Mission Statement

To promote excellence by providing an enriched program that connects curriculum through the processes of the visual and performing arts.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to October! I hope everyone is well and settling into the new term. I also hope everyone has enjoyed our recent warm and sunny weather as we make our way into the fall season. I am sure plenty of rain is on its way to us!

A big thank you to our staff for all their hard work and dedication in settling our students so far this term. The school is already busy with classroom projects beginning to take shape and many students already involved in creative learning experiences in their classrooms. A number of students are also joining various school clubs and volunteer opportunities to support our school community which has added to our positive start this term.

Thank you to all those parents whom attended our recent Welcoming Conversations. We hope that you had the chance to visit with your child’s teacher and share necessary information to support a smooth transition into this school year. Some teachers explored different ways of sharing information with their parent communities this term by giving parent presentations using a different format. These teachers will be following up with three-way conferences later in the term where parents will have the chance to discuss student needs further. As always, please connect directly with your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding the progress of your child.

This term we look forward to two artist-in residence programs that are joining us at Confed. These include a wet felter and a metal worker. These two artists will be working with our students on creative projects over the course of this term and supporting students in developing their skills in design and technology. We look forward to seeing their exciting project underway very soon!

Wishing you all a happy October!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman
Colourful Patterns – Division 8

**Full-Release Emergency Drill**

We will be having a Full-Release Emergency Drill on the afternoon of Thursday, October 17th. This will be an emergency evacuation drill followed by a full release of students to parents. The drill will begin at 2pm and parents will be asked to come to the site to pick up their child(ren) after 2:15pm. The drill will take place over the road from the playground in the park picnic area. Students will be organized in family groupings by their last name and each group will be associated with a colour. Students with a last name beginning:

- A - G = RED
- H - O = YELLOW
- P - Z = BLUE

When you arrive to pick up your child(ren) please go to the corresponding colour group where there will be a sign-out table. **Please note that we will NOT release students to adults unless ID is shown.** If you are asking an adult other than yourself to pick up your child they MUST be registered on the Emergency Contact Form which was filled in at the beginning of this school year, and this adult must also bring ID. If you wish to check this information please contact the office beforehand. Any parents not able to pick up their child before 3pm will pick them up at the bell outside.

We will run this drill rain or shine so please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather on this day, including waterproof clothing.

If you have any further questions please contact the office.

**Terry Fox Run**

Our Terry Fox run was a success once again and took place last week. Before the run we enjoyed a Community Gathering hosted by Division 6 (Ms. Sale’s class) and the Cross Country Team led a whole-school warm up in the gym. This was followed by our annual run at the oval. Our Toonies for Terry collection was also a big success and we raised approximately $400. This money will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations to our school community for this achievement!
**Sexual Health Presentations**
A parent workshop took place on the evening of September 30th sharing ideas for parents around the topics of body awareness, wellness and body science. This presentation took place in the school library and parents had the chance to meet and ask questions from our presenter, Brandi Weibe. Student presentations will take place during the day on Thursday, October 10th and Friday, October 11th. The cost of these presentations has been covered by our generous PAC. Thank you!

**Cross Country:**
Our Cross Country Team has been sponsored by Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall this term. The team has been practicing on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:10AM. The team has already attended three meets after school on Sept. 16th, 23rd and 30th. They are now looking forward to the final meet on Oct. 7th at the Burnaby Sports Complex. Students have enjoyed participating and have shown commitment and good sportsmanship so far. Thank you to Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall for sponsoring this team, and congratulations to the participating runners. Best of luck for the remainder of your season!

**Volleyball**
Ms. Isbister and Mme. Cardamone have been running the school volleyball this term for students in grades 6 and 7. Ms. Isbister has been coaching the girls with practices on Wednesdays at lunch and Thursdays before school, and games most Thursdays after school. Mme. Cardamone has been coaching the boys with practices on Tuesday mornings before school and games on Tuesdays after school. The volleyball season will run throughout October until mid November. So far our teachers have enjoyed working with these teams and have been impressed with their hard work, good sportsmanship and dedication. Great work everyone!

**Choir**
Ms. Ishii has begun leading Choir this term. Choir is available to students from grades 4 to 7. Practices take place in the music room on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes. All intermediate students are welcome to join.

**Boomerang Club**
Ms. Ishii and Ms. McKenna have begun working with the Boomerang Club this term which meets every Tuesday morning at 8:15AM in the Art room. In this club students will explore ways of sharing kindness and compassion within the school and local community. This club is open to students from grades 4-7. Stay tuned for more information as they make plans for this term.

**Card Club/Scrap-booking Club**
Card Club led by Diana Pesa (a school parent) will take place every Tuesday lunchtime in the Art Room and will run for this term. This club is open to students from grades 3-7. Permission letters are available at the school office for any students that wish to take part. Please note there will be a fee of $30 for the term.
We also have the return of Scrap-booking Club and this will take place on the first Wednesday of each month. This club is open to students from grades 3-7. The fee for this club is $50.

*Please check the page "Clubs and Teams" on our school website to stay informed. The "Clubs and Teams" page can be found under the “School Info” tab on our home page.*
Painted Circles - Division 8

Student Late Arrivals
It has been noted that a number of students have been arriving to school late so far this term. This has delayed the start of instructional time as teachers are needing to wait and then go over instructions that have already been shared with students. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. A prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program.

Student Photos
Please note that we will be having individual student photos on TWO separate days again this year – October 23rd and 24th. Please note which day your child’s class will be scheduled for their photo session. These will be for individual photos.

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd – Divisions; 1 (Cardamone), 4 (Isbister), 6 (Eggen) & 9 (Fischer)
Thursday, Oct. 24th – Divisions; 2 (Safarik), 3 (Stanley/Cummings), 5 (Trzcinski), 8 (McKenna) & 10 (Marshall)

Bird Pictures - Division 9

Medical Alerts
We are continuing to update our medical alert information at the office. If you are a new parent with a child who has a medical alert or a returning family with a child who has recently developed a medical condition, please contact the school office so as we can update our information and ensure we have all the necessary paperwork. Medical alerts are typically those with a life-threatening diagnosis such as an anaphylaxis allergy or asthma. Any other medical concerns can be shared with the classroom teacher and you will then be directed to the office to complete paperwork if necessary.

Cell Phones
Another reminder that the use of personal cell phones or other electronic devices by students are not permitted during the school day unless permission has been given by a member of staff. Phones need to be away in backpacks between 8:50AM and 3:02PM. The school office phone is available for calls home during the day where necessary once this has been approved by the classroom teacher. Please encourage your child not to use their cell phone to independently call home or text during the school day.

Save the Dates
*Thanksgiving Holiday – Monday, October 14th – No school for students
*BC Shakedown Drill & Full Release to Parents – October 17th 2PM
*School Photos – October 23rd & 24th
*Pro-d Day – Friday, October 25th – No school for students
*Hallowe’en Community Gathering – October 31st 1:30PM
*Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, November 12th 9AM
*Art Show – Saturday, November 16th 7PM

PAC NEWS

PAC Meetings

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.

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.

Meetings are schedule to run approximately 1.5 hours and are held at the school library with free child care provided.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the school library. Please join us if you can.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION!

Save the Date! Saturday, November 16th!

The parents of Confederation Park have committed over $25,000 to support programs, materials and equipment for the school during the 2019-20 school year. (A full list is posted on the PAC bulletin board in the main hallway). In order to fund this commitment, the goal for this years Annual Art Show and Auction, the biggest fundraiser of the year, is $10,000.

The evening is a gala event that focuses on the fabulous pieces of art the students create showcasing their learning. In addition to the art which can be purchased in various formats, there is music, food, wine and a wide range of items up for grabs in the silent auction.

Parents are once again being asked for their assistance is securing these auction items (gift cards from restaurants, spa services, items from specialty stores, hotels/holiday or airlines vouchers, concert tickets, sporting events or anything new and unique items). If you, or your contacts, are able to help out, please contact silentauction@confedpac.ca

Committees will also be looking for assistance with food preparation, tickets and cashier duties, decorating, bartending and more. If you are interested in helping out contact artshowcoordinator@confedpac.ca
It is only through the continued support and generosity of parents that the Annual Art Show and Auction continues to be such a success and the cornerstone of our support for the school.

Watch for more information coming soon.

**PHOTOS NEEDED FOR THE 2019-20 MEMORY BOOK**

Work is about to begin on the 2019-20 Memory Book and we are looking for your help. Last year our fabulous 36 page book contained over 1,000 photographs highlighting the events and learning opportunities of the students of Confederation Park.

We would like to remind parents that if you have the chance to be a part of the activities taking place in your child’s classroom or around the school (field trips, class projects, community gatherings) to please remember to snap a few photos. It is only through your photo contributions that we are able to assemble such an amazing keepsake for the students.

Please forward you photos at any time throughout the year to memory-book@confedpac.ca.

**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/)

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**PRO-D DAY CAMP**

5-10 years

Kids make the most of proud days in this action packed day camp. Sports, crafts, art, games and more are just a taste of the activities we have planned. Leaders are trained in first aid, accident prevention and emergency procedures. Your child’s safety is our priority. We are committed to creating a safe and fun day of experience for your child.

- F, October 25, 9:00-3:00pm
  - $30.00, 1 session  512131
- F, November 22, 9:00-3:00pm
  - $30.00, 1 session  512132

Register early! Burnaby.ca/weekreg

**Pumpkin Parade at Confederation Park**

Rain or Shine!

Friday, November 1
5:30–8pm

Save your Halloween jack-o-lantern and bring it with you to the park for everyone to enjoy. Line up on the walking path in front of Eileen Dally to join the parade of pumpkins.

Lights for your carved pumpkin are available and warm drinks are provided.

Northwest Community Program Coordinator

Wrenna Molin: 604-291-4551

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
COME PLAY WITH US!

POP-UP PLAYMOBILE

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Saturdays, September 14 - October 26
11am-4pm | Confederation Park

We're setting up a playfully interactive zone. Our goal is to keep it simple & focused on the benefits of unstructured play with minimal adult intervention. Children have access to a variety of tools and materials includingberries, soil, wood, cardboard and pipe, and creatively encourage play-based activities thatcan stimulate. Nature, imagination.

For updates and information: rohan.mats@burnaby.ca | 604-297-4531 | burnaby.ca/playmobile

YOGA FOR KIDS AT BRENTWOOD PARK ELEMENTARY

6-10 years

Through regular practice of yoga poses, children develop strength, flexibility, inner discipline and self-awareness. Basic poses are learned that can help develop other sporting skills.

Thursdays, Oct 17, 3:15 - 4:15pm
$26.20, 4 sessions | 626186

Register early! Burnaby.ca/webreg
Call 604-296-7945 or visit any Burnaby recreation centre

For more information please contact:
Rohan Mats
Program Coordinator, Northwest Community Programs | 604-297-4531
Rohan.Mats@burnaby.ca

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Cameron Complex
Oct 6th - Nov 10th, 6:30-7:30pm
#4-844-604-2441

 generationhealth.ca

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BABYSITTERS BASICS @ BRENTWOOD

11-15 yrs

Children learn valuable skills, emergency procedures and tips on child care. Certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the course, which uses Canada Safety Council Babysitter’s Guidelines. These recommendations that children under 12 not babysit without adult supervision. Attendance required at all four sessions in order to pass.

Fridays, 7:30, 4 sessions 521848
1 session: Nov 22 (Pro-D Day), 6am-3pm
3 sessions: Nov 29, Dec 6, & Dec 13, 3:30-5:15pm

Register early! Burnaby.ca/weekend
Call 604-298-7965 or visit any Burnaby recreation centre

For more information please contact:
Robin Mathis
Program Coordinator, Northwood Community Programs, 604-293-4101
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Parenting in the Middle Years (6-12 years)

McGill Library
October 1 – Nov 5, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This is a supportive and educational series for parents of children ages 6 to 12 years. Understanding middle childhood development, encouraging social-emotional competency, responding to school and family life challenges, fostering positive peer relationships, communicating effectively, understanding temperament, and technology guidelines, and strategies for effective, positive discipline in the middle years will be covered. The goal of this series is to provide parents with a forum to learn, to share and to discuss information and strategies to connect with their children and enrich their parenting experiences.

This series is free however, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Space limited. Some child minding space available for younger siblings.

Information Children
778 782 3548 or infochld@efu.ca

"Parenting help when you need it"