



## Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts April, 2021

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### 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,

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 I am sure that this term will prove to be another busy time for learning at Confed.

We have continued with learning outside as much as possible and many divisions regularly take part in Outdoor School including exploring various curriculum areas such as math and literacy in the local environment. Examples of this work include sorting, counting and adding different natural objects; drawing and labelling trees and leaves; and sharing stories during Circle Time in the woodland areas. We look forward to continuing to support student learning outside and finding creative ways of connecting curriculum themes with the natural world.



**Button Blanket – Past Division 8 Students**

Divisions 1 and 2 continue to work on their operetta 'Bridges' this term. Students have now recorded themselves singing and are now in the process of organizing filming to be shown to parents by the end of the year. We have recently made good use of one of the office spaces in the music room by turning this into a recording studio and have purchased some technology supplies to help with the recording process. Students and staff enjoy working in this new space and sharing their learning with one another whilst using the new recording equipment.

Other themes and projects that are currently running through our school include Space and Planets, Springtime, Immigration, Inuit Art, Light and Sound, as well as our school-wide theme 'From the Heart.' Our 'From the Heart' theme will accumulate in a visual art piece involving each student painting a small tile which will be put together to make a larger legacy piece. We look forward to seeing this come together over the next month or so and sharing this with you as we approach the end of this school year.

Meanwhile, I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well, and I wish you all continued good health as we move into our spring season ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



**Spring Flowers - Division 8**

### **Daily Health Checks**

With the additional resources that are now available, **staff are no longer required** to do a daily health check for students. This responsibility now rests with parents and students. This represents a change from September and we are now able to promote the following resources for parents, available in the [COVID-19: Sharing Clear and Current Information](#) section of the District website.

These resources are

- The Daily Health Check for students is available in 10 additional languages here [Daily Health Check for Students](#)
- The K-12 Health check app is available online and as a mobile phone app here [K-12 Health Check](#)

We will continue to monitor students during the day and will report to parents if a student becomes unwell during the school day. Use of the isolation room for students waiting to be picked up by their parent/guardian will continue.



**'Dogs' - A Lesson on Shading – Division 3**

### **Student-Led and 3-Way Conferences**

Most Portfolio Shares and 3-Way conferences took place before Spring Break and there are some classes that will be sharing over the next week or so. We hope that during this time you have been able to see a selection of work which has demonstrated the growth in your child's learning so far this year. We are hopeful that you have also been able to communicate with your child's teacher to share questions and receive clarification where necessary. Thank you for taking part in this process.



**Spring Flowers– Division 9**

### **Boomerang Club**

Ms. Ishii continues to work with grade 6 and 7 students in the Boomerang Club to promote kindness and compassion. This club is currently advertising and promoting donations to the local Food Bank. Ms. McKenna also shared an idea that the Boomerang Club is supporting to collect 100 ideas of 'Things that give us Joy'. This is to commemorate Sir Thomas Moore, the 100 year old veteran whom walked around his complex 100 times to raise money for the health service in England. Students in grade 4 and 5 now have the chance to join a Mini-Boomerang Club that takes place on Thursday lunchtimes. We are delighted to see more of our students join in this leadership group. Go Boomerangers, go!!!

### **Virtual Food Bank**

A reminder that our Confed Food Bank Drive is still open to donations. A link to the donation site is located on our school website if you wish to contribute. Thank you to all whom have donated already.

### **Summer School**

Burnaby School District is excited to offer outstanding summer programming for Burnaby Schools students. With more than 8000 students typically attending, we've worked hard to provide amazing learning opportunities for all.

Summer Session Elementary Registration begins **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10am.**

For information and to register, [click here](#).

For the Summer Session booklet, [click here](#).

To register, you will need your child's Personal Education Number (PEN) which can be found on the top left of your child's report card.

Visit [Confederation Park Website](#) for details.





### Immigration Project – Division 4

#### Kindergarten Registrations

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

#### Students Entering Grade 8

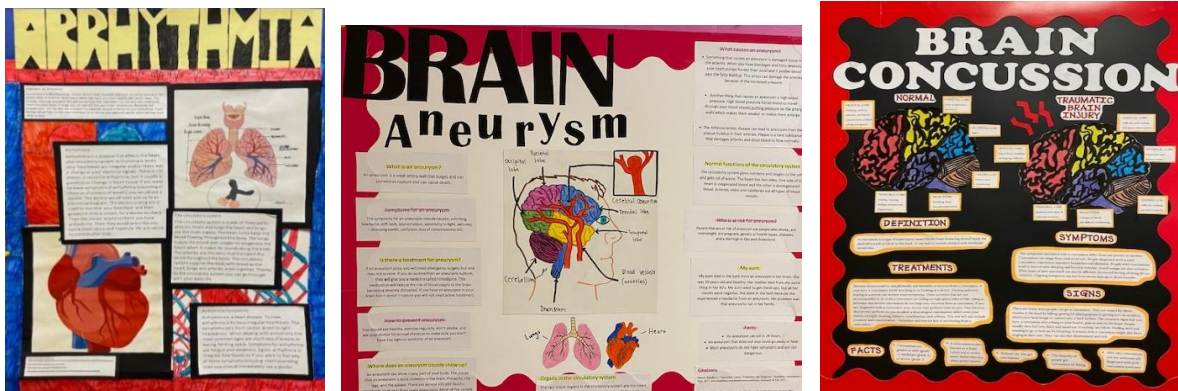
Current Grade 7 students will automatically be pre-registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides within Burnaby. Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-District 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>

#### Delivering Lunches

Just a reminder that if you are delivering a lunch for your child to not enter the school building. You are instead welcome to call the office, drop off the lunch at the Pandora St door, and have someone from the office deliver the lunch to your child. This helps to minimize the adults on site during the day as per our Health and Safety protocol. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### Some COVID Reminders

Another 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.



### Body System Conditions – Division 1

### Student Absences

If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call the school Absence Attendance Line at 604-296-9010 ext 2, before 9:00 a.m. to confirm their absence. Please 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 your child will be late)

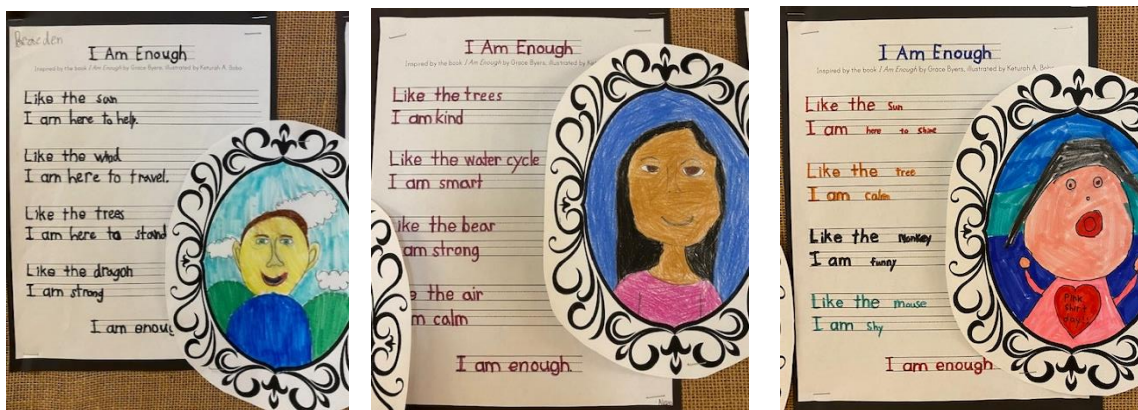
If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety.

### Student Late Arrivals

If your child arrives to school late, please ensure to do the daily health-check for your child then 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.



**'I Am Enough' Poems – Division 6**

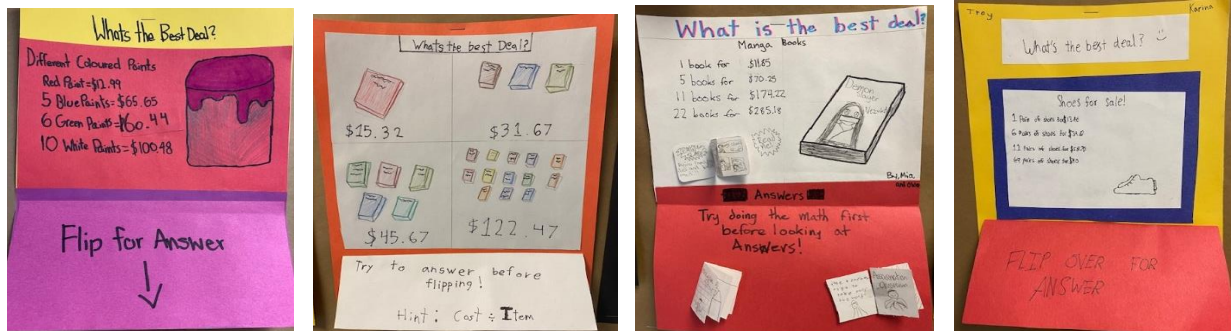
### Sick Students

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](http://www.fraserhealth.ca)

### Twitter Account

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



**'What's the Best Deal?' - Division 2**



### **The Burnaby School District Is Hiring**

The Burnaby School District is seeking applications for the casual, on-call position of **Student Supervisor**.

Successful applicants will have:

- Grade 12 education
- demonstrated ability and experience in working with children

The ability to work throughout the District and be available for shifts every day school is in session is a definite asset. Please submit a resume and cover letter to:

Grae Emerson, HR Advisor  
Burnaby School District  
5325 Kincaid Street  
Burnaby BC V5G 1W2  
grae.emerson@burnabyschools.ca

*Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted.*

### **Planning for 2021-22**

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.**

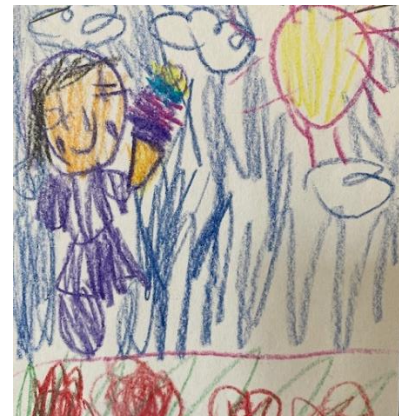
### **Save the Dates**

**\*Earth Day Community Gathering – Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> via Vimeo link**

**\*Earth Day Neighbourhood Clean-Up – Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**\*Pro-D Day – Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – No school for students**

**\*PAC Plant Sale Delivery – Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**



**'What I am Looking Forward to this Spring' – Division 8**

## **PAC NEWS**

### **PAC FUNDRAISERS**

Our **Spring Plant Sale fundraiser** was a great success and we thank you for your participation and your generous donations.

Pick up: Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> between 2pm - 4:00pm

Location: In the north parking lot. Any Orders not picked up between these times will be left at the school over the weekend. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Tammy at 604 807-2875

We are so excited to unveil **2021's Confed Spiritwear**! Check out our new styles and accessories, all designed exclusively for the Confed Community by fellow parent, Terry Chui! See all the fun merchandise on offer in the PDF attachment.

To place your order, visit our online shop [\(click here\)](#)

**Be sure to add your child's name and Division on your order.** This Fundraiser is open until Sunday, April 18, 2021. Get your spirit on!

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

Sign up: [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com)

Group invitation code: **MP2NQL**

Your continued support enables the administration to continue to provide our children with enhanced educational experiences including specialized coaches for P.E. (like fencing) and school productions; field trip expenses and buses; Artist in Residence; new electronic equipment; student and parent workshops, etc.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR PAC EXECUTIVES AND PROGRAM COORDINATORS**

The following PAC executive positions have become available for the school year 2021-2022. 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 will be nominated at the **May AGM**:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer

You can nominate another parent or yourself. Please send your nominations to [chair@confedpac.ca](mailto:chair@confedpac.ca)

Also, the following coordinator position has become available:

- Communications Coordinator - Helping the PAC stay connected with the flow of information! To find out the details on transitioning into this important role contact Rachel at [communications@confedpac.ca](mailto:communications@confedpac.ca) or visit our Facebook Group ConfedPAC to learn more.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 21st at 7pm** 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>

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