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,

Happy March! Hope everyone is keeping well as we approach the end of our second term. We have had some very cold weather of late so I hope everyone is keeping warm whilst also enjoying the beauty and fun of the snow that has recently fallen.

We have been excited to welcome our muralist, Ann Thorsteinsson, to Confederation Park where she has been working with students to design and create a mural for the outside of our school. Ann has been taking students in turn throughout the school in small groups to speak with them about imagining a future for themselves. In conversations and then through drawing and painting, students have explored the possibilities of Becoming as a theme for inspiration.

Ideas have been brought to life through line, shape and colour and these have been blended alongside the work of others to create large collections of artistic images on the crezone panels. We are very excited to see the finished product and hope to celebrate the installation of our school-wide creation sometime in the early spring. Stay tuned for more information.

Mural Project so far........................
We continue to work with our Indigenous weaver, Anjeanette Dawson, to create a large woven legacy piece in our school. We are still at the beginning stages of creating this piece of artwork. Each student will have the chance to weave wool through the frame to help create the unique design for our school. We look forward to seeing this design develop as the year progresses.

As we near the end of our second term, we are delighted to share a performance of Division 2 and 3’s opera ‘A Letter to Wanda’. This is a debut performance of the story ‘The Hundred Dresses’ by Eleanor Estes which has been adapted and written as an opera by Suzanne Windsor-Liscombe. Suzanne has worked with our students this term alongside other teachers to create this musical performance. The theme of this production is kindness and the story shares the important message of being compassionate and kind towards one another.

We would like to invite all parents and families to join us on either the afternoon or evening of Wednesday, March 13th to see the debut performance of ‘A Letter to Wanda’ in our school gym. Performance times are 1:30pm and 7:00pm on this day. No tickets are required. We hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman

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**Plasticine Winter Pictures inspired by Barbara Reid – Division 9**

**Student-Led Conferences/Communicating Student Learning Evening**
Student-Led/3-Way Parent-Teacher conferences will be taking place during the week of March 4th. Some teachers are having Student-led conferences and others are opting for 3-Way conferences with students and parents. Please ensure that you bring your child to the conference time! Many students have been preparing to share their learning and this is a great way for them to share their leadership skills with you during your visit. We are introducing an online way of signing up for conference times with Divisions 2, 8, 9 & 10 and information has already been sent out. Other teachers will have connected with your directly regarding their sign-up times. Please connect directly with your child’s teacher if you have more questions regarding conference times.

**Report Cards**
Please note that our second term report cards will go home after Spring Break this year on April 5th.

**Book Fair**
The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the school library on Wednesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 8th during the parent/teacher conference times. The book fair will be open between 12:15-1:00 and 3-5pm on both days. Please contact Carol.lynka@burnabyschools.ca if you are able to volunteer at the Book Fair.
Division 9 – Art Exhibition at Burnaby North Neighbourhood House
The students in Division 9 have been working on an artistic project based on the big idea: “We shape the local environment, and the local environment shapes who we are and how we live.” As a class, Division 9 has spent each Tuesday morning exploring the local community and environment (Nature School.) As part of their exploration students have experimented with sketching, painting, mixing colours, and creating images of community buildings through collaging pieces of painted paper to create houses. The artwork of Division 9 will be exhibited at the Burnaby North Neighbourhood House for the month of March. The Open House went ahead on the evening of March 1st to celebrate this work with students and families in the neighbourhood. The class project was also showcased in the Burnaby Now newspaper on February 21st. Congratulations to Ms. Fischer and her students for their artistic community creations!

Pink Shirt Day
We celebrated Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) on February 27th. Students were encouraged to wear pink on this day and classes took part in a Community Gathering in the afternoon to celebrate various activities that have been taking place in classrooms.

Grade 7 Public Speaking Competition
Our grade 7 students took part in a public speaking project at school which centered around the idea: ‘I may be young but…….’ Two of our students, Austin Webster and Sansaar Sadhra, went forward to represent our school at the zonal semi-finals at Capitol Hill Elementary on February 28th. Both students are congratulated on their speeches and presentations on this day. They both proudly represented our school. Well done, Austin and Sansaar!

Solar System Saga Performance
Under the direction of Ms. Torres, Division 5 will present Solar System Saga on Thursday, March 14th at 1pm. This performance will take place in the gym. All parents are welcome.

Hockey Club
Thanks to Ms. Safarik and those students who took part in Hockey Club this term. This club finished last week. Students had lots of fun developing their hockey skills and learning to work together cooperatively on teams.

Basketball
Basketball season is now over. With many thanks to Ms. Coutts and parent, Harry Sadhra, (boys’ coaches) along with Mr. Seto and parent, Pat Chiu (girls’ coaches) who worked with our grade 6 and 7 student basketball teams this term. Congratulations to our students for developing their skills and team work during games and practices.
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.

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 March 6th. More information to follow.

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 organized a Cookie Sale which raised $582.25 plus an additional $500 through online donations. This money will now be donated to the Canuck Place Hospice in Vancouver. Donations can still be made on their fundraising page at 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!

Parent Coffee Morning
We will be hosting another Parent Coffee morning on Tuesday, March 5th 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!
**Winter Clothing**
With the recent cold winter we have experienced, a reminder to have your child wear appropriate clothing for school. We encourage students to head outside during recess and lunchtimes and this is made possible easier when suitable clothing is provided. Hats, scarves and gloves are recommended on these really cold days. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Graphic Patterns – Division 1**

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**Save the Dates**
*Student-Led/3-Way Conferences – Week of March 4th*
*Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, March 5th at 9AM*
*'Dancers of Damelahamid' Artstarts Performance – Tuesday, March 5th at 1:15*
*Late Start – 9:50AM on Friday, March 8th*
*'A Letter for Wanda' Performance for Divisions 2 & 3 – Wednesday, March 13th - 1:30 & 7:00*
*Solar System Saga Performance – Div. 5 – Thursday, March 14th at 1pm*
*Second Term Report Cards Sent Home – April 5th*

**Door Design – Division 1**
Flower Power
Spring is just around the corner. Confederation Park School is gearing up for its annual Spring Plant Sale. Once again we will be offering a variety of high quality, gorgeous hanging baskets and flats of bedding plants as well as herbs, tomatoes and a few new items. Complete information and order forms will be distributed the week of April. Orders will be due April 17th with plants being delivered Friday, May 10th, just in time for Mother’s Day. Ordering will be open after Spring Break via the Munch a Lunch website (https://secure.munchalunch.com/apps/munch/login.aspx) or by paper copy (Extra paper copies will be available at the office.) Credit Cards or Cheques only, please NO Cash.

Memory Book
If you have photographs of your children taking part in school activities, attending a field trip or playing on the playground, please send them to memory-book@confedpac.ca They do not have to be “professional quality” – candid pictures are perfect! They are memories and that is what the book is all about. We need the help of Confederation Park parents to fill up these pages.

Memory Book Team – WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Of the current Memory Book team only 2 members will remain at Confederation Park at the end of this year. The others, many who have worked on the book since its early years, have children in grade 7 who will be leaving in June. The continuation of the Memory Book, a favorite of all the students, depends on new parents stepping forth to take on layout duties. It is not difficult although some computer literacy is required as well as a bit of creative eye. This is the year to get involved and learn the process while the original team is around to help and guide you. Please consider helping out. Contact the Memory Book Coordinator at memory-book@confedpac.ca for more information.

Digging in the Dirt
We are pleased to announce the Garden Club will once again be beautifying our lovely garden at the front of the school. Parent coordinator Rachel Yensen is eagerly making plans for the spring clean up and planting of the new containers. The Garden Club is one of the few school clubs open to all grades, K – 7. The children gather on a regular basis to pull weeds, spread new dirt, plant and water, as well as develop friendships and have fun. More information and registration forms will with be available after spring break.

Mark Your Calendars
The next PAC meeting will be held Thursday, March 14th at 7 pm 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
  Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confederation Park Elementary  Spring 2019

**Exciting new programs are coming your way, available for registration on Tuesday March 5, 2019!**

**Drawing & Cartooning-Shadbolt in your School, 9-12 yrs**
Students discover new drawing skills as they learn to create expressive characters and bring them to life in comic books or cartoon strips. They explore traditional drawing techniques as well as manga and anime.
**$46.20, 4 sessions**
W, 3:15-4:45pm  April 17  497269

**Mother’s Day Chocolates & Crafts, 5-12 yrs**
Join us after school to create special crafts and chocolate treats to give your mother for Mother’s Day!
$16.10, 1 session
Tu, 3:15-5:00pm  May 7  497416

**Ultimate Survivor, 8-12 yrs**
This adventure related program will challenge participants physically and mentally while teaching skills like teamwork, orienteering, geocaching and its all about survival and having fun.
**$30.90, 4 sessions**
Tu, 3:15-4:45pm  May 14  497454

**Floor Hockey & Soccer, 5-10 yrs**
These high-energy sessions are a mix of two crowd favourites; soccer and hockey.
All equipment supplied.
**$30.90, 4 sessions**
F, 3:15-4:45pm  May 17  497505

**How to Register**
Online: burnaby.ca/webreg
To register call Fleetin Daily Leisure Pool & Fitness Centre at 604-298-7848. 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.

For information please contact:
Rohan Matsa
Program Coordinator
Northwest Community Programs
Rohan.matsa@burnaby.ca
604-297-4331

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**BARRACUS**
Burnaby Barracudas Aquatics Club
**EST. 1969**

JOIN US!
- Web site is - barracudas.com
- Swimming is a life skill
- 25 meters
- Summer Season - May to August
- Winter Season - Sept. to April

For more information contact:
rmatson@burnabybarracudas.com

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**BURNABY LAKE**
Burnaby Lake Field Hockey Club
**LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING SPRING SPORT OPPORTUNITY?**
BFC offers junior programs for boys and girls age 5 and up. For more information call
604-292-2528
www.burnabyfieldhockey.com
The Spring Session for Balloholic youth basketball kicks off April 15 and registration has been open since February. We are happy to add a new varsity spring league for boys at Burnaby North Secondary this year.

Please check the website for further details on the Spring programs and to register online https://www.balloholic.com/spring-session or email us at info@balloholic.com with any questions you may have.

Balloholic provides classes for students in a fun environment for all skill levels from 5 years old to grade 9 in a year round program. Our coaches are trained and students learn the FUNdamentals of basketball in a modified games format. Classes are located throughout Burnaby in elementary and secondary schools. The program is designed to follow the LTAD model for sport in Canada.