

Dear Kilmer Community:

Thank you for attending our Back To School evening—it was so great to meet many of you!! I know how difficult it is to arrange schedules and child care, and appreciate the fabulous turn out we had. I know our teachers were excited to meet you and share a little about themselves and to outline their vision and goals for the year. Again, thank you for attending!!

Another BIG thank you to our PTA Room Parents!! Our teachers and their respective room parents met for a lunchtime meeting. The pizza (yum) was enjoyed by all and the enthusiastic collaboration resonated in our All Purpose Room as our parents and teachers planned many fun-filled events for our children. Thank you for your service to our children!

Our third graders in Ms. Deller's classroom were exploring a hypothesis concerning the order of factors in multiplication when I recently visited. The children tested their hypothesis (that the order of factors in multiplication did not change the product) by creating various methods of ordering, grouping and drawing—arrays, tables, etc and comparing their answers with their partner. After a number of sample problems, the students agreed that they were right. The order of the factors did not affect the product. Well done, third graders!!

As I walking down our hallway with instrumental music room; it brought a huge smile to my face to hear the sounds of two of our students learning how to play the trumpet. As I watched them attentively listen to Mr. Pretzelt as he demonstrated for the students proper sitting and holding of the trumpets. The students carefully placed their fingers into position and produced an outstanding "C." I can't wait to hear them in a few months and am so proud of them!

Our district has added the STOPit app for use in our schools. The app allow our students (grades 3 and up) to anonymously report incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying. The app is not a crisis hotline; it is a reporting mechanism for HIB behavior. Our school code is posted and available. Mrs. Robertson, our school counselor, and I have been visiting our students in their classrooms to explain this resource.

Our Safety Patrol is up and running and their participation and attention to their duties is outstanding. I would like to compliment Ms. DeMarco and our Safety Patrol for the services they are providing to our community. We have bus safeties, lunch safeties, and line safeties among other roles. I am so thrilled to see our fifth graders serving as models and buddies to their young school mates. It is a pleasure to many of them walking hand-in-hand with our young ones and reminding our older ones to walk fro safety as they go out to their buses. Thank you, Safeties!

Hope to see everyone at our PTA skating night on Oct 11th!