  
Allington, 2013 • Bal & Veltkamp, 2013 • Johnson, 2012  
• Koopman & Hakemulder, 2015 • McLean, Breen, & Fournier, 2010
- Develops Personal Identity**  
Abodeeb-Gentile & Zawilinsky, 2013 • Begum, 2014 • Fives, Russell, et al., 2014  
• Hall, 2012 • Harste, 2009 • Jesweak, 2015 • Tatum, 2009

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The **Scholastic English Book Fair** will be coming back to support our students in their reading endeavors! We invite you to participate in the Scholastic Book Fair from **Monday, November 28 to Friday, December 2**. The Book Fair will be open for families before school 8:20-8:40, lunch 12:15-12:40, and after school 2:40-3:20 each day that week in the library. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about our Scholastic Book Fair, please contact Greg Van Sickle at [gvansickle@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:gvansickle@sd43.bc.ca).

## **SD43 FRENCH BOOK FAIR**

Foie Du LIVRE at School District 43 Education Learning Center. Coquitlam will be hosting a French Book Fair on Thursday November 10, from 3pm to 7pm at the Education Learning Centre.



## **CANDY BAGS FOR SENIORS**

Ever wondered what to do with all that candy after Halloween? This is an opportunity for families to constructively pass on candy that didn't get handed out, candy you don't want your children eating, and a way to reduce the amount of candy in the house!

We are going to collect candy after Halloween and use it to make candy bags which will be distributed to seniors and others in our local community in early December. We are doing this in conjunction with Castle Park Elementary.

We are looking to make about 500 bags. As we put about 8-10 items in each bag, we need about approximately 4,000-5,000 pieces of candy to fill the bags. You would be amazed at how quickly this adds up!

**We encourage our students to bring in all extra and unwanted candy after Halloween.** Students should bring the candy to their classroom teacher where it will be counted and sorted. Feel free to collect candy from other family members. We will collect candy from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Then, on a **date later in November** we will have a school wide day where all our students will be involved in decorating and filling the bags. We will likely need some parent helpers to staple the bags closed – more information to come.

Thanks in advance for your donations to this initiative.

## **KPAC MONTHLY MEETING**

École Kilmer PAC, like many PACs across the world, is rebuilding and reconnecting after several years of quiet, due to the pandemic.

November 7<sup>th</sup>. All parents are invited to join the PAC meetings on the first Monday of the month in the school Library from 6:30-8:00pm. Childcare is provided.

## **DPAC DIGITAL AWARENESS PRESENTATION**

The District PAC is doing a digital awareness presentation November 8th 7-8pm on zoom. DPAC message and zoom link is attached for you. Thank you to Todd Gelinis for taking the time to attend the DPAC meetings and share news, events and information as we go through the year.

## **HOT LUNCH**

Thursday, November 17 - Subway (order and payment due Nov 8)

Friday, December 9 - White Spot (order and payment due Nov 30)

## **KPAC WINTER PLANT FUNDRAISER**

<https://kilmerpac.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Order your Holiday Plants with KPAC! We are accepting orders until November 17th at noon. Parents can pick up their orders on Friday December 2nd after school, just in time to do some holiday decorating at home on the weekend!



## **SUPPORTING VULNERABLE FAMILIES**

Traditionally, Student Services and KPAC support a few families who are struggling financially through food donations, holiday hampers and field trip subsidies. The Province of British Columbia, recognizing the increased pressure families face due to inflation, is assisting to schools to directly respond to the

emergent needs of the community. They anticipate that some families may need help with groceries at some point during the school year and it may be temporary but necessary. If your family, or another is facing hardship, please approach in confidence. Please contact Theresa Roberts, Principal.

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## **COMING UP AT KILMER**

The École Kilmer calendar is online – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance. Please revisit our site as ***we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed.***

Monday	Nov. 7	KPAC Meeting – School Library 6:30-8:00pm, childcare provided
Tuesday	Nov. 8	Photo Retakes
Thursday	Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday	Nov. 10	Early Dismissal
Friday	Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday-Friday	Nov. 28-Dec. 2	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday	Nov. 23	Lunch Box Theatre Show 1:15pm
Thursday	Nov. 24	Will Stroet French Concert in Gym -French Program classes 9:30-10:30
Friday	Nov. 25	Math Festival in Gym – all classes participate
Wednesday	Dec. 14	Family Skate 5:30-7:30
Thursday	Dec. 15	Term 1 Report Cards published
Friday	Dec. 20	👋 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation
Tuesday	Jan. 3, 2023	Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation