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 with society.

Welcome back to you all! I hope that everyone 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.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Helena Readman, to you all. As the new principal of Confederation Park I wanted to say a warm ‘Hello’. I am very excited to be part of this community and learn about the wonderful work that takes place here at our Education Through the Arts School. I recently moved to Confederation Park from Chaffey-Burke Elementary School in south Burnaby where I was a Vice-Principal. I have been a Burnaby teacher for 17 years and I previously worked as a teacher in England and also in the Middle East. I live in Vancouver with my husband and two daughters so I know all about juggling life and meeting the needs of many people all at once, as I am sure you do too! I am looking forward to meeting you and your families this term so please feel free to drop by the office and introduce yourselves to me if you get the chance.

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 had our Welcoming Conversations this week. We hope that you were able to talk with your child’s teacher and share information about your child. 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. Civitarese (taking a maternity leave for Ms. Dias) teaching grades 4/5
Ms. Yoon (taking Ms. Wellington’s position as she left to teach in Maple Ridge) teaching grades 3/4
Mrs. Robinson (Resource teacher)
Mrs. Zabrieszach (our new secretary)

We welcome them to our staff!

We also have Mrs. Ishii who has taken the position of Head Teacher (replacing Mrs. Windsor-Liscombe’s position from last year.)

As an Education Through the Arts School, there are several ways in which we sustain our arts programming. Students have the opportunity to engage in the visual arts, dance, music and drama on a weekly basis. With the help of our PAC, we have the ability to bring a wide range of artistic experiences to our students, including artist in residence. In addition, we are fortunate to have parents in our community skilled in the arts and technology, who donate their time to work with our students and engage them in further learning about the arts. Students also experience art-infusion in other curricular subject areas, such as socials, mathematics and science. This gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.

Parent Advisory Council
JOIN US AND MEET THE PRINCIPAL

You are invited to join other Confederation Park parents for the first PAC meeting of the year, Thursday, September 22nd at 7 pm in the school Library.

In addition to discussing the exciting and unique activities being planned for the new year, we will be welcoming our new Principal, Helena Readman. The last 30 minutes of the evening will provide you with an opportunity to meet her and socialize with other parents.

We look forward to seeing you.

SOMETHING NEW

In an effort this year to better communicate with all Parents, PAC is launching a new newsletter - ‘the imPACt’. Watch for the first issue which will feature updates on the relaunch of the Art Show and Auction; Family Photos details; an insight into your new PAC executive; and much more.

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

For the most up to date information on PAC events and news, check us out by joining our Facebook group or visiting our website.

PAC Website: http://confederationpark.burnabydpac.com/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/

Terry Fox Run
Our Terry Fox Run is scheduled to take place on September 29th. We have an assembly at 1pm 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.

**School Traffic Safety**
Just a 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.

**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. Thanks for your co-operation in this manner.

**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 and if your child is going to be away for any reason, please call the school office before 9:00 a.m. to confirm his/her 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.

**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](http://www.fraserhealth.ca)

**Bikes, Skateboards and Scooters**
Students are expected to walk their bikes, skateboards and scooters as soon as them enter the school grounds.

**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. We have added an extra minute to the school day this year.
Weather Update
Rainy Days will soon be blowing in! Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for the weather. We will try and make sure students get fresh air and have an opportunity to play outside. After all this is the west coast! With the rainy days and muddy puddles, many children are coming in from recess muddy and or wet. Please make sure that your children have an extra pair of pants or shoes that they can change into.

Lost & Found
Please check the Lost & Found for items your child may have misplaced. The box is located opposite the library. Thanks for checking.

Up up up and away
In the sky as blue as a jay.
Up up up and away
Little bugs flying in the sky.
Up up up and away
Rainbow bubbles float with a sway.
Up up up and away
Kites twirl high near the clouds today.
Up up up and away
Rescue copters zoom away.
Up up up and away
The King of the skies soars today.
Up up up and away
Hats blow off children’s heads – HEY!!!

Poem from Div. 10 (from our first week back)
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