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 February! Hope everyone is keeping well during this winter season. We have had a good start to our winter so far with many dry and sunny days. Looks like we may be entering a cold snap for the short term, however, so hope everyone stays warm during this frosty time.

Our school continues to be a busy and exciting place with many teachers working on creative projects in their classrooms. One of the common themes I have noticed when visiting classrooms is that of weaving and I have seen numbers of students engaging in weaving projects with enthusiasm and creative spirit. It has also become a social activity as students work alongside each other sharing ideas and new ways of working the coloured yarn across their weaving frames. See below some examples of weaving from students in Division 5.

Weaving Project – Division 5
Last term we welcomed an indigenous weaver, Anjeanette Lawson, to Confederation Park who shared with our students the history and significance of weaving in the indigenous culture of the Coast Salish Nation. Many of our students went on to make woven artefacts in their classrooms and these have included bags, bookmarks and woven hangings. We are also beginning a school-wide legacy piece which will be a large woven hanging with a design created by our students. Through this project, each student will have the opportunity to use the yarn to weave through the loom and add to our school design. We will then hang the weaving in the hallway near the office.

As always, our teachers continue to be very creative with their planning, and continue to support our Education through the Arts program at Confed, as they work with our students and blend themes through art processes. I am always so grateful for the commitment we hold so dear regarding our art infused education and ways in which we believe students best connect to curriculum. We continue to see evidence of this commitment in our classrooms and find pleasure in watching our students as they share their creativity and innovative ideas with us daily.

As we approach Family Day, I would like to acknowledge you all as partners in our students’ learning and thank you for your support so far this school year.

Wishing you a happy Family Day on February 18th.

With best wishes,

Helena Readman

Chalk Pastel Tangram Pictures – Division 8

Family Literacy Day
We celebrated Family Literacy Day last week with teachers planning various literacy activities in their classrooms. We also had a Community Gathering to celebrate the work of our students and hear some stories which honoured the themes of diversity, inclusion and family. Thank you to those who joined our gathering last week.

Dogs on the Premises
For those parents whom bring dogs to the school playground area, please ensure that they are kept on a leash. We have some students whom are scared by and not used to dogs. Keeping them on a leash helps us to know that kids feel safe when they are playing outside. Thanks for your cooperation!

Basketball
Ms. Coutts and parent, Harry Sadhra, (boys’ coaches) along with Mr. Seto and parent, Pat Chiu (girls’ coaches) have been working with our grade 6 and 7 student basketball teams this term.
Girls’ practices have taken place after school on Tuesdays before school and Wednesdays after school with games on Thursdays; and boys’ practices have taken place after school on Mondays and before school on Thursdays with games on Tuesdays after school. Students have enjoyed practicing their basketball skills and developing their team work spirit during games and practices. Thank you to Ms. Coutts, Mr. Sadhar, Mr. Seto and Mr. Pat Chiu for sponsoring these teams this term. Feel free to come out and support these teams on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in our gym as they represent our school so well!

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, Ms. Cardamone and Ms. McKenna for supporting our students in this club.

Card Club and Scrapbooking Club
Card Club has started a new run of sessions this term. Letters have been distributed at the office and this club is open to students in grades 3-7. Scrap-booking club is continuing this term once a month. Both of these clubs are supported by our parent sponsor, Diana Pesa. Thanks, Diana!

Dance Club,
Ms. Ishii will be sponsoring Dance Club on Wednesday lunchtimes. This club will be open to students in grades 4-7 and will begin on February 27th. More information to follow.
**Hockey Club**
This club takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in the gym for any interested intermediate students. This club will end on February 20\(^{th}\). Many thanks to Ms. Safarik for running this club!

**Boomerang Club**
Ms. Ishii and Ms. McKenna continue working with members of the Boomerang Club to explore ways of sharing kindness and compassion with others. Recently the club has been organizing a Cookie Sale to raise money for Canuck Place in Vancouver. The Cookie Sale will take place on Thursday, February 28\(^{th}\) at 12:15. Donations can also be made on their fundraising page at [http://events.canuckplace.org/goto/confederationpark](http://events.canuckplace.org/goto/confederationpark). Well done to all these members for their leadership and continued commitment to sharing their acts of kindness with others!

**Code Club**
Code Club has now ended for this school year. Many thanks to Ms. Sale and our parent sponsors, Teresa and Anselmo Rossiello and Lucy Firkins, for their hard work in supporting our students.

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**Winter Birds – Division 7**

**Pink Shirt Day**
Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) is on February 27\(^{th}\). We encourage our students to wear pink on this day. Various activities may take place within different classrooms. More information will likely be shared from individual teachers regarding activities specific to particular classes.

**Parent Coffee Morning**
We will be hosting another Parent Coffee morning on Tuesday, February 12\(^{th}\) 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!
February - Registration
February is registration time for Burnaby public schools. **Priority placement for the upcoming year will be given to applications received during the month of February.** Full details are available at [https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/](https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/)

Kindergarten Registrations will be accepted during the month of February for students entering a Burnaby Public School in 2019/20. If your child will be five years of age by December 31, 2019, they can begin school in September. When registering, the following documents are required:

- Child’s Birth Certificate, PR Card or Passport
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Citizenship for parent and child
- Proof of Guardianship
- B.C. CareCard number
- Proof of Residency (long term lease or purchase contract plus driver’s licence, hydro bill or cable bill etc.)

Students Entering Grade 8
Current Grade 7 students will automatically be pre-registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides within Burnaby. 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. Please contact the office or visit the school website for information if you require one of these forms.

Save the Dates
*Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, February 12th at 9AM*
*Family Day Holiday – Monday, February 18th*
*Professional Day – Friday, February 22nd*
*Student-led/3-Way Conferences during the week of March 4th (more information to follow soon)*
*Late Start – 9:50AM on Friday, March 8th*

PAC NEWS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
Thank you to all parents for their generous support of the PAC fundraisers held to date this year.

This year the Parents of Confederation Park committed **over $40,000** in support to the school.

This support enables the administration to continue to provide our children with enhanced educational experiences including field trip expenses and buses; Artist in Residence; new electronic equipment; student and parent workshops, etc.

To date we have raised over **$21,000** from the various initiatives.

Upcoming fundraisers include Cash4Clothes (February), Purdy’s Easter Chocolates (March), Annual Plant Sale (April), Memory Book (May) and the Snack Shack at Sports Day (June).

Your continued support of these PAC initiatives will ensure that we are able to support programs and events for the remainder of this year as well as the next school year.

**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 but also add to the students’ school experiences. 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 Coordinator and Design Team Members
- Art Show Coordinator
- Fundraiser Coordinator (Assistant)
- Hot Lunch Volunteers Coordinator
- Snack Shack Coordinator

More detailed information regarding these initiatives and the positions will be sent out in the near future. 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. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact communications-coordinator@confedpac.ca

**CASH4CLOTHES**
The Developmental Disabilities Association’s Cash4Clothes Program: If you happen to be cleaning and purging during the coming months, please consider keeping your items for this worthwhile initiative in February.

It was a great success last year! The funds collected will be used to support school programs and activities during the school year.

**NO PHOTOS. NO BOOK!**
The Memory Book team *NEEDS* your photos to fill the pages.
To date we have only received 14 photos for Div 1, 19 photos for Div 2 and one photo for a Club activity. This is far from the over 1,000 photos the Memory Book normally contains.

The Memory Book team ensures that ‘official’ photographers attend school wide functions and community gathering but they do not have access to the day to day activities of each class. Some teachers take pictures but others don’t so that is why the help of parents is required.

If you have photographs of your children taking part in class room activities, attending a field trip or playing on the playground, please send them to memory-book@confedpac.ca
Please send them in *ASAP* as we are trying to fill the pages.

*We can not make this book without YOUR help!*

**GOT AN IDEA?**
Have an idea for a new fundraiser? A new program to support the children’s learning? A speaker for the kids or parents? An artist to teach new skills?
Now is the time to submit these ideas to be considered for the 2019-20 school year.
All submissions need to be received by end of March in order to be considered. Please send you ideas to chair@confedpac.ca

**FEBRUARY PAC MEETING**
The February PAC meeting will be held *Wednesday, February 6th from 7p.m.* onwards in the school library.

**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](http://confedpac.ca)
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/)
Community Announcements

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2019**
6:00-8:00 PM

We would like to invite our current and future school community to attend our 2019 Open House. Please join us for an evening of presentations, department displays, and a scavenger hunt through our new school!

- **Incoming Grade 8 Information Session** 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm (Large Gym)
- **Current Grades 8-11 Information Session** 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm (Learning Commons)
- **Advance Placement (AP) Information Session** 6:35 pm – 7:00 pm (Learning Commons)

**Small Group Presentations for Incoming Grade 8s:**
- Learning Support Services: 6:35 pm – 7:00 pm (Connect Room: B12/4)
- Mini-School – Room B135: 6:35 pm – 7:00 pm (Room B135)
- French Immersion – 6:35 pm – 7:00 pm (Rooms A103 & A105)

If you have any questions about our school or our programs, please feel free to contact us at alpha.info@burnabySchools.ca

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**Junior Survivors Snowshoe Trip**
**Ages 8-12**

During this fun-filled trip, a qualified guide takes participants into a winter wonderland at Mt. Seymour for a beautiful snowshoeing adventure. Transportation and snowshoes provided.

Register online through Recweb, or visit/call any Burnaby Community Centre.

Participant profile and waiver forms must be completed and returned to any Burnaby Community Centre for the attention of Vince Kang.

Sat, February 23rd, 10:30am-2:00pm
$47.95 + GST, Barcode: 491074

Outdoor Rec
Burnaby ca/outdoorrec
604-294-7224

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**SHARING SMILES DAY**

2019

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**
10am – 3pm

Pacific Autism Family Network
368S Cessna Dr,
Richmond, BC V7B 1C7
RSVP to ohthubc@gmail.com
or sign up at https://tinyurl.com/SharingSmiles
(By February 23, 2019)

Sharing Smiles Day is a FREE fun-filled, informative day between individuals in the special needs community and UBC dentistry/dental hygiene students where positive relationships can be fostered and barriers removed.

UBC DENTISTRY

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**Family Day**

February 18, 2019

Join us for these family-friendly activities and events.

**Beaver Lake Community Centre**

- **Belly Button Dance** 11:45am - 12:30pm
- **Family Affair Workshop** 2:15pm - 3:30pm

**Brunswick Village**

- **Family Affair** 11:45am - 12:30pm
- **Family Affair** 2:15pm - 3:30pm

**Outdoors Recreation**

- **Family Affair** 11:45am - 12:30pm
- **Family Affair** 2:15pm - 3:30pm

**Willow Park Centre**

- **Family Affair** 11:45am - 12:30pm
- **Family Affair** 2:15pm - 3:30pm

burnaby.ca/familyday