



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts October, 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 and Families,

Welcome to October! I hope everyone is well and settling into the new term. I also hope everyone has enjoyed our recent warm and sunny weather as we make our way into the fall season. I am sure plenty of rain is on its way to us!

A big thank you to our staff for all their hard work and dedication in settling our students so far this term. The school is already busy with classroom projects beginning to take shape and many students already involved in creative learning experiences in their classrooms. A number of students are also joining various school clubs and volunteer opportunities to support our school community which has added to our positive start this term.

This year our staff are involved in making some shifts regarding how we communicate student learning to parents. This is part of a bigger move in our province to better support our learners, provide meaningful feedback to students as they work and share learning with parents.

Our revised curriculum has encouraged us to move towards open-ended inquiry-based activities that are cross-curricular and allow students to more deeply explore concepts whilst reflecting on their learning through the Core Competencies of Thinking, Communication and Personal and Social Responsibility. Since this shift into the revised curriculum, we have found that our traditional ways of reporting do not fit with this change. The Ministry of BC has, therefore, allowed schools to 'play' with the report card template and change the way we report to parents in order to align student learning with the way in which we share students' progress and growth. Schools are also being encouraged to share learning in different ways which make learning

visible. Examples of these can include e-portfolios, binder portfolios, class and student blogs, photographs, and conferences with teachers and students.

Many schools in Burnaby are also experimenting with the removal of grades for intermediate students and replacing these with comments based on a proficiency scale which will focus on progress and growth. We are joining many schools in this movement and will be exploring this change this term.

Please join us for thoughtful conversation around this topic at our **Parent Coffee Morning on Tuesday, October 16th at 9AM** in the staff room as well as at a **Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, October 17th at 6-7pm** in the library where a number of our staff will share their thoughts and intentions around this change.

Hope to see you at our community events this month. Happy October!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Autumn Leaves – Division 5

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run was a success once again and took place this past Thursday afternoon. Before the run we enjoyed a Community Gathering hosted by Division 6 (Ms. Sale's class) and the Cross Country Team led a whole-school warm up in the gym. This was followed by our annual run at the oval. Our Toonies for Terry collection was also a big success and we raised \$540. This money will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations to our school community for this achievement!

Cross Country:

Our **Cross Country Team** has been sponsored by Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall this term. The team has been practicing on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:10AM. The team has already attended three meets after school on Sept. 17th, Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st and they are now looking forward to the final meet on Oct. 9th at the Burnaby Sports Complex. Students have enjoyed participating and have shown commitment and good sportsmanship so far. Thank you to Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall for sponsoring this team, and congratulations to the participating runners. Best of luck for the remainder of your season!

Computer Club

Computer Club will be sponsored by Ms. Sale this term and will be open to students in grades 2 to 7. This club will run on Mondays after school (3:02-4pm) in the library and will begin on October 22nd. Students will be working on coding programs and designing a game on a program called 'Scratch.' Permission letters will be available at the school office for those students whom wish to join.

Choir

Ms. Ishii has begun leading Choir this term. Choir is available to students from grades 4 to 7. Practices take place in the music room on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes. All intermediate students are welcome to join.

Hockey Club

Ms. Safarik will be running hockey club for any intermediate students whom are interested in joining. This will run during a lunchtime for this term. Please see Ms. Safarik for further information regarding specific day.

Card Club/Scrap-booking Club

Card Club led by Diana Pesa (a school parent) will take place every Tuesday lunchtime in the Art Room and will run for this term. This club is open to students from grades 3-7. Permission letters are available at the school office for any students that wish to take part. Please note there will be a fee of \$30 for the term.

We also have the return of Scrap-booking Club and this will take place on the first Wednesday of each month apart from October when the club will meet on Oct. 10th. This club is open to students from grades 3-7. There will also be a fee for this club.

*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.



All About Me - Division 2

Parent Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents to join us for a Parent Coffee morning on **Tuesday, October 16th at 9AM.** This will take place in the staff room. We will be discussing reporting and the ways in which we communicate student learning to parents. Please join us for an opportunity for thoughtful conversation. All parents are welcome!

Student Late Arrivals

It has been noted that a number of students have been arriving to school late so far 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.



Sketches in Nature - Division 3

Student Photos

Please note that we will be having individual student photos on **TWO separate days** again this year – October 4th and 5th. Please note which day your child's class will be scheduled for their photo session.

Thursday, Oct. 4th – Divisions; 4 (Isbister), 5 (Trzcinski), 8 (McKenna), 9 (Fischer) & 10 (Marshall)

Friday, Oct. 5th – Divisions; 1 (Coutts), 2 (Safarik), 3 (Cardamone), 6 (Sale) & 7 (Torres)



'No David' Pictures - Division 9

Medical Alerts

We are continuing to update 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. 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.

Cell Phones

Just a reminder that the use of personal cell phones by students is not permitted during the school day. Phones need to be away in backpacks between 8:50AM and 3:02PM. The school office phone is available for calls home during the day where necessary once this has been approved by the classroom teacher. Please encourage your child not to use their cell phone to independently call home or text during the school day.

Save the Dates

***BC Shakedown Drill – October 17th 1pm**

***Parent Coffee Morning – Staff Room – Tuesday, October 16th 9AM**

***Parent Information Evening – Communicating Student Learning Tuesday, October 17th 6 – 7pm**

***Art Show – Saturday, November 17th 7-9PM**

Rotary Coats for Kids

Rotary Coats for Kids is a program that collects donations of new or "gently" used winter coats 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. If you need a coat for your child or you know someone who would benefit from this program, please contact the school office. **If you would like to help children and youth in Burnaby by either donating "new and gently used" winter coats, the school will be accepting donations until the end of October.**



Cascading Colours in our School Grounds

PAC NEWS

A CHANGE FOR INCLUSION

Over the years many parents have expressed that Parent Advisory Council meetings are often difficult to attend for several reasons including work schedules, activities and child care restrictions. In an effort to make PAC meetings more accessible to ***ALL*** parents, it has been decided to try alternating **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** evening meetings throughout year. Meetings are schedule to run approximately 1.5 hours and are held at the school library.

The Parent Advisory Council meetings provide an opportunity for parents to keep informed with the plans and direction of the Council; to find out from Mrs. Readman the latest on the happenings at the school; and to have a say on decisions that need to be made regarding activities and support for our children's learning experiences.

All parents and guardians of children at the school are members of the Parent Advisory Council and are invited to take part in these discussions.

Please see below the schedule for the next 2 meetings:

PAC Meetings schedule for the 2018/19 School Year.	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday, November 20 th	7.00pm-8.30pm
Wednesday, January 30 th	7.00pm-8.30pm

FAMILY PHOTOS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ConfedPAC is once again offering their ***FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER***. For ***only \$90*** you receive a 20 minute professional photo session, your choice of 5 downloaded images and the option to purchase additional images. This year once again, you have the option of either an indoor studio or an outdoor location (Burnaby Mountain) shoot. A great gift idea for the Holidays.

Be creative! Group or solo shots; silly or serious; bring your favorite props: Santa hats or ugly Christmas; pets welcomed.

Book now online (via munchalunch) at www.confedpac.ca. Payment due at booking time.

Dates & Times

Saturday, October 6th (indoor - studio shoot 11-4pm)

Monday, October 8th (outdoor - Burnaby Mountain 2-6pm)

(additional dates/times will be added if necessary)

Questions? Contact familyportraitsinfo@confedpac.ca

Proceeds go towards ConfedPAC funded programs that enhance our children's education.

NO ORDINARY SCHOOL PHOTO

Confederation Park is continuing with a more personalized and quality approach to school photography.

Each student will get a mini photo shoot (twice the amount of time that is normally spent) in order to better capture their personality. More time allows for more poses, more interaction and more genuine smiles.

Photos sessions will take place over two days:

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Friday, October 5th – Divisions; 1 (Coutts), 2 (Safarik), 3 (Cardamone), 6 (Sale) & 7 (Torres)

Proceeds from all photo sales will towards PAC funded programs that enhance our children's learning experience

ART SHOW AND AUCTION!

Save the Date! Saturday, November 17th!

The parents of Confederation Park have committed over **\$42,000** to support programs, materials and equipment for the school during the 2018-19 school year. (A full list is posted on the PAC bulletin board in the main hallway). In order to fund this commitment, the goal for this year's Annual Art Show and Auction, the biggest fundraiser of the year, is **\$10,000**.

The evening is a gala event that focuses on the fabulous pieces of art the students create showcasing their learning. In addition to the art which can be purchased in various formats, there is music, food, wine and a wide range of items up for grabs in the silent auction.

Parents are once again being asked for their assistance in securing these auction 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

It is only through the continued support and generosity of parents that the Annual Art Show and Auction continues to be such a success and the cornerstone of our support for the school.

Watch for more information coming soon.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR THE 2018-19 MEMORY BOOK

Work is about to begin on the 2018-19 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 remind parents that if you have the chance to be a part of the activities taking place in your child's classroom or around the school (field trips, class projects, community gatherings) to please remember to snap a few photos. It is only through your photo contributions that we are able to assemble such an amazing keepsake for the students.

Please forward your photos at any time throughout the year to memory-book@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.

PAC Website: <http://confedpac.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Save the Date! October 1-5, 2018 is... I ♥ TRANSIT

It's back! This fall, we're once again inviting teachers and students to unleash their inner explorer and take learning beyond the classroom during I Love Transit Week, October 1-5, 2018. We've got three amazing opportunities lined up for your class so far:

1. K-12 Students Ride the Bus for Free

Take learning beyond the classroom with FREE bus rides for K-12 students from October 1-5, 2018.

Note: Skytrain, SeaBus and West Coast Express travel are not included. Regular fares apply to adults accompanying students on the system.

Grades
6 - 9



BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY

GAMEFACE A Board Game Night for Youth

Join us for a night of board games and fun! Choose from games like Settlers of Catan, Carcassonne, or Fluxx.

FRIDAYS, 5:00 TO 8:00 PM
McGill Branch | 4595 Albert Street

September 28
October 26
November 30

Please register online at www.bpl.bc.ca/events or in person at any BPL information desk.



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5th a celebration of art + community LIVING ROOM ART in the heights



For one evening only Living Room Art will transform a private residence into a lively art space where you can meet local artists sharing their art and creativity. Come and enjoy this unique community event that has become a yearly tradition in Burnaby Heights.

Saturday
October
13th
2018
5-9pm

4830 Albert St. Burnaby, BC
Free & Open to the public
Art lovers of all ages welcome



Image featuring art displayed at LRAH2017
Photos by Grant Withers
Poster design by Yvonne Perce Verrill

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WE DAY FAMILY Vancouver

November 21, 2018 | Rogers Arena
Doors open 5:00 p.m. | Show starts 6:15 p.m.

Join us for an evening of inspiration, fun and action!

We're so excited to be bringing WE Day Family to Vancouver on November 21, 2018! This event is all about the power your family has to change the world together. We've been empowering young people to transform communities at home and around the world for more than 20 years, and if there is one thing we know to be true, it's that raising caring and compassionate kids is a family affair. WE makes doing good, doable. We give families the motivation, inspiration and support to harness your individual talents to bond together around causes that matter.

At our inaugural Vancouver event, hear from inspirational speakers and performers who will bring to life our theme of "Get Doing"—the idea of building a brighter future and what happens when amazing families like yours come together to create change. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to experience the magic of WE Day alongside the children in your life at our first Vancouver event! You'll leave the event with tangible ideas to take action as a family and make a difference in your local and global community.

Our lineup includes:



Sarah McLachlan



Peter Mansbridge



Esera Tuaolo



Jessi Cruickshank

CLICK HERE REGISTER FOR WE DAY FAMILY - VANCOUVER

We are confirming additional speakers and performers almost daily, so stay tuned for exciting updates to come!

To learn more about WE Day Family Vancouver, visit WE.org/WECareVancouver.

WE Day Family is just the beginning. You can access tools, inspiring articles and how-to support on our website to help you engage your family in making a difference. Find out more and sign up for our free WE Families newsletter at WE.org/become-a-we-family/.

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October 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Cross Country Meet	2	3	4 School Individual Photos - Div. 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 Div. 10 to McGill Library, 1pm Hot Lunch	5 School Individual Photos – Div. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day 	9 Cross Country Meet	10	11	12	13
14	15 Gr 4-7 French Cooking	16 Parent Coffee Morning 9am Gr 4-7 French Cooking Boys Volleyball	17 BC Shakedown Drill Parent Information Evening 6-7pm	18 Magic Show 1pm Hot Lunch Girls Volleyball	19 Professional Day (school closed)	20
21	22 Drop Everything And Read Day	23 Boys Volleyball	24	25 Hot Lunch Girls Volleyball	26 Professional Day (school closed)	27
28	29	30 Boys Volleyball	31  Community Gathering			