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 school and welcome to spring! I trust everyone had a restful Spring Break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. We are now into our third term of the year and this term will prove to be another busy and exciting time for learning at Confed.

At the end of last term we saw Division 2 and 3’s perform a debut performance of an opera entitled ‘A Letter for Wanda’. This was a debut performance of the story ‘The Hundred Dresses’ by Eleanor Estes which was adapted and written as an opera by Suzanne Windsor-Liscombe. Suzanne worked with our students alongside other teachers to create this musical performance. The theme of this production was kindness and the story shared the important message of being compassionate and kind towards one another. Teachers worked creatively to blend the themes of this story with the curriculum to maximize the potential of this musical experience. Congratulations to Divisions 2 and 3 for a wonderful presentation of this debut performance!

'A Letter to Wanda' Dresses – Divisions 2 & 3
We also saw Division 5’s performance of the “Solar System Saga” on March 13th. This was a humorous story set for stage which focused on the various parts of our solar system and explored the distinguishing factors of our planets. This production was rehearsed and produced by Ms. Torres who organized the performers on this day. Well done to Division 5 for bringing their developing drama skills and sharing this story with us!

Our muralist artist-in-resident, Ann Thorsteinsson, completed her work with us at the end of last term. She worked tirelessly with the students in the school to design and paint our school mural. Ann spoke with our students about imagining a future for themselves and used this theme as inspiration for their work. Through drawing and then painting, students explored their ideas and created the mural which will be installed along the front of our school building sometime soon. We are hopeful that we can soon celebrate the installation with our community so please stay tuned for more information.

As we move into term three we look forward to some new experiences such as our Spring Training which begins on April 8th, our ‘Voices of Nature’ artist-in-residency, High Touch High Tech Science experience, and Elevate Ultimate which will take place next month. There will also be more opportunities to be outside and participate in clubs such as Garden Club and Track and Field. Let’s hope we have plenty of good weather to encourage our motivation in being outside.

For now, please note our ‘Voices of Nature’ performances which will take place in our school gym at 1:30 and 7PM on Thursday, April 25th. Tickets are necessary for the evening performance only. More information on tickets to follow shortly.

Look forward to seeing you all at our performances later this month.

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman

Report Cards
Please note that our second term report cards will go home this Friday, April 5th.

Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast Event
Our Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will take place on the morning of Friday, May 3rd. More details to follow. Please put this date in your calendar.
**Spring Training**
We will be beginning our Spring Training on April 8th until the 26th. This will take place at the morning bell and run for 15 minutes (8:50 - 9:05AM.) This will be an opportunity for students to be outside with their peers and promote fitness. Parents are welcome to join in the fun and run/walk with their child(ren).

**Garden Benches**
As you may have noticed we have purchased some large stone benches for outside. These are located on the grassed area near the playground at the front of the school. The benches have been placed in a circular position. Our hope is that we can purchase more benches over time and create an outside area for performance purposes. Stay tuned for more info. For now the students can enjoy using these at recess and lunchtimes and enjoy sitting together.

**Garden Club**
Garden Club will be starting up on April 11th and will take place every Thursday lunchtime between 12:15 – 12:45 and run until June. This club will promote interest in gardening and positive garden practices from a hands-on perspective. Any students who are interested in participating in the Garden Club may pick up a permission form at the office. Thank you to Rachel Yensen and Tammy Vigliotti for sponsoring this club!

**Track and Field**
Ms. McKenna, Ms. Sale, Ms. Marshall and Mme. Cardamone will be working with any interested grades 4-7 students whom wish to join Confederation Park’s Track and Field team. Practices will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:10- 8:45AM beginning April 3rd. Track Meets will take place on: April 9th & 18th (grades 4/5); and April 4th & 16th (grades 6/7.) Good luck to our teams and thank you to our teachers for sponsoring Track and Field this term.

**ICE CREAM, DOUGHNUTS, POPCORN AND MORE...**
As has become a yearly tradition at Confederation Park, the Grade 7 students (and parents) will once again be running a series of fundraising events to subsidize their Leaving Confed Celebrations including a special year end field trip and the Dinner and Dance evening. Beginning the week of April 26th, weekly Friday Ice Cream sales will be back with an assortment of cold treats for students to purchase after school. Other events including Krispy Kreme donuts sale, a special hot lunch, and popcorn at upcoming school events are also being planned. Watch for more detailed information to come soon. The grade 7 students thank you all in advance for your support towards their very special activities!

**Boomerang Club**
Ms. Ishii and Ms. McKenna continue working with members of the Boomerang Club to explore ways of sharing kindness and compassion. This Friday, the club will celebrate their recent fundraising success with Canuck Place Hospice through a pizza party at the school. Well done to all these members for their leadership and continued commitment to sharing their acts of kindness with others!
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.

Skipping Club
Ms. Fischer and Ms. Sale are sponsoring Skipping Club this term. This club takes place on Mondays at lunchtime in the gym and is open to students from grades 3-7. On May 10th we will celebrate Jump Rope for Heart Day. All students will join in this event in the school gym in the afternoon.

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.

Dioramas of Fort Langley Experience – Division 4

Planning for 2019-20
We are starting to plan for next year. Although classes are not finalized until the end of the first week of September, initial planning is approaching. If your family is planning to move away for the next school year, please advise the office as soon as possible.

Save the Dates
* Second Term Report Cards Sent Home – Friday, April 5th
* Easter Weekend – no school on Friday, April 19th and Monday, April 22nd
* ‘Voices of Nature’ performances – Thursday, April 25th at 1:30 & 7PM
* Pro-D Day – Monday, April 29th - No school for students
* Parent Volunteer Breakfast – Friday, May 3rd
APRIL 2019

HOT LUNCH – SPRING SESSION: Ordering Now Open

It's time to place your Hot Lunch orders for the Spring Session (April to June). Back again are the student's favorites – Stan's Pizza, Whitespot, and Hong Sushi. 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 Sunday, April 7th. The first Hot Lunch will be delivered on Thursday, April 18th. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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 11:45 am and 12:15 pm 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.

FLOWER POWER

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 were distributed in the first 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 in second week of April 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

The Memory Book team NEEDS your photos to fill the pages. We have received only a few photos of the children for the WHOLE year. We cannot make this book without YOUR help!

PLEASE - 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 memory-book@confedpac.ca. Add a quick note if the images show a particular place or event as well as the Division number.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! WE NEED THEM NOW!!

CASH4CLOTHES

PAC would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all the family and friends for another successful year with the Developmental Disabilities Association’s Cash4Clothes Program. We have raised approximately $500 for the kids. Well done!

These funds will go directly to support school programs and activities that will enhance our children’s learning experience.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next PAC AGM meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15th 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

2019 Play to Learn Open Houses
For children newborn to 5 years and their parents or caregivers
Join us for a fun and interactive session exploring a variety of learning activities, and enjoy a performance. Meet early childhood education experts, and connect with the school community and other families. It’s free!

- **APRIL 18**
  9:30 - 11:30 am
  Maywood Community School
  4567 Imperial Street

- **APRIL 25**
  9:30 - 11:30 am
  Brentwood Park Elementary
  1455 Delta Avenue

- **MAY 2**
  9:30 - 11:30 am
  Stride Avenue Community School
  7014 Stride Avenue

- **MAY 9**
  9:30 - 11:30 am
  Forest Grove Elementary
  8525 Forest Grove Drive

Community Partners: Recreation & Cultural Services, Burnaby Public Library, Burnaby Parks, YMCA Child Care Resource & Referral, and Fraser Health

More early learning programs: www.burnabyschools.ca

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Sunfest Camp 2019

**Sunfest Summer Day Camp**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**
Team Leaders & Volunteers Applications Due

**FRIDAY, APRIL 05**

**STUDENT DESIGNED T-SHIRT CONTEST**
Artwork Deadline: **Thursday, April 18**

**SAVE THE DATE!**
Registration at Gilmore Community School

**MONDAY, MAY 06**

**JOIN US**
Sunday, June 2
Queen Elizabeth Park

Sunfest is a six-week long summer day camp for children age 5-11. Must have completed kindergarten.

CONTACT: tmason210@gmail.com

Camp takes place at Gilmore Community School,
55 South Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, BC

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Take a step in support of childhood cancer & mental health initiatives

RBC Foundation

BC Children's Hospital Foundation