



Confederation Park Elementary School

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February 2021 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.

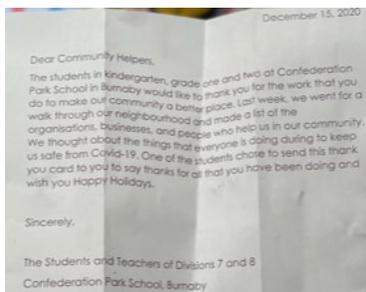
Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

Welcome to February! Hope everyone is keeping well during this winter season.

Our school continues to be a busy place with many activities and themes present throughout classrooms. We continue our school-wide theme of 'From the Heart' and students have focused on sharing kindness and compassion within our school and local community. Recently classes sent 'Thank You' notes to front-line workers and members of the Boomerang Club delivered these to Burnaby General Hospital, local neighbourhood shops and the Seniors Centre. See below a letter and tweet in appreciation for the thoughtful messages that our students sent.



Confederation Park School Retweeted
Ages Three and Up · 2021-01-05 **
Thank you Ari and the teachers at @ConfederationP2 for sending this thoughtful note. We are touched to get this in the mail and truly appreciate teachers at @burnabyschools for teaching our next generation about community and kindness.

Letters of Thanks to our Local Community Workers

As part of our professional development this year, we have participated in conversations relating to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Teachers have begun discussing the topic of racism with their classes and used various books and videos to learn and understand more about this important subject. We are looking forward to welcoming a parent speaker, Kahlil Ashanti, who will share a presentation to our classes in the next few weeks, and we will then celebrate with an anti-racism day on February 25th entitled 'Inside-Outside Shirt Day.' This is a new initiative led by a grade 3 student in Division 5, Mateo George, who is using this day to promote

antiracism and share that 'we are all the same on the inside'. We will also celebrate 'Pink Shirt Day' on February 24th which focuses on the theme of acceptance.

Meanwhile, Divisions 1 and 2 are moving forward with plans to rehearse and perform (likely virtually) an operetta entitled 'Bridges'. This performance is based on the story of Ruby Bridges, one of the first black students to attend an all-white school in the USA. We look forward to seeing this production take shape and acknowledging all that the students learn through the process.

As we approach Family Day on February 15th, I would like to send best wishes to all our Confed families, and hoping you are all keeping well and healthy during these continued COVID times.

Happy Family Day!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Catching Snowflakes– Division 8

Family Literacy Day

We celebrated Family Literacy Day last week with teachers planning various literacy activities in their classrooms. Ms. Besic shared many stories with classrooms during library times and teachers had their students take part in whole class read-alouds, reader's theatre and other shared reading experiences.



Pattern Art – Division 9

Valentines Day

Please note that this year, due to COVID, restrictions we will not be sharing food items and treats within the school. Instead students are encouraged to share cards within classrooms in order to celebrate this day.

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) is on Wednesday, February 24th. We encourage our students to wear pink on this day to celebrate the theme of acceptance. Various activities will take place within different classrooms. More information will likely be shared from individual teachers regarding specific activities.

Inside Outside Shirt Day

This year marks the first opportunity to celebrate anti-racism at Confed with a special day on February 25th. Mateo George (Division 5) developed an idea around this theme for students to wear their shirts inside out for the day to acknowledge that 'we are all the same on the inside.' Mateo is working with the Boomerang Club to share his ideas and promote this day in our school. He will be busy making posters and sharing his ideas with classes to help support conversations on this theme. We are very proud to acknowledge Mateo as a leader in our school and thank him for bringing his idea to fruition at Confed. Way to go, Mateo!

Parent Coffee Morning

We will be hosting another Parent Coffee morning on **Thursday, February 9th at 9:15AM**. This will take place in the staff room. Grab a tea and a morning snack and meet us online through Zoom for great conversation and company! All parents are welcome! A Zoom link will be sent out nearer to the date.



Plasticine Art & Book Study – Division 1

February - Registration

February is registration time for Burnaby public schools. **Priority placement for the upcoming year will be given to applications received during the month of February.** Full details are available at <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>

Kindergarten Registrations

Students entering Kindergarten in September must register at their catchment area school. To register your child, you do so online at <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>

Students Entering Grade 8

Current Grade 7 students will automatically be pre-registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides within Burnaby. Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-district or Out-of-district Transfer Application in order to be considered for admission to that secondary school. You can find these forms at <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration-categories/#studenttransfers>

Some COVID Reminders

Just a reminder to please practice physical distancing when waiting outside to drop off or pick up your child. Whilst 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 at the end of the day. Therefore, we are asking that families collect their children and leave the school site as soon as possible to avoid significant contact with other families. We appreciate your support.

Registration Information

February is registration time for all Burnaby public schools. Kindergarten registrations as well as Cross-District, Out-of-District and Language Program applications will be accepted between February 1-26th, 2021. Priority placement for the upcoming year will be given to applications received during the month of February. Full details are available at burnabyschools.ca/registration/

For information on Cross-District transfers, please click [here](#).

For information on Out-Of-District transfers, please click [here](#).

Due to current restrictions all registrations will be done online this year at: burnabyschools.ca/registration/



3-D Geographic Landforms in Plasticine – Division 3

Telus WISE– Internet Safety

Our Intermediate students participated in Internet Safety presentations on January 12th supported by Telus WISE. These presentations took place remotely within classrooms and students learned about being good digital citizens and keeping their digital footprint clean. Conversations regarding digital citizenship continue in classrooms as the need arises.

Virtual Art Gallery

Ms. Ishii has continued to take photos of student art and has uploaded these onto our school website. You will find this artwork at the top of the website page under the title: **Gallery**. Click on the link titles that next appear, then take a walk through the creative and inspiring artwork from our talented Confed students! Enjoy!!

Winter Clothing

A reminder to have your child wear appropriate clothing for our winter weather. We encourage students to head outside during recess and lunchtimes and this is made easier when suitable clothing is provided for our cold and wet weather at this time of the year. Hats, scarves and gloves are recommended on really cold days as well as warm and waterproof jackets for those rainy days. We also request that you send an extra change of clothing with your child in case they need it. Thank you for your cooperation!

Boomerang Club

Ms. Ishii continues to work with grade 6 and 7 students in the Boomerang Club to promote kindness and compassion. Recently this club has supported the "Blanket BC" drive where they have collected donated blankets, scarves, hats and gloves from our families to pass on to those in need. Collections take place every day this week, Feb. 1st – 5th. Thank you to Ms. Ishii and all participating students for supporting this cause and providing families with warm necessities during our winter months. Great job!



Geometry Circles – Division 7

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.

Student Late Arrivals

If your child arrives to school late, please ensure to do the daily health-check for your child then please take your child to the outside door of their classroom and knock. Please wait with your child and phone the main office at 604-296-9010 to let the office know they have arrived. – Thank you

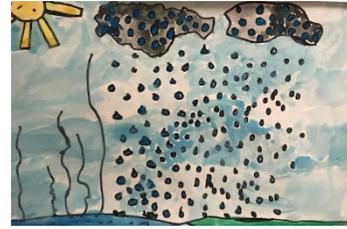
Students Leaving Early

If you will be picking up your child early, please let the Teacher know in advance if possible. When you arrive please pick up your child at the outside classroom door and phone the main office at 604-296-9010 to notify the Secretary your child will be leaving.

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 student daily health check questions found in the [Burnaby School District – Stage 2 Return to School Health and Safety Handbook COVID-19](#) found [here](#). Let the school secretary know of your child's absence. For more information, visit www.fraserhealth.ca



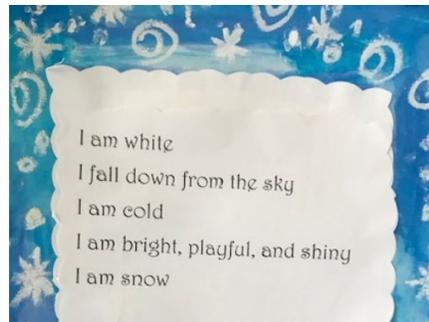
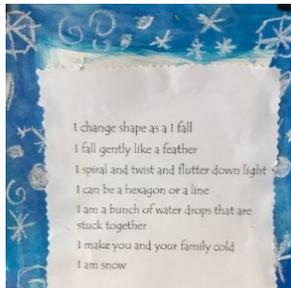
Water Cycle – Division 6

Twitter Account

Did you know that Confederation Park has a Twitter account? Follow us at **ConfederationP2**

Save the Dates

- * Parent Coffee Morning via Zoom – Thursday, February 9th at 9:15AM
- * Class Presentations on Racism – February 10th and 11th
- * Valentine's Day – February 14th
- * Family Day Holiday – Monday, February 15th
- * Pink Shirt Day Wednesday, February 24th
- * Inside Outside Shirt Day, February 25th
- * Professional Day – Friday, February 26th No school for students.
- * PAC Meeting – February 24th at 7PM via Zoom



Snow Poetry - Division 7

COMMUNITY NEWS

**BURNABY MINOR
LACROSSE CLUB
INVITES YOU TO JOIN
US FOR THE 2021
MINOR BOX LACROSSE
SEASON**



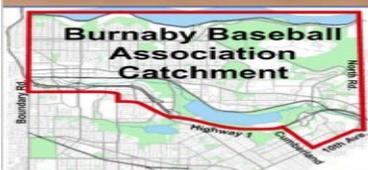
**REGGIE
OPENS
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AGES: BOYS 5-16 / GIRLS 5-21
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
INFO/UPDATES
WWW.BURNABYLACROSSE.COM



**BURNABY BASEBALL
ASSOCIATION** Register for Spring Baseball
programs for boys & girls ages 4-25

Home of the 2020 18U College Prep Provincial Champions



New To Burnaby Baseball?
Take advantage of Grassroots
5U Registration is Free
7U Registration is 50% off



Start Registering at www.burnabybaseball.com
Deadline Friday, March 5th, 2021

PAC NEWS

PAC FUNDRAISERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all parents for their generous support of the PAC fundraisers held to date this year. Your continued support enables the administration to continue to provide our children with enhanced educational experiences including field trip expenses and buses; Artist in Residence; new electronic equipment; student and parent workshops, etc.

A grand total of 111 **Pink Shirts** were sold. Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative. Delivery of orders to the classroom is expected in the third week of February.

Wait till you see the new line of **Spiritwear!** It's in the works and will be unveiled following Spring Break.

Our Gift Card program through **Fundscrip** is ongoing. Follow this link to get started:

Sign up: www.fundscrip.com

Group invitation code: **MP2NQL**

Upcoming fundraisers include Tru Earth (February), Purdy's Easter Chocolates (February/March), Spirit Wear (April).

GOT AN IDEA?

Have an idea for a new fundraiser? A new program to support the children's learning? A speaker for the kids or parents? An artist to teach new skills?

Now is the time to submit these ideas to be considered for the 2021-22 school year.

All submissions need to be received by end of March in order to be considered. Please send you ideas to chair@confedpac.ca

LOOKING TOWARDS NEXT YEAR

The Confederation Park Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a group of parents who work together with the Principal to plan activities that meet the educational, social, recreational and cultural needs of our school. We discuss issues that affect our school and fundraise to purchase learning resources, computers, playground equipment, emergency preparedness supplies, as well as musical, dance, theatre, and artist-in-residence programs to support and enhance "Education through the Arts".

At the end of the 2020-21 school year, many of the parents who have been on the Executive team and coordinated events and programs over the past few years will be moving on and passing on the torch.

Exec members are encouraged to stay in their role for 2 years to give other parents a chance to be part of this rewarding opportunity and bring in fresh perspective and ideas. These roles could also be split between 2 parents who would want to share responsibilities.

We **need** parents to volunteer to fill the Executive positions and help guide the direction of PAC by attending meetings and help make decisions. Support will be provided by outgoing team for all roles.

Positions available include: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer.

Chair

If you have a flair for creativity, great communication skills and love leading a team that can make a difference to the children's' educational experience, this role might be for you.

Responsibilities include chairing exec meetings and PAC meetings, sourcing new fundraisers and delegating fundraising activities, supporting various coordinators and other PAC exec members.

Vice Chair

If you like working on backend systems and want to be a part of the exec and all the decisions being made, this is a great way to be involved.

Responsibilities include Hot Lunch and other online fundraising system admin, monthly newsletter and supporting the chair with various tasks as needed.

Treasurer

If you have some knowledge of budgets, finances and reporting, this might be a great opportunity. The main function of the role is to maintain the financial records for the PAC.

Responsibilities include recording financial transactions, mostly from fundraising activities, preparing and reporting on PAC finances for the PAC meetings and assisting with the PAC budget preparation.

You can nominate another parent or yourself. Please send your nominations to chair@confedpac.ca

NEXT PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 24th from 7p.m.** onwards via zoom.

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>

CONFED PAC FACEBOOK

Welcome to all of the new parents who joined our FACEBOOK page recently.

We continually keep the group up to date on the happenings at Confederation Park. Whether it's updates on fundraising events, school calendar events, school and district news or notices on what PAC sponsored event the students are participating in. The Facebook page is a great way to keep in touch. We also routinely answer any questions parents may have or point them in the right direction.

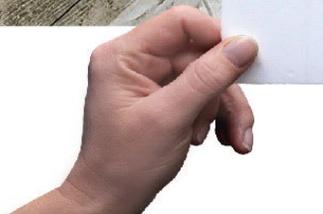
Check us out (and join!) today

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

Support our fundraiser by shopping for your everyday eco-friendly essentials with Tru Earth!



Psst... Don't forget to click through our fundraising link!



TRU EARTH

This is Jake.



Jake shares his Tru Earth fundraiser with 10 friends & family members.

Those 20 friends share it with...

Those 10 friends share it with 2 more friends.

“Jake has helped keep hundreds of plastic detergent bottles out of our landfills!”

Be like Jake!

Share your fundraiser and help raise \$\$\$\$ and keep our planet clean!

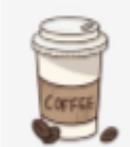
“Jake has helped raise lots of money for his school or group!”





February 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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BLANKET BC DONATIONS						
7	8	9 Parent Coffee Morning via Zoom @ 9:15am 	10 Class Presentation on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	11 Class Presentation on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	12	13
14 	15 Family Day School Closed 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  PINK SHIRT DAY PAC Meeting on Zoom 7PM	25 Inside Out Shirt Day Final day of Registrations	26 PROFESSIONAL DAY STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL	27
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