



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts January, 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 back to school! I trust that everyone had a restful Winter Break and enjoyed some quality family time this holiday. We are looking forward to the term ahead and all that this will bring to our students, staff and families at Confederation Park Elementary.

We finished our term in December with a few celebrations. Our Hip-Hop performances in the afternoon and evening of December 14th were a huge success. Our students did a great job demonstrating their dance skills and coordinating their moves under the direction of Sue Cejalvo and her company from Vibe Entertainment. Thank you to Sue and her team for their hard work with our students and thanks also to our generous PAC who covered the cost of this artist-in-residence program.

Our Pancake Breakfast was also a big success. Many thanks go to the Burnaby Firefighters, our PAC and the many parent volunteers for cooking up and serving breakfast to our students and staff. It was another fun way for us to connect as a school community!

Finally we finished our term with a Community Gathering in the school gym on December 21st where our choir and band performed and we then sang a few winter songs to take us into the holiday season.



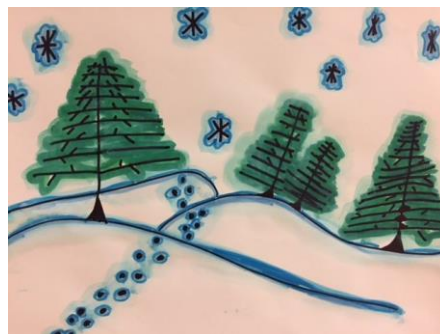
Winter Trees – Division 7

As we look forward into the New Year we are excited about our up-coming school musical, 'Beauty and the Beast,' which will be performed at the Michael J. Fox theatre on the evening of March 6th. Parts have now been assigned and students are already busy rehearsing their lines and songs for the school-wide experience. Many classroom topics will be connected to the themes running through the 'Beauty and the Beast' story and we look forward to seeing how these play out in the many projects that will take place this term.

As we move forward into the new school term I wish everyone a smooth transition into the new calendar year and send best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2018!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Winter Art – Division 7

Library Information:

Cozy Reading for Tots! Starting January 15th, we invite parents and caregivers to bring their pre-school siblings to the library to read together on Monday mornings from 9:00-9:30. Sharing a love of books at an early age sets the stage for success in school and establishing a life-long love of reading. We hope to see you there!

Games Club: Starting Monday, January 15th, we will have Games Club in the library at lunch for intermediate students every Monday. We will learn how to play games such as Scrabble, Chess and others from our collection. Students are also welcome to bring their own favourite games from home. They may be stored securely in the library or brought each week. Please feel free to contact Ms. Lynka for more information (carol.lynka@sd41.bc.ca) Game On!

Winter Clothing

A reminder to have your child wear appropriate clothing for our winter 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!

Basketball

Ms. Coutts (boys' coach) and Mr. Seto (girls' coach) will begin working with our grade 6 and 7 student basketball teams this term. Practices and games will begin the week of January, 15th. More information to follow.



Animal Collages – Division 8

Beauty & the Beast

Our students are beginning to rehearse ready for our production of "Beauty & the Beast" which will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at Michael J. Fox Theatre. Our cast has begun their first full week of rehearsals. Students are working on costume designs, art-inspired works and other areas of integration in the class room. You can stay informed with everything that is going on with our Beauty and the Beast blog. <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/confed-events/>

ADST Tools

Just a reminder that if you have any hand tools at home such as hand saws, clamps, drills etc. in good condition that you would be willing to donate to our school, please let us know. We would welcome donations to help us with our future ADST projects.

Whitehatters – Cyber Safety

This week (Jan. 10th) we welcomed a visit from 'Whitehatters' who gave presentations to our intermediate students on the subject of cyber safety. There was also an evening presentation provided for parents on this day. These presentations were well received by students, teachers and parents. Many thanks to our generous PAC for funding this learning opportunity.



Perspective Art – Division 1

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!



Winter Stockings – Division 10

February – Kindergarten Registration

Next month is Kindergarten registration time for the Burnaby School District. If you have a child born in 2013, please be prepared to register your child in February. Information regarding registration and documentation required can be found at <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/registration-procedures>

Save the Dates

***Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, February 6th at 9AM**

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

PAC NEWS

HOT LUNCH – WINTER SESSION

It's time to place your Hot Lunch orders for the Winter Session (January to March break). Back again are the student's favorites – Stan's Pizza, White Spot, and Hong Sushi. Because this is a shorter session, an environmentally friendly lunch is not included. Information sheets were sent home with the students this week.

Ordering is now open via the Munch-a-lunch website and **all orders must be received by Thursday, January 18th**. The first Hot Lunch will be delivered on Thursday, January 25th. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Parents are once again asked to send **cutlery** with their children on Hot Lunch Days.

As always, volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver the food to the eagerly awaiting students. If you are able to help out Thursday mornings between 11:30 and 12:30 let us know by registering online after placing your Munch-a-lunch order or by contacting the Hot Lunch Coordinator at hotlunch-coordinator@confedpac.ca.

HELP US FILL THE PAGES!

The Confederation Park Memory Book Team is once again hard at work developing this year's edition of our fabulous Memory Book. It will once again be a colourful reflection of the students' year and a wonderful keepsake.

As always, our goal is to include every child in the yearly book and in order to ensure this is possible there will once again be two pages dedicated to each class. This allows for not only the official school photos, but also a compilation of candid photos of the children in the classroom and taking part in school activities and field trips.

There will also be separate sections highlighting events throughout the year, teams and clubs (including action shots). And of course this year there will be a complete section highlighting the ***"Beauty and the Beast"*** performance.

In addition to the contribution of teachers and our "official" parent photographers, **we are inviting parents to also submit their photos**. 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

UPCOMING PAC MEETINGS

Just a reminder that this year, in an effort to make Parent Advisory Council meeting more accessible to **ALL** parents, meetings are now alternating between mornings and evenings.

The Parent Advisory Council meetings provide an opportunity for parents to keep informed with the plans and direction of the Council; to find out from Mrs. Readman the latest on the happenings at the school; and to have a say on decisions that need to be made regarding activities and support for our children's learning experiences.

All parents and guardians of children at the school are members of the Parent Advisory Council and are invited to take part in these discussions.

Following is a list of upcoming meetings. (Please note: due to Spring Break, no meeting will be held during March).

PAC Meetings schedule for the 2017/18 School Year.	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Wednesday, January 17 th , 2018	7:00pm
Monday, February 19 th	9:00am
Monday, April 16 th	9:00am
Wednesday, May 16 th (AGM)	7:00pm
Monday, June 18 th	9:00am

DON'T FORGET - YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS

There are several great ways families can continue to contribute to the school throughout the year:

- **BOTTLE RETURNS**: Drop off your recyclable bottles, cans, and drink containers at the **Kensington Square Return-It** depot. It's as easy as filling up a blue bag, taking it down to the Return-It and entering the school number (old fax number 604-664-8668) , which you can also look up there if you forget to bring it along. Do your part for the earth, and for our kids.
- **COBS BREAD**: Take part in our Dough Raiser Program at **Cobs Bread, Kensington Square**. When you are making a purchase, just mention Confederation Park Elementary school and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the school. Fresh bread tastes even better when you know it's helping raise money for our kids.
- **MABEL LABELS**: Whether you need to label your kids' clothes or your kitchen canisters, Mabel's Labels has all of your needs covered. Labels are perfect for school, camp, daycare, travel and home and are dishwasher and microwave safe and waterproof. Log into: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/>

CONFED PAC FACEBOOK

We have almost 100 members on our **closed** FACEBOOK page. Have you joined yet?

We continually keep the group up to date on the happenings at Confederation Park. Whether it's reminders on community gathering, updates on fundraising events, or notices on what PAC sponsored event the students are participating in, the Facebook page is a great way to keep in touch. We also routinely answer any questions parents may have, or point them in the right direction.

Check us out (and join!) today. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/>

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

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>

Parent Info Sessions for district language programs and high school open house events:

Burnaby Schools Elementary Language Programs

Parent Information Evenings 2018

Burnaby Schools offer a variety of programs to support student success. These include elementary school language programs. We invite you to attend an information evening to learn more.

FRENCH IMMERSION

- For students entering kindergarten or grade 1, we offer **Early French Immersion** at Aubrey, Brantford, Marlborough, Seaforth, Sperling, Westridge, Inman (K - grade 3) and Cascade Heights (grades 4 - 7).
 - For students entering grade 6, we offer **Late French Immersion** at Armstrong, Capitol Hill and Marlborough elementary schools.
- Learn More: Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm
École Seaforth Elementary

MANDARIN LANGUAGE ARTS

- For students entering kindergarten or grade 1, we offer Mandarin Language Arts at Forest Grove Elementary (K - grade 7 program).
- Learn More: Thursday, January 25 at 6pm
Forest Grove Elementary (Library)

Come early for refreshments! Childminding available

Explore all of our learning options:
www.burnabyschools.ca



2018/19

Burnaby's Secondary Schools offer so many opportunities for students to be inspired to reach their potential.

Learning options include Career Education, French Immersion, Summit Programs, Sports Academies, BETA Mini-school for Highly Able Learners, AP courses, and the AP Capstone program. New programs for fall 2018 include a lacrosse academy, volleyball academy and three leading edge technology programs – all offered at Cariboo Hill.

Students going into grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend our Secondary School Open House Events.

They provide an opportunity to tour the schools, meet the teachers and principals, and learn about optional programs, and course selection.

Event details are available on each school website.

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Alpha	Wed, Jan 24	6pm	
Burnaby Central	Wed, Jan 17	6pm Entering Grade 8	7pm Gr. 9-12
Burnaby Mountain	Thurs, Feb 1	6pm	
Burnaby North	Tues, Jan 30	6pm Entering Grade 8	7pm Gr. 9-12
Burnaby South	Thurs, Jan 18	6pm	
Byrne Creek	Thurs, Feb 1	6pm Entering Grade 8	7pm Gr. 9-12
Cariboo Hill	Thurs, Jan 18	6pm	
Moscrop	Thurs, Jan 25	6:45pm	

Burnaby Online staff will be available at each event to discuss online learning options.

Our secondary schools offer a variety of Career Education options. Attend our info session to learn more.

**Career Education Industry Training
INFO SESSION**
Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30pm
Burnaby Central Secondary 6011 Deer Lake Parkway

Learn More:
BurnabySchools.ca





January 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4	5	6
						
7	8 School re-opens	9	10 Whitehatters Presentation, Div. 1-4 Parent Presentation, 6:30pm	11	12 Gr. 7 Bake Sale	13
14	15	16	17 PAC meeting, 7:00pm	18	19 Div. 8 & 9 to Vancouver Aquarium	20
21	22 Young People's Concert, Gr. 4-7's Bus pickup at 9:00am	23 Card Club resumes	24 Alpha open house, 6:00pm	25 Hot Lunch	26	27
28	29	30	31			