

## Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts June (End of Year) 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,

Congratulations to all! It has been another very busy and successful year. What a pleasure it has been to witness the hard work and effort that students, staff and parents have shown in working together.

Continued thanks go to our school staff and our parent community who have continued to support our daily activities and school events and share their expertise and talents with us. Your continued support of our programming has been appreciated many times over.

As we say goodbye to our Grade 7 students – our Class of 2019, we send them many good wishes as they move into High School. We hope they will take many happy memories of Confederation Park with them and build on all that they have learned to be successful in the years ahead.

To those who are returning to us next year, we wish you a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Weaving project – Division 8

#### **Report Card Distribution**

Report cards will be handed out on **Thursday**, **June 27<sup>th</sup>** at our 10:00am dismissal time. Any unclaimed report cards will be saved at the office and can be picked up in September.

#### Start-Up in September

Please note that we return to school on <u>Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:50AM</u> for one hour only finishing at 9:50AM. Students will return to this year's classrooms for the first week of school. Any new students will be welcomed at the office and then placed in classrooms for the week. Our first full day of school for students in grades 1-7 will be on <u>Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup></u>. School will finish at 3:02PM on this day.

\*If you know your child <u>will not</u> be attending in the first week of school (e.g. due to an extended holiday) please contact the school office and let us know. Daily attendance is an important part of our school start-up in this week and we need to report this to the district daily in order to firm up our enrollment numbers and plan our classes for the year.

#### **School Supplies for Next Year**

Lists of school supplies for next school year will soon be posted on the school website. These will be posted for students from Grade 2-7. \* Note that Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be contributing to communal supplies next year.



Flower Sketches in Charcoal – Division 9

#### **Goodbyes**

This year we are saying goodbye to a few staff members at Confed. These include: Ms. Harrison (grade 2 teacher) Ms. Torres (grade 2 teacher) Ms. Coutts (grade 7 teacher) Ms. Dann (counsellor) Ms. Hanratty (EA) Ms. Mattu (EA)

We would like to thank all these members of staff for their hard work and support of our students and wish them all the best in their new ventures and positions in the district. We will miss you!

#### Save the Dates

First Day Back – Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - one hour only (8:50-9:50) First Full Day for grades 1-7 – Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 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. <u>If your family is planning to move away for</u> the next school year, please advise the office as soon as possible.



Picasso Faces – Division 9

## **PAC NEWS**

### SO LONG. FAREWELL. ADIEU.

The end of the year does not only mean we say goodbye to a great group of Grade 7's who are moving on to bigger and brighter things, but it is also a time to say farewell to parents who have been a big part of the Confed Community for so many years.

All the parents leaving this year have given so much to the school – helping teachers, guiding the children and interacting with other parents. They have attended events and supported fundraisers, both financially and with their time.

This year we have a large number of parents leaving who have been incredibly active over the years and have been responsible for initiating and coordinating events and programs that have become staples of the Confed Community.

**Pat and Diana Chiu** have been a cornerstone at Confederation Park Elementary for 12 years. **Diana** has provided years of support in the Library - shelving countless books and helping with the Scholastic Book Fairs. She has faithfully coordinated and performed the twice-yearly lice checks on all the students and has been a constant volunteer at all events - manning ticket sales and helping to set up and tear down. She has always made herself available to help out with class activities, hot lunch, and production preparations. **Pat** has dedicated countless hours coaching sports teams, running clubs, and taking videos and photos of school events and activities and working on the Memory Book. He has been invaluable when it came to set up and tear down of events and productions and has driven many students to field trips and track meets over the years.

**Linda Lui** has also spent the better part of a decade supporting and being an active part of the Confed Community. Over the years she has been the 'bartender extraordinaire' at the Annual Art Show (and other events as needed); a staple at the Snack Shack; an active Hot Lunch supporter; an involved Class Rep; and the 'go to' concerning past PAC information. She was also a key member of the team who fundraised for the addition of the new playground 8 years ago. Linda has attended numerous field trips and class activities over the years and has always been willing to help out when called upon.

**Karen Yen** has been at Confed for 8 years during which time she has increasingly expanded her roles, responsibilities and involvement in the school community. She has been a Class Reps for numerous years and provided hours of production support on costumes and makeup. When former coordinators left the school, Karen stepped up to take over the Snack Shack, Teachers Luncheon and organizing the food at the Art Show. For the past 4 years, Karen has also been the Co-Coordinator of Confed's fabulous Hot Lunch program. She has also been invaluable in the classroom over the years – attending events, driving for field trips, and helping out whenever needed.

During the last 8 years **Gloria McKale** has been involved in a wide variety of initiatives at Confed. She co-founded the student favorite Memory Book with another past parent during the 2011-12 school year and has continued to coordinate its production for the past 7 years. She ran the Scholastic Book Fair for 5 years which resulted in hundreds of dollars' worth of books being added to our Library. She sat as PAC Vice Chair for 1 term; acted as the Class Rep Coordinator for 4 years; and developed the role of Communications Coordinator which she filled for 3 years. Over the years she has been an active supporter of Hot Lunch, class activities and field trips. She has helped out with costumes and make up for productions; helped organize the auction for the art show; and started the Welcome Back Coffee event for parents.

**Yunuen Perez-Vertti's** involvement with Confed began 6 years ago when she moved to Burnaby. Although her involvement began slowly with the Memory Book, Class Rep and taking photos, she soon became a foundation in the Confed Community. She took over as Co-Coordinator of the Hot Lunch program 4 years ago and then when the Art Show needed a Coordinator, she took that on the following year. She has committedly video recorded school events and productions and created the year end videos for the past 4 years. During the 2015-16 school year, she lent her talents as a Filmmaker and helped develop and produce Confed's first ever Film Festival. Over the years she has also ran clubs, supported classroom activities and has been a valuable creative resource to staff. Yunuen also sat as PAC chair for 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

A professional photographer, **Derek Stevens** has been Confed's 'unofficial official' photographer for the past 6 years. He has been an instrumental part of the Memory Book team for 5 years, photographing school events, activities and sports teams in action. He has also been an active participant in the classroom, usually with his camera, and has driven on numerous occasions for field trips and sporting events. For the past 4 years, Derek has been the photographer for the PAC Family Portrait fundraiser which has resulted in several hundreds of dollars being contributed to the school.

## **Community Announcements**



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