



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts September 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 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. 12th and Thursday, Sept. 13th. 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. Torres – teaching Grade 2

Ms. Cardamone – teaching Grade 5/6

Ms. Dahl – office secretary

We welcome them to our Confed staff!

We are looking forward to our new school year and watching our students as they begin to work on various activities and projects, and participate in various school events. Last week we began with a Nature theme where students were encouraged to engage in activities outside and work

with objects found in the natural environment. Students explored natural-object art, took part in nature walks, wrote nature poems, and experimented with painting and using pastels to create colourful artwork. We are hopeful that students will continue to explore the outside environment and learn about the many wonders of our natural world as we progress through the year.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding programming and school community events this term. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at PAC meetings, Welcoming Conversations, Community Gatherings and other class and school events coming up very soon.

Yours faithfully,

Helena Readman



Natural Environment Art

Early Dismissal

Just a reminder that we will be having an **early dismissal on Friday, Sept. 14th at 2:02**. This is due to the extended hours of our Welcoming Conversations this week.

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry fox Run is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of **Thursday, September 27th**. We have a Community Gathering 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 Community Gathering (in the gym) 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. 11th at 8:50AM. These will run up until the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 27th. Parents are welcome to stay and run/walk with their child for the first fifteen minutes of the day.



Natural Environment Scenes

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. Please connect with your child's teacher to see if their class has an allergy alert. 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.

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 can be used to update any contact information for your child, as well as medical alert changes or demographic information.



Working with Natural Materials

Cross Country

Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall are organizing Cross Country this term for any interested Intermediate students. Letters have been sent home. Practices will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings starting at 8:10AM. Cross Country meets will take place after school on Sept. 17th, Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st at the Burnaby Sports Complex.

Rotary Coats for Kids

This is the 16th year of the Rotary Coats For Kids program, and with the new school year upon us, the Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown want to ensure that all Burnaby children receive warm coats before the cold season is here. This program collects donations from individuals and businesses in the community and distributes these coats directly to Burnaby's children and youth in need before the cold weather arrives. To assist with this program our school will be collecting new or gently used winter coats (with a hood) during the month of October.

If you need a coat for your child or know someone who can benefit from this program, please contact the school office to arrange for delivery of a coat.

ConfedPAC PARENT NEWS

'having an imPACt on our children's educational experience'

Welcome back parents to another year at Confederation Park! The 2018/19 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 **approximately \$42,000** in support to the school for the 2018/19 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 the Artist in Residence program; a new sound system for the gym; additional laptops and iPads; and special events and learning programs.

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; Purdy's Chocolate sales; and the Cash4Clothes program.. 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.

BE A PART OF THE ACTION

The first PAC meeting of the 2018/19 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept 19th at 7 p.m.** in the school Library. More information will be forwarded soon.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, ideas or comments, please feel free to contact the PAC Exec or Committee Coordinators.

CO-CHAIR	Jacquie Lane (Sammi, Gr. 4; Jacob, Gr.2) chair@confedpac.ca
CO-CHAIR	Lydia Ashanti (Zion, Gr.4; Sabian, Gr.2) chair@confedpac.ca
VICE CHAIR	Hetal Ghandi (Rehan, Gr. 2) vice-chair@confedpac.ca
TREASURER	Brook Halford (Grayson, Gr.2) treasurer@confedpac.ca
SECRETARY	Chloe Perron (Avenir, Gr. 3) secretary@confedpac.ca
PAST CHAIR	Yunuen Perez Vetti (Ollin, Gr. 7; Kalyan, Alumni) past-chair@confedpac.ca

Committee Coordinators are:

FUNDRAISING	Mara Michielli (Luca, Gr. 5, Lorenzo, Gr. 2) fundraising@confedpac.ca
HOT LUNCH	Karen Yen (Ashley, Gr. 7) hotlunch-coordinator@confedpac.ca
COMMUNICATIONS	Gloria McKale (Austin, Gr.7) communications-coordinator@confedpac.ca
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	Shaen Golden (Hudson, Gr. 6; Preston & Blake, 1) emergency-prep@confedpac.ca

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

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 regarding the Class Rep program will be sent home during the second week of school. 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 – The bulletin board (in the main hallway outside of the Staff room) includes upcoming PAC events and initiatives and ways you can get involved. It also has an ongoing tally of fundraising efforts, recent PAC news and the next meeting dates. 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 – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/> 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 will be sent home during the second week of school. Watch for it and DON'T **MISS OUT!**

- The first serving date will be Thursday, September 27th 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 15th**.
- 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 20th.

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 – parent and unofficial 'official' school photographer who helps to fill the Memory Book with so many amazing photographs. (<http://derekstevensphotography.com>)

For only **\$90**, each family receives a 20-minute professional photo session with Derek, a choice of five downloadable images, and the option to purchase additional images. Sessions will be held the **weekend of October 6th** with a choice of either a studio or an outdoor shoot at a yet-to-be determined location.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

SHOW YOUR COUGAR SPIRIT!

After much planning, the 2018/19 school year will see the launch of the much anticipated **Confed Spirit Wear** – a new line of t-shirts, hoodies and sweatpants featuring an updated version of the Confed Cougar (designed by parent Thomas Seibel). 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 2018-19 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 this year's 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.)

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 years, 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 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

NEVER TOO EARLY TO SPRING CLEAN

Plans are underway to take part once again the Developmental Disabilities Association's Cash4Clothes Program.

Last spring a total of 221 bags were collected raising almost \$700. These funds will be used to support school programs and activities during this school year.

So if you happen to be cleaning and purging during the coming months, please consider keeping your items for this worthwhile initiative early in 2019.

YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS

There are several great ways families can contribute to the school throughout the year:

- **BOTTLE RETURNS**: Drop off your recyclable bottles, cans, and drink containers at the **Kensington Square Return-It** depot. It's as easy as filling up a blue bag, taking it down to the Return-It and entering the school number (old fax number 604-664-8668), which you can also look up there if you forget to bring it along. Do your part for the earth, and for our kids.
- **COBS BREAD**: Take part in our Dough Raiser Program at **Cobs Bread, Kensington Square**. When you are making a purchase, just mention Confederation Park Elementary school and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the school. Fresh bread tastes even better when you know it's helping raise money for our kids.
- **MABEL LABELS**: Whether you need to label your kids' clothes or your kitchen canisters, Mabel's Labels has all of your needs covered. Labels are perfect for school, camp, daycare, travel and home and are dishwasher and microwave safe and waterproof. Log into: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/>

Confederation Park Elementary

Fall 2018

Registration opens September 1, 2018!

Iron Chef Challenge, 5-10 yrs

Iron Chef Challenge...may the best chef win. Bring your creativity and we will provide the secret ingredient of the day for you to create your winning dish.

\$38.40, 4 session

Tu, 3:15-4:45pm Oct 9 491722

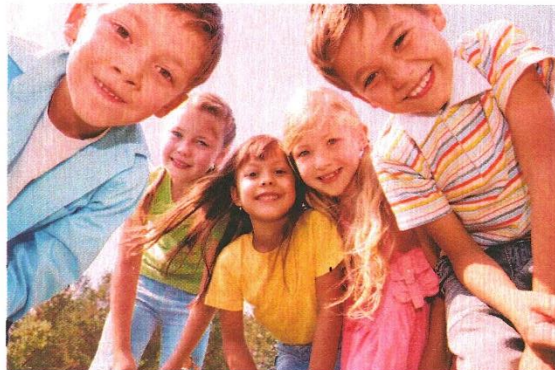


Science in the Kitchen, 5-10 years

Explore science all around us with simple ingredients found in the kitchen. Have fun with simple, safe experiments that are fun to do over and over while learning how and why things happen.

\$36.60, 4 sessions

Tu, 3:15-4:45pm Nov 6 491718



All Sports, 5-10 yrs

Join us for an opportunity to sample various sports and games such as: badminton, soccer, floor hockey, cooperative games and much more. Bring a water bottle and plenty of energy.

\$23.15, 3 sessions

F, 3:15-4:45pm Nov 9 491705

How to Register

Online: burnaby.ca/webreg

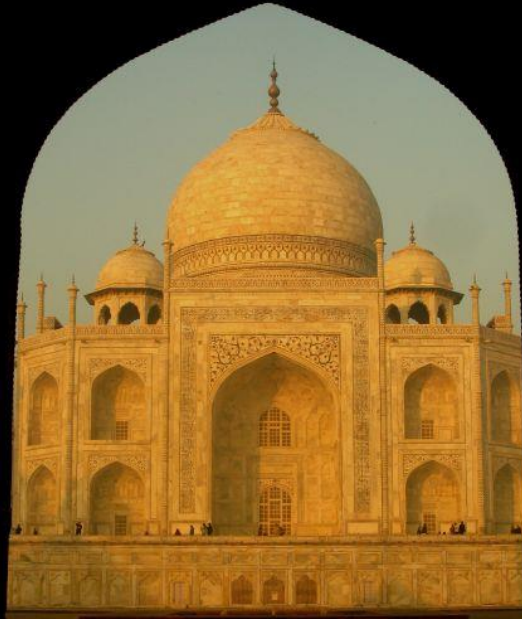
Or register at any Burnaby recreation facility. Fees must be paid when you register. We accept cash, cheque, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX or your bank debit card.



For information please contact:
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Contact Renu for tickets and Info: 604.992.7368 or renu@mazaamarket.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 8:50-9:50am First day of school	5 First full day for grades 1-7	6	7 School Wide Nature Walk	1/8
9	10	11 Begin daily Terry Fox training 8:50am-9:05am	12 Welcoming Conversations 3:10-5:00pm Book Fair 12:15-12:55pm & 3:15-5:00pm	13 Welcoming Conversations 3:10-7:00pm Book Fair 12:15-12:55pm & 3:15-6:00pm	14 Early Dismissal 2:02pm	15
16	17 Cross Country Meet 3:00-5:00pm	18	19 PAC Meeting, 7:00pm	20 Div. 9 to Burnaby Public Library, 1:00pm	21	22
23/30	24 Cross Country Meet 3:00-5:00pm	25	26 Grade 6 immunizations (am)	27 Hot Lunch Terry Fox run 1:00-3:00pm	28	29