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.

Happy October to everyone!

Here we are again after only two weeks since our last newsletter! We hope everyone is well and settling into the new term. We also hope everyone is enjoying the first few days of fall and appreciating the warm sun before the rain begins to fall.

Thank you to the teachers and staff for all their hard work and dedication so far this term. The school is already buzzing with excitement as students take part in community building activities, learn new routines and engage in learning in a variety of creative ways.

We have begun our days with a morning run this past month in preparation for our Terry Fox run. This has been a great start to the day and has had students engage in fitness right at the morning bell.

Our school has been participating in gymnastics this past month and students have enjoyed developing their skills on various gymnastic apparatus during their P. E. times. Students have had the chance to learn skills such as turning, twisting, climbing, balancing, jumping, landing, and sequencing movements together.

Last week our students participated in an Earth Rangers assembly. Our presenters shared information about animals and the natural environment. Students enjoyed seeing video clips of animals, learning about habitats, and meeting animals such as various birds and even a skunk! Thank you to Nicole Patterson (Maliq Patterson’s mom) who nominated our school for this presentation.

Last week during our Pro-d day, our staff worked collaboratively to revisit our school goals, philosophy and commitment to our Education Through the Arts program. We discussed ways to connect to curriculum through various artistic processes and how to best support and guide our learners as creative beings. We also took part in a second Pro-d day (Curriculum Implementation Day) this Friday, where staff addressed the new B.C. Curriculum and explored ways to move forward with the new guidelines.
Arts Schools Network 2016 Annual Conference
During the week of October 24th - 28th, Ms. Ishii, Ms. Civitarese, Ms. Yoon and Mrs. Readman, are travelling to Dallas to attend the Arts Schools Network 2016 Annual Conference. We are very excited to take part in this professional development opportunity which will allow us the chance to see the many different ways schools use art processes to develop skills and further learning as it connects to the curriculum. We look forward to returning to school to share our inspiration with the staff, students and parent community. Confederation Park is also being honoured and recognised at this conference as an Exemplary School which acknowledges that our school has met the Arts Schools Network Principles of Exemplary Practice.

Terry Fox Run
Our Terry Fox run was a success once again and took place this past Thursday afternoon. Before the run we enjoyed an assembly where we had a visit from Mr. Will Dean, a Canadian Olympic rowing athlete who shared his inspirational story with us around the theme of Perseverance. This presentation was followed by our annual run at the oval. Our Toonies for Terry collection was also a big success and we raised $506.30. This money will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations to our school community!

Clubs and Teams:
Our Cross Country Team, sponsored by Ms. McKenna and Ms. Civitarese, have been practicing every Tuesday and Thursday morning and have already attended two meets. Congratulations to the participating runners and best of luck for the rest of your season! Other extra-curricular opportunities for our students will be starting up soon. These will be Choir, Card Club, Hockey and Volleyball. Please check the page "Clubs and Teams" on our school website to stay informed. The "Clubs and Teams" page can be found under the "School Info" tab on our home page.

School Traffic Safety
Just another reminder that there is NO STOPPING in front of the cones in the parking lot even on those wet and nasty days. Please be aware of the parking signs along the parking lot walkway. There is no stopping where the cones are set. This presents a real danger for our pedestrians and students. Also, please be mindful of people’s properties when parking on Pandora. Thank you for your cooperation as student safety is our priority.

Pokemon Cards and Toys
As per the recent email this week, students are reminded that Pokemon cards are allowed in school on Fridays only. Students are not permitted to bring cards on other days. Also, a request that students’ toys stay at home and only be brought to school at a teacher’s request e.g. Show and Tell, or other themed event. If toys or other personal items are brought to school, we cannot be responsible if they get broken or go missing.

Nut/Peanut Aware School
Just another reminder that some of our classrooms are Nut/Peanut Aware. In these classrooms, we have several children who have a serious allergy to peanuts and nuts. If you child is in one of these classrooms, we ask you that you NOT send to school any snacks that contain nuts or nut oils. Thanks for your co-operation in this manner.

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 3:03.

Student Lates
It has been noted that a number of students have been arriving to school late this term. This has delayed the start of instructional time as teachers are needing to wait and then go over instructions that have already been shared with students. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. A prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program.
Student Absences
If your child is away for any reason, please call the school office at 604-664-8669 before 9:00 a.m. to confirm his/her absence. Office hours are 8:00 am to 3:30. 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.

Student Photos
Please note that we will be having individual student photos on TWO separate mornings this year - October 13th and 14th. Please note which day your child(ren's) class will be scheduled for their photo session.

Thursday, Oct. 13th - Divisions: 1 (Safarik,) 3 (Civitarese,) 6 (Sale,) 9 (Fischer) & 10 (Marshall.)
Friday, Oct. 14th - Divisions; 2 (Coutts,) 4 (Parmar,) 5 (Yoon,) 7 (Harrison) & 8 (McKenna.)

Artist-in Residence
We are excited to announce that our students and staff will take part in a dance residency with Marian Rose. Marian is a highly respected musician, dance educator and writer who has taught folk and social dance to thousands of school children across Canada, and created the Community Dance Project as a tool to preserve and rejuvenate the ritual of community family dancing. Our residency will include scheduled dance classes; a Thursday evening community dance and also a Friday afternoon dance performance and finale.
Please save these dates:
- Monday, November 28th - Friday, December 2nd - scheduled dance classes in the gym. (Parents welcome.)
- Thursday, December 1st for Confederation Park’s First Ever Community Dance in our gym from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. All students and their families are welcome to attend.
- Friday, December 2nd in the afternoon there will be a dance performance and finale in the gym. Parents welcome.
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OCTOBER PAC MEETING - SPECIAL DATE AND FORMAT - Tuesday, October 18th at 7 p.m.

Join us for a special open forum meeting where parents are invited to share their thoughts and give feedback on PACs new goals and objectives: Engaged. Transparent. Inclusive. Watch for more information coming soon.

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th - Friday, October 28th. One of our children's favorite school events, the Fair raises thousands of dollars each year towards keeping our library stocked with current and interesting reading material for the students. Parent volunteers are needed to help students with purchases and to keep the products stocked and organized during event, Wednesday to Friday from 12 pm - 1 pm and from 3 pm - 4 pm. As well assistance is required during the set up (Tuesday, October 25th from 1-3) and tear down (Friday, October 28th from 3-4). A few extra hands ensure the job is done quicker. Please consider helping out at this very important event. Add your name to the schedule which will be posted outside of the library door in a couple of weeks and/or email bookfair-coordinator@confedpac.ca with your availability. Thank you for your consideration and making this event such a success.

FAMILY PHOTOS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ConfedPAC is once again offering their FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER. For only $89 you receive a 20 minute professional photo session, your choice of 5 downloaded images and the option to purchase additional images. This year you have the option of either an indoor studio or an outdoor location shoot. A great gift idea for the Holidays.

2016-17 MEMORY BOOK

Work is about to begin on the 2016-17 Memory Book and we are looking for your help. Last year our fabulous 36 page book contained over 1,000 photographs highlighting the events and learning opportunities of the students of Confederation Park. We would like to invite all parents to 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 2016-17 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.)

ART SHOW AND AUCTION!

Save the Date! Saturday, November 26th! The biggest fundraiser of the year, our goal this year is $10,000! Students will once again be creating fabulous pieces of art to showcase their learning. Parents are asked for their assistance is securing auction and raffle items (gift cards from restaurants, spa services, items from specialty stores, hotels/holiday or airlines vouchers, concert tickets, sporting events or anything new and unique items). If you, or your contacts, are able to help out, please contact silentauction@confedpac.ca. Committees will also be looking for assistance with food preparation, tickets and cashier duties, decorating, bartending and more. If you are interested in helping out contact artshowcoordinator@confedpac.ca.

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: http://confedpac.ca; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/
Burnaby Public Library’s Fresh Start 2016

In celebration of our 60th anniversary, Burnaby Public Library want you to "Be Curious..." and start borrowing again! Here’s an opportunity to have the overdue fines owing on your library account waived. Visit the service desk of any Burnaby Public Library branch between Monday, September 19 and Sunday, October 2, 2016, and we will waive the late fees currently owing on your library account, up to a maximum of $100. This is a one-time special amnesty for fines accrued prior to September 19, and is only valid between September 19 and October 2, 2016.

Parenting in the Middle Years (6-12 years)

October 17 to Nov 21 10:10 - 12:00 McGill Public Library - This is a supportive and educational series for parents of children ages 6 to 12 years. Understanding middle childhood development, encouraging social-emotional competency, responding to school and family life challenges, fostering positive peer relationships, communicating effectively, understanding temperament, and strategies for effective, positive discipline in the middle years will be covered. Parenting styles and coping with the stresses and strains of parenting will also be included. The goal of this series is to provide parents with a forum to learn, to share and to discuss information and strategies to enrich their parenting experience. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SPACE LIMITED. Contact 778.782.3548 or infochld@sfu.ca

Love the Water? Check Out Water Polo!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our program runs from Sept to April. Practices are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays from 5-7 pm. Games are played on Sundays with locations to be announced. Not sure if you’d like it? Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for a free introductory water polo clinic on Saturday, October 1 or 8 from 5 to 7 pm. Please reserve a spot as space is limited. Contact Zoran Maletic at 778-328-2657 or email contact@burnabywaterpolo.com for more information or visit www.burnabywaterpolo.com.

Looking for Child Care?

Let the YMCA Child Care Resource & Referral help! We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we’re here to help! Contact us at:
Metrotown Community Resource Centre
4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC 604.294.1109
www.gv.ymca.ca

Burnaby Caprice Synchronized Swim Club

Burnaby Caprice Synchro offers synchronized swimming programs for all levels of athletes, for younger boys and girls just learning the sport to those competing on the national level. Synchronized swimming is a wonderful mix of swimming, music, dance, gymnastics and drama. It develops water orientation, balance and aquatic skills. Synchro also promotes cardiac, respiratory and muscular fitness while focusing on
improving the athlete’s strength, power, endurance and flexibility.

We believe in a “holistic” or “whole person” approach to athletics. We are having a FREE come-try-synchro at Eileen Daily Pool on Wednesday, October 5 from 7:30-8:30 pm. To register for this program contact Eileen Daily Pool. The next 10 session come-try-synchro starts on October 8. For more information go to our website or e-mail the club info@bcssc.org; http://www.bcssc.org