



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts February, 2018

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Mission Statement

Confederation Park seeks to enhance the learning of students by offering a variety of opportunities within the performing and visual arts. It is our belief that the integration of the arts into all facets of education teaches students to recognize and appreciate diversity. Confederation Park acknowledges the importance of physical education and academic excellence. It is integral to any school that the curriculum is wholly valued and celebrated. Valuing differences, strengths, and places for further growth is encouraged as a means to develop personal success and empathy within the school population. The arts provide a visual, aural and physical venue in which to strengthen learning, promote success and to respect a multitude of perspectives. It is within this sphere that we are able to travel into the larger world and become a positive force within society.

Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

Welcome to February! Hope everyone is keeping well during this winter season. I know we have had many student absences of late due to sickness so I hope we are seeing our community getting some needed rest and feeling better as we make our way through our second term of school.

Excitement continues to ramp up as we rehearse with students ready for our production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. The main cast have been practicing their lines and blocking scenes with the help of Ms. Safarik and Ms. Ishii and they have been putting in many extra hours at rehearsals before and after school plus during lunchtimes. Many thanks to Ms. Safarik and Ms. Ishii for all their hard work and well done to our students for their commitment and time in preparing their parts for our school musical.

Many classrooms have continued to find ways to connect the themes of 'Beauty and the Beast' to curriculum. Division 1, for example, have designed playbills for the production which are posted around the school; Divisions 1 and 2 invited a French chef into school to make crepes to support the French theme in the play; Division 6 and 8 have made stained glass artwork; Division 7 have created oil pastel roses; Division 5 is working on texture and line in art in order to follow the vines and forestry that surround the Beast's castle and Division 10 is busy interviewing members of the production cast in their study of Fairy Tales. Teachers are being very creative with their planning, and continuing to support our Education through the Arts program at Confed. as they work with our students and blend themes through art processes.



Oil Pastel Roses – Division 7

On our school website, Ms. Ishii recently posted an article published by Stagewise, a Performing Arts Camp, which highlights the social benefits of drama activities with students. These benefits include the development of skills such as self-confidence, imagination, empathy, cooperation and communication. When we think of our students in school we can see how these skills are important aspects of their social development and are necessary life skills that they can carry into adulthood. We are, therefore, very fortunate to have this opportunity to work with our students on productions such as our musical to support the development of these skills. We hope that you will see the social benefits of these experiences in your children as time goes by.

Finally a big thank you to our parents who are supporting our 'Beauty and the Beast' production so far – for giving us advice on scenery, staging, lighting and props, for helping with costumes, and for ensuring their children are at school regularly for rehearsals. We couldn't do all that we do at Confed. without you - so many, many thanks for your support!

Best wishes for a happy (and hopefully not so wet) February!

Yours sincerely,

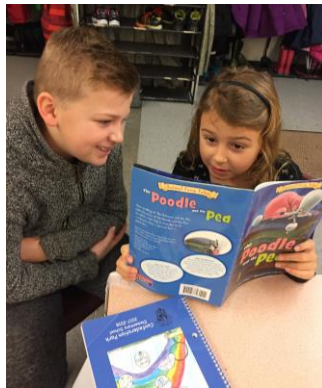
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Name Designs – Division 4

Family Literacy Day

We began this week on Monday with Family Literacy Day and celebrated with a family read for the first half hour of the day. It was great to see so many parents in classrooms reading with their children and also bringing their pre-school kids in to join in the event. Thank you to parents for joining us and celebrating this with our school community!



Family Literacy Day Photos

School Drop-Offs

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of parents dropping off their children along Pandora Street. Some parents are entering this street at speed, dropping off their children and then turning in the small space available to leave just as students are coming into school. There is a concern that this small space does not give enough room for students to enter the school grounds safely and there is a risk that some students could get hit by a turning vehicle if they are not seen. Please, therefore, use the large city parking lot along Beta Avenue as much as possible as an alternate drop-off area. Student safety is always our priority.

Calling in Absences

If your child is absent from school, please contact the office directly with this information. Many parents contact their child's teacher but do not let the office know. Office staff can, therefore, think that a child is absent without reason and will call home to check that the child is safe. If the office knows ahead of time we can prevent homes from being called and causing worry for parents. If you usually contact your child's teacher and wish to continue doing so, please also call the school and leave a message at the office to ensure the absence is logged officially.

Winter/Rainy Day Clothing

Another reminder to have your child wear appropriate clothing for our winter/rainy weather. We encourage students to head outside during recess and lunchtimes and this is made easier when suitable clothing is provided for our cold and wet weather at this time of the year. Hats, scarves and gloves are recommended on really cold days as well as warm and waterproof jackets for those rainy days. Thank you for your cooperation!



Texture Art – Division 1

Basketball

Ms. Coutts (boys' coach) and Mr. Seto (girls' coach) have begun working with our grade 6 and 7 student basketball teams this term. Girls' practices take place after school on Mondays and Wednesdays with games on Thursdays; and boys' practices take place after school on Mondays and before school on Thursdays with games on Tuesdays after school. Thank you to Ms. Coutts and Mr. Seto for sponsoring these teams this term. Feel free to come out and support these teams on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in our gym as they represent our school so well!



Self Portraits – Division 9

Hour of Code

Confederation Park participated in the *Hour of Code* on Thursday, Jan. 18th and 25th. The *Hour of Code* introduces students to computer programming by having student participate in various coding activities. All of the classes at Confederation Park took part in this activity this year over the two days. Thank you to all our parents who supported this initiative this year.

Beauty & the Beast Update

COSTUMES:

We have begun designing and creating our costumes for Beauty and the Beast. Over the next few weeks, primary teachers will be reaching out to their parent group for assistance in making these costumes.

Our intermediate students play "villagers" in this production. Students are asked to take responsibility for designing and creating their own costume. There has been great conversation in class about what their costumes could look like and these conversations will continue until each student has created their own. The school has a substantial costume inventory and is able

to support many of the needs of the students. We have many long skirts, vests, and aprons that students are welcome to use. In fact, many of our students have already been fitted with these pieces. Please have a conversation with your child to see how you might be able to support their costume needs - perhaps, providing a shirt, a hat, a shawl or apron etc. Check the Beauty and the Beast blog <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/confed-events/> for costume examples or email Mrs. Ishii directly if you have any questions.



All Season Trees – Divisions 5 & 6

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) is on February 28th. We encourage our students to wear pink on this day. Various activities may take place within different classrooms. More information will likely be shared from individual teachers regarding activities specific to particular classes.

Parent Coffee Morning

We will be hosting another Parent Coffee morning on **Tuesday, February 6th at 9AM**. This will take place in the staff room. Coffee/tea and morning snacks will be provided. We look forward to discussing more current topics with you at that time. All parents are welcome!



Tissue Paper Stained Glass – Division 8

February - Registration

February is registration time for Burnaby public schools. **Priority placement for the upcoming year will be given to applications received during the month of February.** Full details are available at <http://sd41.bc.ca/schools/registration>

Kindergarten Registrations will be accepted during the month of February for students entering a Burnaby Public School in 2018/19. If your child will be five years of age by December 31, 2018, he/she can begin school in September. When registering, the following documents are required:

- Child's Birth Certificate, PR Card or Passport
- Proof of Citizenship for parent and child
- Proof of Residency (long term lease or purchase contract **plus** driver's licence, hydro bill or cable bill etc.)
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Guardianship
- B.C. CareCard

Students Entering Grade 8

Current Grade 7 students will automatically be pre-registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides within Burnaby. Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-district or Out-of-district Transfer Application in order to be considered for admission to that secondary school. Please contact the office or visit the school website for information if you require one of these forms.

Save the Dates

***Beauty & the Beast Performance – Michael J. Fox Theatre – Tuesday, March 6th**

PAC NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all parents for their generous support of the PAC fundraisers held to date this year.

This year the Parents of Confederation Park committed **over \$28,000** in support to the school. This support enables the administration to continue to provide our children with enhanced educational experiences including covering field trip expenses and buses; Artist in Residence; new storage for sports equipment; student and parent workshops; a media cart for the laptops as well as support for the school wide theatrical production.

To date we have raised over **\$13,800** from the following initiatives:

Family Portraits (\$508); School photos (\$942); the Annual Art Show and Auction (\$11,695) and Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Sales (\$400) and Return IT Bottle Return (\$264).

Plans are in the works for spring fundraisers which include Purdy's Easter Chocolates (March), Annual Plant Sale (April), Memory Book (May) and the ever popular Snack Shack at Sports Day (June).

Your continued support of these PAC initiatives will ensure that we are able to support programs and events for the remainder of this year as well as the 2017/18 school year.

KEEP IT GOING

Confederation Park has an amazing parent community dedicated to working with the school to enhance and support our children's learning. Over the years, many of these parents have initiated and developed programs that not only raise funds (i.e. The Art Show, Plant and Chocolate sales, Hot Lunch) but also add to the students' school experiences (ie. Memory book, Pancake Breakfast, Snack Shack). But as children 'graduate' from grade 7 and move on, so do the parents, often leaving these initiatives to be taken over by others.

At the end of the 2018-19 school years, many of the parents who have coordinated events and programs over the past several years will be leaving. If these initiatives are to continue beyond next year, a transition plan is necessary.

These include:

- Memory Book Coordinator and Design Team Members
- Pancake Breakfast Coordinator
- Art Show Coordinator and Several Committee Leads
- Hot Lunch Coordinator
- Snack Shack Coordinator

More detailed information regarding these initiatives and the positions will be sent out in the near future. We would like to ask that parents think about the programs, their skill sets and if they would be interested in seeing these programs continue. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact communications-coordinator@confedpac.ca

PHOTOS PLEASE!

The Memory Book team **NEEDS** your photos to fill the pages.

If you have shots of your children taking part in school activities, attending a field trip or playing on the playground, please send them to memory-book@confedpac.ca

We cannot make this book without **YOUR** help!

GOT AN IDEA?

Have an idea for a new fundraiser? A new program to support the children's learning? A speaker for the kids or the parent? An artist to teach new skills?

Now is the time to submit these ideas to be considered for the 2018-19 school year.

All submissions need to be received by Wednesday, April 4th in order to be considered. Please send you ideas to chair@confedpac.ca

FEBRUARY PAC MEETING

The February PAC meeting will be held Monday, February 19th from 9 –10:30am in the Staff Room.

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

Things are constantly changing so stay in touch! Check us out by joining our closed Facebook group or visiting our website.

PAC Website: <http://confedpac.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/>

Community Announcements

Coldest Night of the Year Burnaby, February 24th – 4-8pm, Starting at Marlborough Elementary

On Saturday, February 24th, join Burnaby Community Services & The Society to End Homelessness in Burnaby for Coldest Night of the Year Burnaby. The Coldest Night of the Year is a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless and hurting families and youth in 120 communities across Canada. Since 2011 CNOY communities have raised over \$16,500,000. The walk provides each participant with the opportunity to:

- Walk 2, 5, or 10km
- Fundraise to help the hungry, homeless and hurting in Burnaby
- Feel a hint of the challenge faced by those experiencing homelessness during winter

To walk, volunteer or donate, please visit <https://cnoy.org/location/burnaby>

Red Cross Babysitting Course



So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Confederation Park, Apr.23, 2018, 8:30-3:30, Grade 6+ \$60 + GST online registration
<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

Employment Opportunities - Burnaby School District

The Burnaby School District is seeking applications for the casual, on-call positions of **Crossing Guard** and **Student Supervisor**.

Successful applicants will have:

- Grade 12 education
- demonstrated ability and experience in working with children

The ability to work throughout the District and be available for shifts every day school is in session is a definite asset.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to:

Grae Emerson, HR Advisor
Burnaby School District
5325 Kincaid Street
Burnaby BC V5G 1W2
grae.emerson@burnabyschools.ca

Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted.



Burnaby has everything you need for Spring Break!

Our camps have an excellent reputation, and our program leaders are chosen for their valuable experience, abilities and dedication. Leaders are trained in first aid, accident prevention and emergency procedures. Your child's safety is our priority. We are committed to ensuring a safe and fun experiences for your child.

For more information on the City of Burnaby's Spring Break Camps, visit www.burnaby.ca/camps





February 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Kindergarten Registration begins (Feb 1- 28) Hot Lunch	2	3
4	5 Div. 9 to Burnaby Public Library, 10:15	6 Parent Coffee Meeting, 9:00 am	7	8 Hot Lunch	9	10
11	12 Family Day School closed	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Hot Lunch	16 PRO D School closed Chinese New Year	17
18	19 PAC Meeting, 9:00 am	20	21	22 Young Peoples Concert, 9:00 am bus pick-up Hot Lunch	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pink Shirt Day			