



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts September, 2017

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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 you all! I hope that you had a restful summer break and that you are ready for our new year ahead. Welcome also to our new families. We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know you over the next couple of months.

Our students are now placed in their classrooms for the year. We wish everyone well and hope they are ready for a great year ahead! We have our **Welcoming Conversations** this week on Wednesday, Sept. 13th and Thursday, Sept. 14th. During these times, we hope that you will talk with your child's teacher and share information in order to support a smooth transition into the new school year. Please continue to connect with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about your child this year.

We have a few new staff members this term:

Ms. Trzcinski – teaching Grade 3

Ms. Isbister – teaching Grades 4/5

Ms. Lynka (also our librarian)/**Ms. Dias** (returning from mat leave) – also teaching 4/5

Ms. Carter (speech language pathologist)

Mr. Warhurst – our new custodian

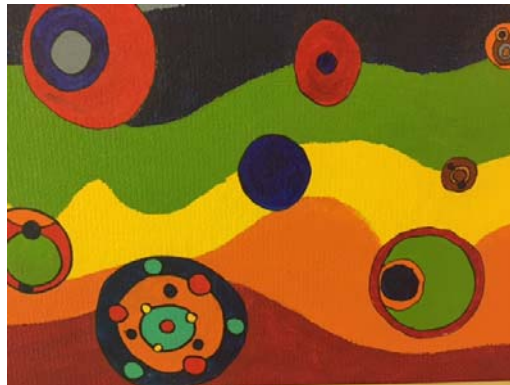
We welcome them to our Confed staff!

We are looking forward to a school-wide Aboriginal Ed. Fieldtrip which will take place on **Friday, September 29th** on Musqueam land in Vancouver. This fieldtrip will be funded by our generous PAC and monies from our Student Learning Grant. We hope everyone will enjoy this day and that this will provide us with some insight regarding Aboriginal peoples - their customs, beliefs and perspectives.

Please stay tuned for more school community events this term. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you at PAC meetings, assemblies and other class and school events.

Yours faithfully,

Helena Readman



Ceiling Art

Late Start

Just a reminder that we will be having a **late start on Friday, Sept. 15th** when we will start school at **9:50AM**. This is due to the extended hours of our Welcoming Conversations.

Pro-D Day

Please note that our first Professional Development Day is coming up on **Monday, September 18th**. There is no school for students on this day, please mark your calendars.

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry fox Run is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of **Thursday, September 28th**. We have an assembly at 1pm on this day followed by the run which will take place outside at the Confederation Park Oval. Donations are welcome (Toonies for Terry) and these will be collected in classrooms leading up to the event. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly as well as the run afterwards.

Meanwhile we will be ramping up to the Terry Fox Run by having warm-up runs around the school at the first morning bell starting on Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 8:50AM. Parents are welcome to stay and run/walk with their child for the first fifteen minutes of the day.

School Photos

Our student individual photos will be taken again this year by Derek Stevens. We are tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, October 5th** and **Friday, October 6th**.



Door Art

Gamma Avenue Road Works/School Traffic Safety

As you have probably seen, there are some road works taking place along Gamma Ave which has restricted access to Pandora. Please use Beta Ave wherever possible and park in the designated spaces to drop off your child. Please be aware of the parking signs along the road and remember that there is no stopping where the cones are set. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nut/Peanut Aware School

We are working on being a safe, welcoming and comfortable place for all. We would like to remind families that some of our classrooms are a **Nut/Peanut Aware Class** as we have several children who have a serious allergy to peanuts and nuts. We are asking you that you **NOT** send to school any snacks that contain nuts or nut oils and check in with your child's teacher for further specific restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bell Schedules

A reminder that the welcoming bell rings at 8:50 and instruction begins at 8:55. Arriving punctually helps students establish good lifelong habits, and ensures that they do not miss important morning routines and valuable instructional time. Please note that our end-of-school bells rings at 3:02.

Student Absences

Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program. Office hours are 8:00 am to 3:30. If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call the school office before 9:00 a.m. to confirm their absence. You can also leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:

1. Child's first and last name (please spell last name)
2. Teacher and Division
3. Absent or late (please give anticipated arrival time)

If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety. If your child arrives at school late, please have him or her sign in at the office so we do not have to bother you at home or at work.

Sick Students

For the protection of your child and other children, please keep your child at home if he/she has:

- a fever
- is too sick to participate in school activities
- has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. Chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye or any other undiagnosed rash).

Please keep your child home until they are no longer infectious. Let the school secretary know your child's symptoms. For more information, visit www.fraserhealth.ca

Medical Alerts

We will soon be updating our medical alert information at the office. If you are a new parent with a child who has a medical alert or a returning family with a child who has recently developed a medical condition, please contact the school office so as we can update our information and ensure we have all the necessary paperwork. Medical alerts are typically those with a life-threatening diagnosis such as an anaphylaxis allergy or asthma, for example. Any other medical concerns can be shared with the classroom teacher and you will then be directed to the office to complete paperwork if necessary.

Sexual Health Presentations

*Save the date for a parent presentation on the evening of **Tuesday, October 10th 6:30-8:00PM**. This presentation will focus on body awareness, wellness and body science topics. This presentation will likely take place in the library. All parents are welcome to join us. Student presentations will take place during the day on Wednesday, Oct. 11th and Thursday, Oct. 12th. The cost of these presentations has been covered by our generous PAC.

Student Emergency Forms

In the next few days your child will bring home a set of important forms that are required to be completed at the beginning of every school year. Please ensure to carefully read and complete these forms as soon as possible. The student verification form (on pink paper) can be used to update any contact information for your child, as well as medical alert changes or demographic information.

Cross Country

Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall will be organizing Cross Country this term for any interested Intermediate students. Letters will be sent home shortly. Practices will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings starting at 8:10AM. Cross Country meets will take place after school on Sept. 25th, Oct. 2nd and Oct. 10th at the Burnaby Sports Complex.



ConfedPAC PARENT NEWS

1st PAC MEETING Wednesday September 27th, 2017 @ 7pm, School Library

Welcome back parents to another year at Confederation Park! The 2017/18 year is already shaping up to be an exciting school year with a variety of events and activities designed to help support our children's learning experience.

OUR COMMITMENT FOR THE YEAR

The Parents of Confederation Park have committed to **over \$28,000** in support to the school for the 2017/18 school year. This support will enable the administration to continue to provide our children with enhanced educational experiences. It includes covering field trip expenses and buses; supplementing arts programs including an 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.

In order to meet these commitments of support for the school, a number of fundraising programs will be run throughout the years and will include Family Portraits; School photos; the Annual Art Show and Auction; Spring Plant Sale and Purdy's Chocolate sale. Everyone's favorites, Sports Day Snack Shack and the yearly Memory Book, will also be back.

A more detailed list of commitments and fundraisers can be found on the PAC bulletin board in the main hallway (next to staff room).

We would like to thank all parents in advance for the support of the school and for helping out in any way that is possible.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Keeping you, the parents, informed of events and information regarding the Confederation Park Community is of utmost importance. In order to facilitate this communication, the following channels have been set up. Please take advantage of these to "**STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.**"

Class Rep Coordinators – Each division will have a Class Rep Coordinator who will routinely email communications to parents in a timely manner. More information will be sent home this week regarding the Class Rep program. Please fill out and return the form to ensure you are included on your class mailing list.

Facebook Group - (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/>) Our Facebook page is a closed group aimed at keeping Confederation Park Parents up to date on school events, PAC fundraisers and PAC funded activities and other important information. Parents are encouraged to post questions and comment on School related topics. The page is updated frequently and is a great way to get almost 'instant' information. Join today!

PAC Bulletin Board – A newly revised bulletin board has been set up in the main hallway outside of the Staff room. For those of you who do not partake in social media this is a great way to stay up to date on what is happening in the Confed Community.

PAC Website – <http://confederationpark.burnabydpac.com/> The website contains helpful information about ConfedPAC and is updated on a regular basis. Watch for a new and improved site to be developed during the year.

School Newsletter - Scroll down to the end of Mrs. Readman's monthly newsletter to get the latest on what is going on with the parents of Confederation Park.

PARENTS LOVE THURSDAYS!

Everyone's favorite (kids and parents alike), the Hot Lunch program will once again run each Thursday throughout the year and will be organized into **Fall** (Sept – Dec), **Winter** (Jan – Mar) and **Spring** (Apr – June) sessions.

Information is being sent home this week and on line ordering is now open. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

- The first serving date will be Thursday, September 28th and will continue through **October, November and December.**
- Each session will once again have an **"Environmentally Friendly Hot Lunch Day"** at which we reduce waste generated by individualize containers by having each student bring their own containers (250ml or larger) for a pasta serving. The first of these days will be **November 30th.**
- Parents are reminded to send **cutlery** with their children on **every** Hot Lunch Day.
- **Volunteers** are always needed to help serve the lunches to the classrooms. If you are able to stop by the school between 11:30 and 12:30 on Thursdays, please consider helping out. You can sign up while ordering online or by contacting **hotlunch-coordinator@confedpac.ca.**

Last day to place orders is September 21st.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THEY GROW SO FAST!

Capture you family as it is right now with ConfedPAC's **FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER.**

Again this year, Confed families will have the opportunity to get their **PORTRAITS** taken by Derek Stevens – the same photographer (and parent) who took our wonderful, and unique, school photos last year. (<http://derekstevensphotography.com>)

For only **\$89**, each family receives a 30-minute professional photo session with Derek, a choice of five downloadable images, and the option to purchase additional images. There is also the option of either a studio shoot, or an outdoor shoot at a yet-to-be determined location.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

HELP FILL THE BOOK

As the school year begins, the Memory Book team starts to think about all the wonderful photos they will be able to use to fill the pages of the 2017-18 book.

But we will need your help!

Parents are invited once again be a part of this wonderful and treasured project. As you have the opportunity to take part in your child's learning and school experience this year, the Memory Book team would like to remind you to take photos and submit them to us for inclusion in the 2017-18 edition. Send them to memory-book@confedpac.ca.

(Remember the best photos are those of more than one child and that fill the whole frame.)



2017-2018 School Calendar

September 5 th September 6 th September 18 th	School opens, 8:50-9:50am First full day of school for Grades 1 – 7 Professional Development Day
October 9 th October 20 th October 23 rd	Thanksgiving Day Professional Development Day Curriculum Implementation Day
November 10 th November 13 th November 24 th	School Closure Day Remembrance Day Holiday Professional Development Day
Dec 25 th – Jan 5 th January 8 th	Winter Break School re-opens
February 12 th February 16 th	Family Day Professional Development Day
March 19 th – 29 th March 30 th	Spring Break Good Friday
April 2 nd April 3 rd April 23 rd	Easter Monday School re-opens Professional Development Day
May 21 st	Victoria Day
June 8 th June 28 th June 29 th	Professional Development Day Last day of school, 10:00 a.m. Dismissal Administrative Day

WE INVITE YOU TO TRY RUGBY

WHAT: 11:00 - 1:00 PM

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2017

WHERE: BURNABY LAKE RUGBY CLUB

3760 SPERLING AVENUE, BURNABY, BC





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Welcoming Conversations 3:00-5:00pm	14 Welcoming Conversations 3:00-7:00pm	15 Late Start 9:50am	16
17	18 PRO-D DAY No School	19	20	21 Div. 9 to Burnaby Public Library, 1:00pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 PAC Meeting, 7:00pm	28 Hot Lunch Terry Fox run 1:00-3:00pm	29 School Wide Field Trip to Musqueam Reserve	30