May 28, 2021

<u>MPORTANT DATES ON OUR CALENDAR</u>

Wednesday, June 2nd Early Dismissal @1:40 pm

Wednesday, June 16 Welcome to Kindergarten - more info to come Friday, June 18

Spirit Day- Tropical Day

Tuesday, June 22 Grade 5 Leaving Acknowledgement - more info to come

Tuesday, June 29th Last Day of School for students

Wednesday, June 30th Administrative Day - school not in session



OUR WATER 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

SEPTEMBER PLANNING

THANK YOU KPAC!

A big thank you to the Kilmer parents for hosting the Staff Appreciation lunch on Thursday, May 20th. The lunch and sign were really appreciated. It was a really nice way to start the day seeing that sign, and then lunch from Emilio Finatti Pizza was fantastic!



BC RESTART PLAN & SCHOOLS

The Government of BC has released a restart plan for the province of BC, which involves a staged reduction of restrictions enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the plan, restrictions will be eased over the summer months and allow for a full re-opening of schools after the Labour Day holiday. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school full-time in September.

Please know that current safety protocols will remain in place at all schools for the remainder of the school year. This includes all measures that have been enacted around masks, physical distancing, hand hygiene, daily health checks, learning groups and year-end celebrations. Furthermore, specific protocols will be in place in September based on guidance provided by provincial health authorities. Rest assured schools will continue to provide a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

Excerpt from *Superintendent's Letter re Gradual Transition Student Planning* sent 2021 – 05 -28

We are beginning our preparations for 2021-2022 School Year. 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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2021-2022

Starting next week, school supplies for the 2021-2022 school year will be available for purchase through <u>Creative Children</u>. It is not mandatory to order your child's supplies through Creative Children, but it is convenient. All supplies ordered by the deadline will be delivered directly to the school in August and sent home with children to label on the first day of school. **AN ADDITIONAL EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO CONFIRM WHEN ORDERING IS OPEN.**





Due to COVID-19 protocols, we cannot facilitate Early Dismissals during the Lunch Hour or Recess Break. Early Dismissals and late arrivals are executed from the exterior classroom doors with prior communication to the office.

SOCIAL DISTANCING ON KILMER SCHOOL GROUNDS



As the cases in our neighbourhood grow, it is more important now, than ever that parents and students practice physical distancing, and mask wearing on the playground. Please go home immediately following the dismissal bell. Kilmer staff would like to remind parents to social distance while on the Kilmer School grounds. Please wear your mask and allow students adequate space to safely exit from the building. Please do not crowd around classroom doors and windows. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact them by email and set up a time to meet virtually, or over the phone. Each day, children play in a designated area within their learning group during their recess and lunch breaks. All staff, and students in grade 4-5 are required to wear masks indoors at school. Please help us keep our school safe by reminding your children, the importance of social distancing, the difference of home and school bubbles and why we must follow the Provincial Guidelines to stop the spread of Covid19 in our Health Region. Please visit

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



Grade 5 students will celebrate their "Bubble Year" on Tuesday, June 22nd.

More information to come from grade 5 teachers.





WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten will be held on

Wednesday, June 16th.

More information to follow.



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.

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.

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: <u>K-12 Health Check (gov.bc.ca)</u>

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. Children who have a fever, chills, cough, loss of sense of smell/tase or difficulty breathing, must stay home until they have contacted 8-1-1 for further clarification, or received a negative test. A child who is sent home with one of the following symptoms must stay home until they feel better, if they have two symptoms, they must Stay home and wait 24 hrs. to see if they feel better. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provided or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.



Students or Staff that receive a self-monitor letter, or a self-isolation letter from the school, you MUST follow the directions on the letter and contact 8-1-1 if you require more clarity or further information.

Self-Monitor students who develop symptoms while at school or are away ill during the self-monitor (14 DAY) period must isolate away from others, for 10 days and get tested for COVID-19 before returning to school.

KPAC IS FUNDRAISING! 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. <u>Our return it code is</u>: 604-941-3401





2020-2021 KILMER YEARBOOK Orders due Monday, May 31 @ 9am

KPAC & Kilmer Teachers are actively preparing for the 2020-2021 Yearbook, and copies are available for purchase for \$11 via <u>SCHOOL CASH ONLINE</u>.

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**

COMMUNITY NEWS



and earn a medal! Visit **www.fvrl.ca** to register.



SUMMER READING CLUB BEGINS SOON!

Crack the Case! Be a super sleuth this summer when you join FVRL's 2021 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone — preschoolers, kids, teens and adults — and it's all absolutely free!

Make reading fun this summer! Kids who read over the summer do better at school.

Visit www.fvrl.ca or click here to register for SRC and get a reading record! Track your family reading. You can read anything – novels, picture books, information books, graphic novels, magazines, audiobooks, ebooks, websites, etc.

Join SRC to:

- Enter contests and win prizes
- Earn a medal
- Participate in fun activities online
- See amazing virtual performers

There is so much to discover when you join 2021 Summer Reading Club and Crack the Case!

TRI CITIES FEMALE



FEMALE HOCKEY FOR ATHLETES AGES 5 TO 18 YEARS OLD.

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING PLAYERS OPENS JUNE 1ST REGISTRATION FOR NEW PLAYERS OPENS JUNE 15TH TRICITIESFEMALEICEHOCKEY.CA



AUDITIONS June 5 and 6, 2021

Junior Orchestra - Ages 9-12 Intermediate Orchestra - Ages 12-14 Senior Orchestra Ages 14 - 22 Strings, Winds, Brass, Percussion

For more information and to register for an audition:

www.coquitlamyouthorchestra.ca

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. We ask that your child arrives prepared for their day.If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please notify the office. We are happy to receive the information in advance or first thing in the morning before 8:40 am. **Report your Student's Absence Online**

