



Confederation Park Elementary School

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October 2020 Newsletter

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Mission Statement

To honour and cultivate the development of the individual child through an enriched program that connects learning 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 this past week as we make our way into the fall season. I am sure plenty of rain is back on its way to us soon!

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.

Thank you to all those parents whom attended our recent Welcoming Conversations many of which were done through remote means this term. We hope that you had the chance to share necessary information with your child's teacher to support a smooth transition into this school year. As always, please connect directly with your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding the progress of your child.



Outdoor Math with Geo Boards – Division 5

Last week we spent our Pro-D day discussing areas of focus for this year and sharing ideas around supporting student learning through our new school-wide theme entitled - 'From the Heart.' We hope to run this theme throughout the work we do with our students this year and blend this in with various curriculum areas across the school. We are also pursuing other topics such as: Outdoor Education, Indigenous Education and Writing (a continuation of our school goal) which we hope will connect with our need to be outside in the natural environment and provide authentic and meaningful learning experiencing for our students.

Whilst we pursue our themes outdoors this year, please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for our Westcoast weather. We will be venturing out on rainy and windy days and so your help with providing the necessary items to keep students warm and dry on these days is much appreciated.

With many thanks for your support!

Yours sincerely,

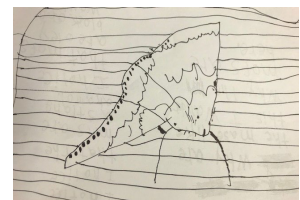
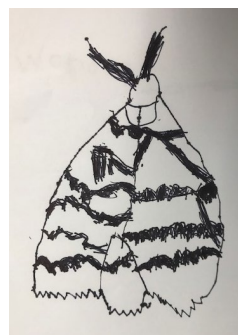
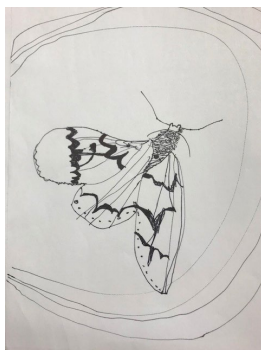
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Self-Portraits – Division 6

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run took place last week and took place locally around the school grounds this year. Our website fundraiser has proved a big success and we raised \$930.00 which will now be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generosity and congratulations on this great achievement!



Moth Study - Division 7

Outdoor Clothing Lending Library

We are planning to start an 'Outdoor Clothing Lending Library' for our outdoor learning activities. We want to ensure that all students can be comfortable while learning outdoors. The lending library will include boots, rain jackets, and rain pants. Students will be able to borrow items and return them when they are no longer needed. We are hoping to start this lending library by collecting donations from families who have used outdoor clothing at home that they

no longer need. If you have rain boots, rain jackets, or rain pants that your children have outgrown, please send them to school so that we can start our lending library. Please note that due to Covid-19, we will hold items for 72 hours after use before re-lending them. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. McKenna at: colleen.mckenna@burnabyschools.ca

Soccer Balls for Outdoor Use

Do you have extra soccer balls accumulating in your garage and basement from teams, clinics, and soccer camps? We are collecting used soccer balls for students to use during outdoor Physical Education and recess/lunch. Please send donated soccer balls to school with your child.

Library – A Message from our Librarian

Hello Readers!

My name is Ms. Besic and I am pleased to be your new Teacher-Librarian! I am looking forward to seeing you in the library. The year has been off to an interesting start with all the new changes, but they are in place to ensure you are in a safe learning environment.

This is friendly reminder that we are still missing a fair amount books from last year! If you could look around your house for any library books it would be much appreciated. We would be happy to get them back for other readers to enjoy. If you are not sure, you can inquire with me at maira.besic@burnabyschools.ca

Happy reading,

Ms. Besic

Student Photos

Please note that we will be having individual student photos on **TWO separate days** this year – October 21st and 22nd. We have yet to organize the specific days for Divisions and will be in touch with you regarding this information soon.



Helpful Hands - Division 4

Drop-off & Pick-up/Use of Playground

Just a reminder to please practice physical distancing amongst families when waiting outside to drop off or pick up your child.

Also, a reminder to collect your child(ren) and leave the school site as soon as possible at the end of the day. We are working very hard to limit the amount of contact between Learning Groups during the school day we would appreciate your cooperation in doing so once the bells have gone.

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.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call the school office before 9:00 a.m. to confirm their absence. You can also leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:

1. Child's first and last name (**please spell last name**)
2. Teacher and Division
3. Absent or late (please give anticipated arrival time)

If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety.



'I Am' Portraits - Division 3

Student Late Arrivals:

If your child arrives to school late, please wait outside the front of the school with your child and phone the main office at 604-296-9010. You will be asked to answer the daily health-check for student's questions, and a staff member will then come and let your child into the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sick Students

For the protection of your child and other children, please keep your children at home if they show signs of illness.

Please keep your child home until they are no longer infectious and can answer no to all the questions in the daily health check (updated September 28th) found [here](#) on page 26. Let the school secretary know of your child's absence. For more information, visit www.fraserhealth.ca

Save the Dates

***Thanksgiving Holiday – Monday, October 12th – No school for students**

***BC ShakeOut Drill – October 15th (Practice in school)**

***School Photos – October 21st & 22nd**

***Pro-D Day – Friday, October 23rd – No school for students**

***Hallowe'en Celebration – October 30th**

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 scheduled to run approximately 1.5 hours and are held via Zoom call.

Our first **PAC AGM** will be held on **Wednesday, October 14th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

At this **AGM**, we will be voting in the Executive board members, discussing the distribution of the funds, presenting the new year budget and receiving a wish list from the school among many other discussions. This is your chance to participate in these important discussions and bring your ideas to the table. Please join us if you can.

STUDENT INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Please mark your calendars for student individual photos for **Wednesday October 21st** and **Thursday, October 22nd**. We will have this set up in the school gym to ensure social distancing. More details to follow.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR THE 2020-2021 MEMORY BOOK

In the past, the book has 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 class or around the school (field trips, class projects) to please remember to take 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 your photos at any time throughout the year to memory-book@confedpac.ca.

FUNRAISING

Due to the Covid-19 situation, unfortunately, there will be no Art Show & Auction this year which has been our biggest fundraiser in the past few years. However, the PAC is working hard towards some other fundraisers. Please stay tuned for more information.

The fundraising done by the PAC, support and improve children's' experience at the school by facilitating and/or financially supporting a variety of education, recreation, cultural and social opportunities for the students and their families. Without the parent support it is difficult to provide an enriched learning and therefore if you have any fundraising ideas, please feel free to email them to us at: chair@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>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/>



October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving (no school) 	13	14 PAC AGM 7pm (Virtually)	15 BC Shake Down Drill (practice in school) 	16	17
18	19	20	21 Photo Day (details TBA)	22 Photo Day (details TBA)	23 Pro-D Day (No school for students)	24
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