Confederation Park Elementary
Education Through The Arts
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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 May and to another busy month at Confederation Park! We continue to enjoy an eventful time at school and encourage our students to participate in the many varied clubs and teams available to them. We have some new events/clubs being offered this term including Textiles and Multimedia Club, Munch-a Music and our Zumba residency which takes place from May 11th –17th. We are hopeful that many of our students will join us and participate in these opportunities as we continue to look for creative ways of integrating the arts into our students' daily experiences.

Belonging – Division 2

During our Pro-d day last week, we continued our staff conversations around Communicating Student Learning and looking for effective means of sharing student learning in authentic and meaningful ways. As part of our Student-Led Conferences you may have noticed a shift in the ways in which students reflected on their learning and used the Core Competencies of Thinking, Communication and Personal/Social to explain and describe their learning journey. This reflects the changes that the Revised Curriculum has brought to us in allowing and encouraging students to more critically examine their learning and growth.

The Ministry has also given us an opportunity to explore changes in the ways in which we report out to parents. As a result, we have been given the chance to 'play' with our report card template and find an alternate model which would allow us to communicate in a way that better reflects our school, our students and their learning. Stay tuned for more information regarding these changes as we continue our conversations and explore new possibilities for the fall term.

As we move into warmer weather we hope you will take advantage of being outside with your children and enjoy the spring weather as we explore outside options with our students in school. Let's hope the rain stays away so as we can experience these opportunities more regularly this month. Enjoy!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman

Magnification – Division 9

<u>Class Placement Information</u>

The staff at Confederation Park put a tremendous amount of time and thought into the placement of students in our school. Many different people are involved in the process (including the district) and many different criteria are considered when creating a class. It is a complicated process but one that we take very seriously.

When creating a classroom, the staff at Confederation Park consider:

- total number of students
- balance of grades
- boy/girl ratios
- balance of needs (academic, social-emotional) and leadership qualities
- social connections

If you feel the need to share particular information about your child, please collect a ***Student Information Sheet*** from the office, complete the form and return it to the office **<u>no later than June 1st.</u>**

*Please note that student information will <u>only be accepted on this school form.</u> Please also note that this information is one part of the whole process when we consider placing students and so, therefore, no guarantees can be given.

Parking Lot Reminder

Please remember to follow the entrance and exit signs when dropping off and picking up your child in the parking lot. Recently we have noticed some parents driving out through the entrance area (having dropped off their child) and this has caused some concern regarding student and parent safety as families are trying to enter. Please note that the lot has separate entrance and exit routes that are designated and marked for public information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Track and Field

Thank you to our students who joined the Track Team and ran in the track meets this year. We had many students participate and also saw a significant number of grade three students take part whom do not typically run as they are not yet intermediate students. Many congratulations to our Confed. team for their energy, enthusiasm and personal drive. You showed great dedication and sportsmanship and made our school very proud. Many thanks to Ms. McKenna, Ms. Sale, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Trzcinski for working with this team this term!

A special message from Ms. Sale:

"Congratulations to the Track team who went to the all-day meet at Swangard Stadium on Tuesday. Three teams qualified for the relay finals. The runners won ribbons, but most importantly they had a lot of fun, showed great sportsmanship and did a great job representing Confed. Congratulations runners and the track coaches!"

Weaving with Alternative Materials – Division 2

Garden Club

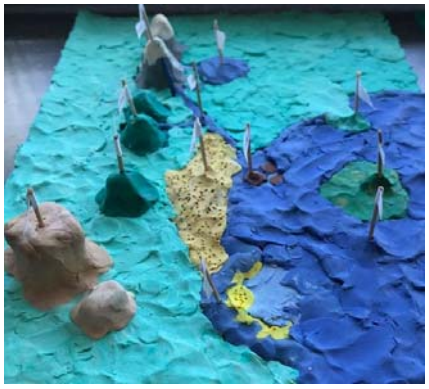
Our two parent sponsors, Rachel Yensen and Tammy Vigliotti, have begun working with our 'green-fingered' student helpers again this year for Garden Club during Thursday lunchtimes. Many of our younger students are enjoying digging, turning soil and planting in the new galvanized garden bins at the front of the school. Many plants are already growing and this adds a lovely splash of colour in this area of our school grounds. Many thanks to Rachel and Tammy for their time and effort in supporting this club! If there are any more students interested in joining, please collect a permission form from the office.

Munch-a-Music

Ms. Ishii is inviting any grade 4-7 students to join her during Thursday lunchtimes to make music together. This is a drop-in club for any interested intermediate students.

Multimedia Club

We are proud to introduce our Multimedia Club for students from grades 4-7. This club will take place on Mondays after school from 3:10-4:30 in the library. The club will run from April 30th – June 11th. Our PAC Chair, Yunuen Perez-Vertti and Ms. Ishii will be our sponsors and will assist students in exploring storytelling through the use film and other media outlets such as podcasts and videos.



3D Landforms – Division 5

Textiles Club

Ms. Ishii and Ms. McKenna are starting Textiles Club this term during Friday lunchtimes. Students participating in this club will be exploring creative ways of using textiles to design and make artefacts. They will also be learning to use a variety of tools and materials including needles, thread, scissors, fabrics and sewing machines.

Zumba

We are excited to welcome our Zumba residency this month which will take place from May 11th – 17th. Students will receive a number of Zumba lessons during this time and learn many different dance moves and routines. There will not be an evening performance for this residency but there will be a chance for parents to join in the fun by participating during their child's lesson times. Please see your child's classroom teacher for specific Zumba lesson times.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be taking place on May 14th–16th. Opening times will be: 12:10 -12:55 and 3:05 – 3:30. The Book Fair will take place in the school library. Flyers have been sent home with students for your information. Please see Mr. Jang in the library if you are able to volunteer.

Kinderzug Opera

We are excited to present 'Kinderzug' an opera written by Ms. Windsor-Liscombe which will be performed by Divisions 1 & 2 on Wednesday, May 30th. Performance times are 1:30 pm and 7:00pm in our gym. Although this production will be performed by Division 1 & 2 students only, everyone is welcome to attend these performances. No tickets will be required.

Pastel Roosters - Division 4

Parent Coffee Morning

You are invited to join us for another Parent Coffee Morning on **Tuesday, May 15th at 9AM** in the staff room. We are planning to talk about Aboriginal Perspectives and look at the 'First People's Principles of Learning' to guide our conversation. We look forward to seeing you there for more great conversation. All parents are welcome!

Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

We would like to invite parents to a Parent **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** taking place in our school library on **Thursday, June 7th from 8:20 – 9:20AM.** This year we'll be inviting parents to 'Be Our Guest' and share in a breakfast with us including coffee/tea and morning snacks. Invitations to follow shortly so please save the date.

Plant Sale

A reminder to pick up any Plant Sale orders on Friday, May 11th between 2 - 4:30PM from the under-cover area outside the school.

Weaving and Threading – Division 8

SD41 – SUMMER SESSION

Summer Session registration is up and running. Courses like Mini-Engineers and Coding have filled up quickly but there are many more fantastic learning opportunities for students in our summer programs. The new registration system is allowing families to register and receive confirmation in less than 12 seconds! **You will need your child's PEN number, which can be found on his/her report card.**

Please use the following link to see our brochures and to register for courses:

https://burnabyschools.ca/summersession/

Please note: Pre-approval is required for Grade 12 students and non-Burnaby students (private school and out of district students).

Save the Dates

*** Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, May 15th 9AM**
*** Kinderzug Opera – Wednesday, May 30th (Evening and afternoon performances)**
*** Parent Volunteer Breakfast – Thursday, June 7th 8:20 – 9:20**
*** Sports Day – Friday, June 22nd**

Planning for 2018-19

We are starting to plan for next year. Although classes are not finalized until the end of the first week of September, initial planning is approaching. Strong class organizations are essential in order to provide the best learning environment possible for all children. **If your family is planning to move away for the next school year, please advise the office as soon as possible**.

PAC NEWS

A BLOOMING SUCCESS!

PAC would like to once again extend a huge 'Thank You' to all the family and friends who made our yearly Spring Plant Sale another success.

Plants will be available for pick up on ***Friday May 11th between 2:30pm – 4:30pm*** in the parking lot, weather permitting. If it's raining, pick up will be moved to the undercover area (doors by the library). Please make arrangements to ensure your plants are picked up at this time.

Volunteers are still needed to help unload the delivery truck. If you are able to help out, meet in the parking lot a little before 12 noon.

LOOKING TOWARDS NEXT YEAR

The Confederation Park Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a group of parents who work together with the Principal to plan activities that meet the educational, social, recreational and cultural needs of our school. We discuss issues that affect our school and fundraise to purchase learning resources, computers, playground equipment, emergency preparedness supplies, as well as musical, dance, theatre, and artist-in-residence programs to support and enhance "Education through the Arts".

Every Confederation Park parent, or guardian, is a member of the Parent Advisory Council and is welcomed and encouraged to participate in meetings and the decision process.

By participating in the PAC, you have the opportunity to support your child's learning by participating in school programs and activities and by taking an active role in deciding where our fundraising dollar is allocated.

Join us for our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!!

Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30 pm

Discussions will include:

- **Update on the year to date.** fundraising report; outcome of sponsored events and programs; Mrs. Readman's monthly report; planned initiatives for the remainder of the year
- ***Budget for next year including teacher's wish list.*** This is the time that decisions are made regarding any new equipment to be purchased (i.e. computers) and additional programs (i.e. artists in residence, author visits, additional educational and sports programs).
- ***Nominations and Voting for volunteer PAC positions.*** PAC ***DOES NOT*** run itself! We ***need*** parents to volunteer to fill the Executive Positions and help guide the direction of PAC. We ***need*** parents to attend the meetings and help make decisions and offer new ideas and perspectives. Positions available include: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, DPAC Rep and more

You can nominate another or yourself. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Please plan to attend. Your input is invaluable.

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 (i.e. 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 year, 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
- Art Show Coordinator and Several Committee Leads
- Hot Lunch Coordinator
- Snack Shack Coordinator

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. For more detailed information regarding these initiatives and the positions or if you have any questions, please contact communications-coordinator@confedpac.ca

MEMORIES FOR SALE!

The 2017/18 Confed Memory Book is shaping up to be a treasure trove of fabulous memories. For only $20 your child will get an amazing 36 page full colour yearbook jammed packed with photos of all the unique experience they have been a part of this year.

Order information has been sent home. This year Memory Book ordering will once again be done through ***Munchalunch.***

http://confederationpark.burnabydpac.com/index.php/memory-book-2

To place your order log into your Munchalunch account, from the top menu click on ***Fundraising Open***, select the quantity, add to cart, and submit your order. You can pay for your orders by credit card, Paypal, cheque or cash. (**Cash can only be accepted with paper orders at the office.)*

ALL ORDERS DUE by Friday, May 11th, 2018

AND….

We are still in need of candid photos from the individual divisions. If you have photos of your child or their friends on a class field trip, participating in a special classroom project or event, or hanging out on the playground please forward, as soon as possible, to memory-book@confedpac.ca.

SPRING CLEANING SUCCESS

Thank you to all the parents who made the effort to clean out their closets and drawers for the Developmental Disabilities Association's Cash4Clothes Program. ***A total of 221 bags were collected for a total of $663.*** These funds will support school programs and activities in the coming year. And an extra thank you to all of the parents you helped out unloading and repacking bags on collection morning.

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

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50TH ANNUAL

BCEC

BC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TRACK +FIELD

CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 25-27, 2018

CLEMENT TRACK AT MINORU PARK

KAJAKS
TRACK & FIELD CLUB

WWW.KAJAKS.CA/BCEC

May 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		All Day Track Meet		Class/Team Photos Hot Lunch		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Festival of Beginning of Bands	Welcome to K Orientation, 1:30 Div. 5 to Burnaby Art Gallery		Hot Lunch	Ice Cream Sale Plant Sale pickup Krispy Kreme Pickup Zumba Residency Begins 11th-17th	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day	Scholastic Book Fair 12:10 & 3:05	Div. 3 & 4 to Playland, Science of Fun Parent Coffee Morning, 9:00am Scholastic Book Fair 12:10 & 3:05	Grade 6 Immunizations PAC Meeting, 6:30 Scholastic Book Fair - 12:10 & 3:05	Hot Lunch		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Victoria Day (school closed)	School Performance "Speed Control", 9:00am	Div. 8 & 9 to Belcarra Park	Hot Lunch	Teacher Appreciation Lunch Ice Cream Sales	
27	28	29	30	31		
			Div. 10 to Aquarium Kinderzug Opera 1:30 & 7:00pm	Hot Lunch		