

Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts January 2019

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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.

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I trust that everyone had a restful Winter Break and enjoyed some quality family time this holiday. We are looking forward to the term ahead and all that this will bring to our students, staff and families at Confederation Park Elementary.

We finished our term in December with a few celebrations. Our DancePlay performances in the afternoon and evening of December 13th were a huge success. Our students did a great job demonstrating their dance skills and coordinating their moves in the gym. Thank you to our dance leader, Morgan, for her hard work with our students and thanks also to our generous PAC who covered the cost of this artist-in-residence program.

Our Pancake Breakfast on December 19th was also a big success. Many thanks go to the Burnaby Firefighters, our PAC and the many parent volunteers for cooking up and serving breakfast to our students and staff. It was another fun way for us to connect as a school community!



Winter Trees – Division 2

Finally we finished our term with a Community Gathering in the school gym on December 21st where our choir and band performed. We then sang a few winter songs to take us into the holiday season.

As we look forward into the New Year we are excited about our up-coming artist-in-resident, Ann Thorsteinsson, who will work with our students to create a mural for the front of our school. Ann will work with each class to create a design and then have the students paint this design on large wooden panels that will be treated and then mounted outside. We are excited to see what ideas our students are able to explore and share through their work with Ann.

As we move forward into the new school term I wish everyone a smooth transition into the new calendar year and send best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2019!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Winter Art – Division 9

Registration Information

Kindergarten Registration begins February 1, 2019 for children born in **2014**. Kindergarten registration information and required documentation can be found <u>here</u>. Registration should take place at your attendance area school. To confirm the school that your child is eligible to attend <u>click here</u>. Please contact the office to make an appointment (604-296-9010) or come to the school office any school day during February to register. Due to the busy nature of our school office, we kindly request that registration occurs between 10:00-11:30am and 1:00-2:30pm. Please note school is closed on February 18 (Family Day) and February 22 (Professional Day).

Students going into Grade 8

Current Grade 7 students will automatically be registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides. Current Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-District or Out-of-District Transfer Application in order to be considered for admission to that secondary school. To confirm the school that your child is eligible to attend <u>click here</u>. For information on Cross-District applications, <u>click here</u>.



Weaving Project– Division 4

Parent Coffee Morning

We will be hosting another Parent Coffee morning on **Tuesday**, **February 12th at 9AM**. This will take place in the staff room. Coffee/tea and morning snacks will be provided. We look forward to discussing more current topics with you at that time. All parents are welcome!

New Water Fountain and Bottle Refill Station

The new water fountain and bottle refill station has been installed this week in the hallway by the office. We would like to thank the PAC for their financial support of this thirst-quenching initiative.

Division 3 Craft Fair Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported Division 3's Craft Fair Fundraiser in December. Many students spent time knitting, crocheting and weaving various items to be sold to friends and families. Division 3 raised \$595 altogether which was donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the SPCA. Congratulations!!



Toasted Art – Division 2

<u>Games Club: Let the games begin!</u>: There is a games club for students in grades 3-7 which meets in the library on Mondays at lunch. Board games such as chess, Scrabble, Guess Who and Pictureka! will be provided, but students are welcome to bring a game from home (NO electronic games, Pokémon or other trading cards, please.) This is a drop-in club, so there is no need to register. Please feel free to contact Ms. Lynka with any questions (carol.lynka@burnabyschools.ca).

Textiles Club

This club continues to meet every Friday lunchtime in the Art room. Students continue to work on their skills when knitting, sewing and crocheting various items. Thank you to Ms. Ishii and Ms. McKenna for supporting our students in this club.

Card Club and Scrapbooking Club

Card Club starts a new run of sessions this term beginning on Tuesday, Jan 15th. Letters are being distributed at the office if students are interested. This club is open to students in grades 3-7. There is a fee of \$30.00 for this club. Scrap-booking club is continuing this term once a month. Both of these clubs are supported by our parent sponsor, Diana Pesa.

Hockey Club

This club takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in the gym for any interested intermediate students. This club is sponsored by Ms. Safarik.

Computer Club

Students already enrolled in Computer Club will attend a few more sessions and finish on January 21st. This has been a very popular club this year and has run at full capacity. Many thanks to Ms. Sale and our parent sponsors, Teresa and Anselmo Rossiello, for their hard work in supporting our students.

Winter Clothing

A reminder to have your child wear appropriate clothing for our winter weather. We encourage students to head outside during recess and lunchtimes and this is made easier when suitable clothing is provided for our cold and wet weather at this time of the year. Hats, scarves and gloves are recommended on really cold days as well as warm and waterproof jackets for those rainy days. Thank you for your cooperation!

<u>Basketball</u>

Ms. Coutts and Mr. Seto will begin working with our grade 6 and 7 student basketball teams this term. Practices and games will begin soon. More information to follow.

Save the Dates

*Curriculum Implementation Day (School closed to students) – Monday, January 28 *Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, February 12th at 9AM



PAC NEWS

HOT LUNCH – WINTER SESSION

It's time to place your Hot Lunch orders for the Winter Session (January to March break). Back again are the student's favorites – Stan's Pizza, Whitespot, and Hong Sushi. Because this is a shorter session, an environmentally friendly lunch is not included. Information sheets were sent home with the students this week.

Ordering is now open via the Munch-a-lunch website and **all orders must be received by Thursday, January 17th.** <u>NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED</u>. The first Hot Lunch will be delivered on Thursday, January 24th.

Parents are once again asked to send **cutlery** with their children on Hot Lunch Days.

As always, volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver the food to the eagerly awaiting students. If you are able to help out Thursday mornings between 11:50 and 12:10 let us know by registering online after placing your Munch-a-lunch order or by contacting the Hot Lunch Coordinator at hotlunch-coordinator@confedpac.ca.

HELP US FILL THE PAGES!

The Confederation Park Memory Book Team is once again hard at work developing this year's edition of our fabulous Memory Book. It will once again be a colourful reflection of the students' year and a wonderful keepsake.

As always, our goal is to include every child in the yearly book and in order to ensure this is possible there will once again be two pages dedicated to each class. This allows for not only the official school photos, but also a compilation of candid photos of the children in the classroom and taking part in school activities and field trips.

There will also be separate sections highlighting events throughout the year, teams and clubs (including action shots).

In addition to the contribution of teachers and our "official" parent photographers, **we are inviting parents to also submit their photos.** If you have shots of your children taking part in school activities, attending a field trip or playing on the playground, please send them to <u>memory-book@confedpac.ca</u>

UPCOMING PAC MEETINGS

Just a reminder that this year, in an effort to make Parent Advisory Council meeting more accessible to <u>ALL</u> parents, meetings are now alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

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. Following is a list of upcoming meetings:

Upcoming PAC Meetings	
Date	Time
Wednesday, February 6 th , 2019	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 13 th , 2019	7:00 pm

DON'T FORGET - YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS

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

- **BOTTLE RETURNS**: Drop off your recyclable bottles, cans, and drink containers at the **Kensington Square Return-It** depot. It's as easy as filing 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.
- <u>COBS BREAD</u>: 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.
- <u>MABEL LABELS</u>: 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: <u>http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/</u>

CONFED PAC FACEBOOK

We have almost 100 members on our **closed** FACEBOOK page. Have you joined yet?

We continually keep the group up to date on the happenings at Confederation Park. Whether it's reminders on community gathering, updates on fundraising events, or notices on what PAC sponsored event the students are participating in, the Facebook page is a great way to keep in touch. We also routinely answer any questions parents may have, or point them in the right direction.

Check us out (and join!) today. <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/</u>

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

Community Announcements

Confederation Park Elementary Winter 2019

Register starting Tuesday December 4 2018. Spring programs (April-June) available for registration on March 5 2019.

Gross Science! 5-10 yrs Explore the science of all things gross in this fun class! we will make slimy snot, play with germs, and much more! \$36.60, 4 sessions

Tu, 3:15-4:45pm Jan 15 497400

Valentine's Chocolates & Crafts, 5-12 yrs Join us and celebrate Valentine's Day making yummy treats and festive crafts that you can keep or give to family and friends.

\$16.10, 1 session Tu, 3:15-5:00pm Feb 12 497361

Sports and Games, 5-10 yrs

Be active and enjoy exploring floor hockey, soccer, badminton, lacrosse and a variety of interactive games! Each session focuses on a different sport and includes skill development, games and most important, fun! \$30.90, 4 sessions

F, 3:15-4:45pm Feb 15 497402

Junior Chefs, 5-10 yrs

Junior Chefs is the perfect recipe for teaching kids how to cook, eat healthy and have fun! \$38.40, 4 sessions Feb 19 Tu, 3:15-4:45pm 497403

How to Register Online: burnaby.ca/webreg

To register call Eileen Daily Leisure Pool & Fitness Centre at 604-298-7946. Fees must be paid when you register. We accept VISA, MasterCard, or AMEX or you can register at any Burnaby Recreation Facility at the Front Counter.

*These programs have low registration. Please register as soon as possible to avoid cancellation







For information please contact: **Rohan Matts** Program Coordinator: Northwest Community Programs Rohan.Matts@burnaby.ca 604-297-4531

