



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts June, 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 to June and to our final month of this school year. We have continued to experience another busy month at Confederation Park and have taken advantage of the recent sunny weather by having students step outside and experience learning in the natural environment. Divisions 8 and 9 have continued their weekly Nature School, Division 10 has led regular Nature walks and other classes have ventured outside for P.E classes and to participate in group activities such as drama by accessing our outside spaces.

We have continued to run various clubs during lunchtimes this month which have included Textiles and Multimedia Club, and Munch-a-Music. Students also enjoyed our recent Zumba residency where each class received four to five dance sessions to develop their Latin American dance skills. A fun time was had by all!

Last week we presented an opera, 'Kinderzug' – an original work based on the Holocaust which was performed by students of Divisions 1 and 2. This presentation allowed us to showcase the artistic skills of our students whilst connecting curriculum themes through the process of music, movement and performance. Huge congratulations to our grade 6 and 7 students, their teachers, Ms. Windsor-Liscombe (composer) and Marie Civitarese, our resident opera singer, for working tirelessly with our students to further their learning through these art forms.

As we move into our last month of this year, we look forward to some end-of-term celebratory activities and events such as our Parent Appreciation Breakfast, our grade 7 graduation Dinner and Dance, Community Gatherings and Sports Day. Please join us in our end-of-year celebrations as we reflect upon this past year and journey into the summer months ahead. Hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Motion Art – Division 2

Arts Integration Award

We are very proud to announce that Confederation Park was recently awarded an Arts Integration Award from the Arts Schools Network. This was to celebrate our collective work as a school community in supporting the development of arts processes through connection to curriculum. We hope that some of our staff will travel to the Arts Schools Network Conference in the fall to receive this exemplary award in person. Congratulations to our school!

Full-Release Emergency Drill

We will be having a Full-Release Emergency Drill on the afternoon of Thursday, June 7th. This will be an emergency evacuation drill followed by a full release of students to parents. The drill will begin at 2pm and parents will be asked to come to the site to pick up their child(ren) after 2:15pm. The drill will take place over the road from the playground in the park to the south of the picnic area.

Students will be organized in family groupings by their last name and each group will be associated with a colour. Students with a last name beginning:

A - G = RED

H - O = YELLOW

P - Z = BLUE

When you arrive to pick up your child(ren) please go to the corresponding colour group where there will be a sign-out table. Please note that we will NOT release students to adults unless ID is shown. If you are asking an adult other than yourself to pick up your child they MUST be registered on the Emergency Contact Form which was filled in at the beginning of this school year, and this adult must also bring ID. If you wish to check this information please contact the office beforehand. Any parents not able to pick up their child before 3pm will pick them up at the bell outside.

We will run this drill rain or shine so please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather on this day, including water proof clothing, hats or sunscreen.

If you have any further questions please contact the office.

Words – District Writing Project

Two students in grade 7, Niousha Ezati and Vanessa Wong, recently won the district 'Words' writing contest and had their pieces of writing published in a district anthology in May. Niousha's prose entitled, 'The Raven', and Vanessa's poem entitled, 'Silence' were also printed on poster paper to be showcased around our school. Congratulations for both students on doing an excellent job!

Garden Club

Our two parent sponsors, Rachel Yensen and Tammy Vigliotti, have continued working with our younger students in Garden Club during Thursday lunchtimes. Our garden has grown a great deal during this lovely sunny weather and we have already harvested some vegetables such as radishes which students have enjoyed tasting. Other vegetables being grown include carrots, sweet peas, onions and potatoes. Many flowers are also growing in our garden bins and students are enjoying working in the earth to learn about optimal conditions for plant growth. This continues to be a wonderful way to teach students about the natural world and the growth cycle of plants.



Multimedia Club

Multimedia Club has continued to run for students from grades 4-7 and has now grown in size to include 15 students. Our PAC Chair, Yunuen Perez-Vertti, and Ms. Ishii have been our sponsors and have assisted students in exploring storytelling through the use of film and other media outlets such as podcasts and videos. Last day of Multimedia Club will be June 11th.



Wax-Resist Pictures – Division 10

Library Information

The year is almost done and the Library is preparing for its inventory and overdues process. To help with the process all student borrowed books need to be returned to the Library by Tuesday, June 5th. This will allow us to begin finding which books are lost or outstanding from students. The inventory process will help us ensure that the missing items are not on the shelves. If your child receives an overdue notice, please look around your home and classroom to see if it is about. In most cases a replacement cost is included. With limited budgets it is important to account for our books and be able to replace some of the missing or damaged items. So any remuneration towards costs is appreciated. Cheques can be made out to the school or cash can be sent to the Library with the notice. Receipts will be issued and if the items turn up a prorated refund will be arranged. If there is a problem or concern please contact Mr. Jang of Monday, Tuesday, or alternate Wednesdays at the Library.

Congratulations to Ms. Dias and Antonio and Giuseppe on winning the book fair prize draw. Antonio and Giuseppe chose \$25 worth of items from the book fair and Ms. Dias also was

awarded items for her class. Congratulations to all of Confederation Park on a successful Book Fair. We had sales of just over \$2,000 which translated into just under \$400 in fundraising for the Library.

Burnaby Public Library Summer Reading Programme – the BPL will be launching the annual Summer Reading Programme in mid-June. Kathryn Lee, Children's Librarian from McGill will be visiting with our students on the week of June 4th.

A big thank you to Mrs. Freeman for filling in before the spring break, organizing the Battle of the Books group, and helping at the book fair.

Primary Students and Money

Some primary students have been bringing money to school lately during days where there are ice-cream sales, bake sales etc. but have been losing their coins and becoming upset. Please, therefore, have your child bring their money in a coin purse or secure money in a zipped pocket somewhere to prevent the chances of losing money in the future. Thank you for your cooperation.



Felt Owls – Division 5

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 share in a breakfast with us with a French theme. Breakfast will include coffee/tea and morning snacks. Invitations have already been sent home. **Please RSVP to the office** if you are able to attend.

Textiles Club

Ms. Ishii and Ms. McKenna have continued to run Textiles Club this term during Friday lunchtimes. Students have been exploring creative ways of using textiles to design and make artefacts. They are currently developing their skills in sewing and crocheting. They have used a variety of tools and materials including needles, thread, scissors, fabrics and some students have learned to use sewing machines.



Kinderzug Opera

Divisions 1 and 2 proudly presented 'Kinderzug' - an opera written by Ms. Windsor-Liscombe on Wednesday, May 30th. This was another good example of how Confederation Park blends arts integration and community collaboration together in order to connect a curriculum theme (e.g. the Holocaust) through music, drama and performance. Congratulations to all whom participated in this original work and special thanks to Ms. Windsor-Liscombe and Marie Civitarese for their work in supporting this experience for our students. Thanks also to our parents who helped to set up and take down our staging and for the tech supports that were provided. Much appreciated!

Bike Safety

With the good weather upon us and many students choosing to cycle to school, please have your child wear a helmet for protection. Safety is always our concern.



Symmetry Butterflies – Division 7

Save the Dates

- * **Parent Appreciation Breakfast** – Thursday, June 7th 8:20-9:20AM
- * **Full-Release Emergency Drill** – Thursday, June 7th 2:15PM
- * **Pro-d Day** – Friday, June 8th (School closed)
- * **Early Dismissal** – Monday, June 11th at 2:10PM
- * **Sports Day** – Friday, June 22nd – Dismissal at 1:30PM
- * **Community Gatherings:** Band Concert – June 21st 11:00;
Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony – June 26th 11:00; Year-End Celebration – June 27th 1:30

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

LOOKING TOWARDS NEXT YEAR

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent PAC Annual General Meeting. The evening was very productive with the review of the current year's budget; discussion of the teacher's Wish List for 2018/19; setting of the new budget based on these accepted items; and the planning of new Fundraising objectives. Also discussed, and voted on, was an amendment to the PAC Constitution to reduce the number of meetings held during the year to two per term.

Parents are very excited with the ways in which they will be able to contribute to the school and our children's learning experience in the upcoming year. Budget items include assistance for classroom supplies and financial support for busses for class excursions; an upgrade to the water fountain in the main hallway that will make it easier to fill reusable bottles; two Artist in Residence programs; the annual Pancake Breakfast; and special events such as the High Touch High Tech Science program, Burnaby Art Gallery workshops and a week or Ultimate Frisbee lessons.

Voting for the **2018/19 PAC Executive** was held with the following individuals filling the positions: Jacquie Lane and Lydia Ashanti, Co-Chairs; Hetal Ghandi, Vice Chair; Chloe Perron, Secretary; Brooke Halford, Treasurer. Yunuen Perez Vertti will continue on the Executive in the position of Past Chair.

Returning as Committee Coordinators are Shaen Golden (Emergency Preparedness) and Mara Michielli (Fundraising).

An individual is also required as DPAC Representative. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this position, please contact chair@confedpac.ca

THE SHACK WILL BE BACK

Sports Day wouldn't be complete without the parent run '**Snack Shack**'.

Open during the annual event, **Friday, June 22^d**, the Shack will once again offer a hot dog lunch as well as cold drinks and snacks such as watermelon slices, chips, ice cream and baked goods. You will need to place your child's hot dog order (\$2 each) prior to the event via Munch-a-lunch. Ordering opens this **Tuesday, June 5th** and will be available **until Friday, June 15th**.

Watch for more details to be sent home soon.

A student favorite, the Snack Shack is always a highlight of the day so be sure to send some money with your children so they can enjoy the fun.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

The 2017/18 Memory Book has gone to print! With over 1,000 photos the book contains candid shots of each class on field trips and in the classroom; photos of school events and assemblies; action shots of teams and clubs; and special sections dedicated to Hip Hop, Kinderzug and of course Beauty and the Beast.

Thanks to the fabulous team who work so hard to make this book a true keepsake for the students: Yunuen Perez Vertti and her design team - Pat Chiu, Stan Tung and newcomers Tami Cline and Chloe Perron; our 'official' unofficial photographers Derek Stevens who always tries to be everywhere, and Michael Ford who steps in whenever required. And to coordinator Gloria McKale who works behind the scenes to bring it all together.

And a special thank you to all the parents and teachers who heeded the call for photos. This book can only happen with your support.

If you missed the order deadline, there are a ***VERY limited number of extras*** available. Please email memory-book@confedpac.ca if you would like to request a copy. It will be on a first come first served basis.

Memory Books are scheduled to be distributed on ***Monday, June 25th*** with time being set aside during the day for the students to sign each other's copies.

Thank you again for all of your support.

LAST PAC MEETING OF 2017/18

The last PAC meeting of the 2017/18 school year will be held on ***Wednesday, June 20st*** at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Final acceptance of the 2018/19 budget will take place as well as an overview of the year and wrapping up of any outstanding issues. A detailed Agenda will be forwarded prior to the meeting as well as the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held in May.

Please plan to attend. Your input is invaluable.

And remember, 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.

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/>



Girls Only!
COME TRY HOCKEY
Join Us For This Free Event



Are you between 5 and 10 years of age?
Would you like to see why girl's hockey is one of the fastest growing sports? Girls from Burnaby, and neighboring cities, are invited to come try ice hockey in a fun, safe on-ice session with the Burnaby Wildcats, the female division of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association!

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Burnaby 8 Rinks

6501 Sprott St, Burnaby

2:30pm to 4:00pm



**Everything Is Provided -
Equipment, Coaches,
Wildcat Players & Refreshments!**

***It's not just your brother's game!
Space is limited, so come check it out!***

To register for this free event online, click [here](#)

Or go to <http://www.burnabyminor.com/>

For more information, contact burnabygirlstryhockey@gmail.com



June 2018

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| | | | Dance Play Preview | Parent Volunteer Breakfast – 8:20-9:20 Emergency Release Drill. 2:00pm | Pro-D Day (school closed) | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | Early Dismissal, 2:10pm | Div. 4 to Eileen Dailly Pool, pm | | Hot Lunch | Ice-cream sale Div. 10 to McGill Library 1:15 Open House for Music classes (Div. 3 – 9) | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
|  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY | Gr. 7's field trip to PNE Div. 3 & 4 'Fly Over Canada' Field trip | Last Day of Card Club | Open House for Music, Div. 10 Div. 4 to Eileen Dailly Pool, pm PAC meeting, 6:30 | Community Gathering with Band, 11:00am Hot Lunch | Sports Day, 1:30 early dismissal Grad Dinner 5:30-9:00pm | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | Memory Book signing, 2:00pm | Gr. 7 Leaving Assembly, 11:00am | Year-end assembly, 1:30pm | Last Day of School, 10:00am dismissal Report Cards go home |  | |