



## Confederation Park Elementary School

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# November 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.

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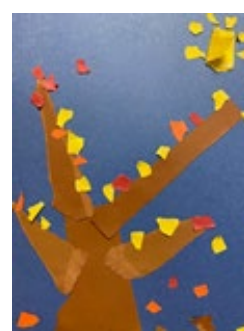
### Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to November! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. We are continuing to take advantage of being outside this term despite the recent wet weather and pursuing our Outdoor School ideas in the local environment. Many classes regularly take their students outside to carry out their curriculum studies and find ways to connect themes in creative ways.

Our staff has continued to have further conversations regarding Communicating Student Learning to families. As per last year, we are preparing a 'Snapshot of Learning' for parents as a means of reporting which will provide updated information on the growth and development of academic, social and emotional skills. These Snapshots will come home in December. We will also continue to explore the use of electronic and binder portfolios, teacher blogs, and various remote platforms including Teams to share student progress. As always please continue to connect directly with your child's teacher for specific information.



### Fall Trees – Division 8

We recently received some exciting news that we had been one of the lucky recipients of the Playground Equipment Program Grant. We are one of two elementary schools in Burnaby that have received this grant. This means we can go ahead with plans for a new playground structure. This new structure is to replace the apparatus closest to the school and will be in

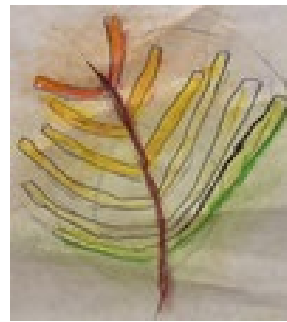
addition to the swings as well as the more recent slide structure closer to the west side of the playground area. We are currently in touch with various vendors to find a structure that will work for us. Stay tuned for more information. This new playground will likely not be installed until next spring/summer.

We are continuing to explore virtual ways of staying connected this year. Teachers continue to use Zoom and Teams to connect with parents and we have now begun Season 2 of our P.A.R.K. news which is broadcast after recess on Wednesdays. We have a new P.A.R. K. news team who are showing leadership in organizing the films and agenda items that are shared with the school community. Way to go, team!

Have a happy November and stay warm, safe and healthy this month!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



**Patterns in the Nature World – Division 6**

### **Hallowe'en Pumpkin Patch**

Last Friday we had fun celebrating Hallowe'en. Many students dressed up in costumes and took part in an outside parade in the afternoon. We also enjoyed visiting our own Pumpkin Patch on the school site. Many thanks to our PAC who organized the pick-up and delivery of 180 orange pumpkins for our families. Teachers then organized the carving of pumpkins in classrooms to be taken home and enjoyed over the weekend.

### **Parent Coffee Morning**

Please join us for a virtual Parent Coffee Morning on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom from 9:15AM – 10:30AM. A Zoom link will be sent to you in due time with information regarding the topic of conversation. Pour your coffee, grab a snack and tune in for thoughtful conversation. All parents are welcome!

### **BC Shakedown Emergency Drill**

Our school took part in an earthquake drill on the afternoon of October 22<sup>nd</sup> which involved the 'duck and cover' routine followed by an evacuation of the building. The drill went smoothly, and all classes participated with full cooperation. Our earthquake bin and classroom backpacks have now all been updated with new class and family grouping lists as well as snacks and water. Thanks to Shaen Golden for volunteering to be our parent rep again this year!



### 'I Am.....Self-Study' – Division 1

#### **Volleyball**

Ms. Safarik and Mr. Marghelis have been running informal volleyball sessions on Monday and Wednesdays after school for any interested students in grades 6 and 7. These sessions have involved skill development as well as team games. Our teachers have had fun working with these students and students have shown good sportsmanship and teamwork throughout practice times.

#### **Boomerang Club**

Ms. Ishii has begun working with the Boomerang Club this term which meets every Tuesday morning at 8:15AM in the Art room and is open to students in grades 6 and 7. Conversations have included exploring kindness and generosity in our school and our community. The Boomerang Club will focus their first reach-out project on supporting Diabetes Canada and leading a Spirit Day for students to wear their Confed Spirit Wear. More info to follow soon.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** The Boomerang Club has received recognition from a local news outlet for its leadership and contributions to the Burnaby community. The Burnaby Beacon's feature called "20 under 20" highlights amazing young people doing incredible things in Burnaby. For more information, visit: <https://burnabyschools.ca/students-recognized-in-20-under-20-list/>

#### **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.



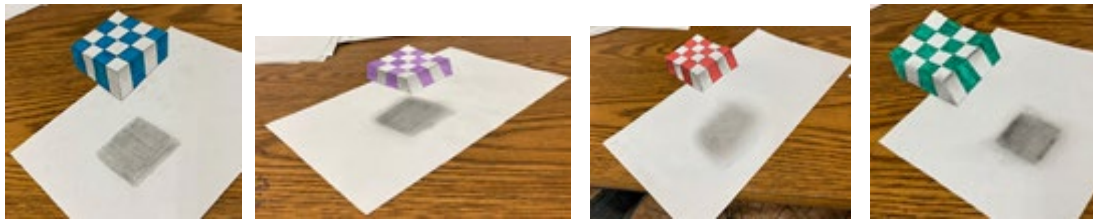
### 'Blue Sky at Night' - Division 3

**Student Late Arrivals:**

If your child arrives late to school, 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 Student Daily Health-Check questions. 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. Students will need to be kept 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)



**Optical Illusions in Math - Division 2**

**Twitter Account**

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

**Save the Dates**

- \*Virtual Remembrance Day Community Gathering – Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM**
- \*Remembrance Day Holiday – Thursday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – No School for students**
- \*Virtual Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15AM – 10:30AM**
- \*Professional Day – Friday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students**

# CALENDAR

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## NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 National Indigenous Veterans Day	9	10 Community Gathering Prerecorded	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Grade 6 & 7 Vaccine Day	23	24	25	26 PRO-D NO SCHOOL	27
28	29	30				



## PAC NEWS

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### **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped transport pumpkins from Wing Wong Nursery to the school on Wednesday October 27 AND to the volunteers who set-up the pop-up Pumpkin Patch for all divisions to enjoy on Friday October 29th. Your efforts truly made the day a special one!

### **WINTER FUNDRAISER: PURDYS CHOCOLATES**

**Eating chocolate benefits our school? Sign me up!**

The PAC is partnering with Purdys Chocolates to bring you one of our most popular fundraisers. From November 1 – 26, order through our Confed link and Purdys will donate up to 25% back to the school.

Orders will be packaged into bags or boxes and delivered to your child's classroom.

Please indicate the Division & Teacher on your order.

Consider sharing our ordering link with your network to help boost our fundraising efforts. Let them know they should include your child's division and teacher name on their order so that their purchases arrive at the right classroom.

Deliveries to classes will occur in December.

Check out the PDF catalogue here: <https://bit.ly/3vKE55d>

And when you're ready to order, head to Confed's online ordering link:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1161609-86091>

#### **UPDATE ON SPIRIT-WEAR**

Confed spirit wear will take about 5 weeks to complete and deliver. PAC execs wanted to seek feedback at the October PAC meeting about purchasing additional quantities to top-up the order.

#### **ALMOST-EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISERS**

Feel free to share with your network to support Confed kids and school programs.

**GIFT CARDS via Fundscrip:** when you purchase gift cards through Fundscrip, Confed receives a percentage back. Gift cards are mailed to you from Fundscrip. Consider paying with gift cards for your grocery shopping or gas purchases, and help the school at the same time.

<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> Enter this code: **MP2NQL**

**Return-It Depots:** bag-up your empties and donate your deposits to Confed. Use the self-serve kiosk at your neighbourhood depot and enter the school's old fax number to print a label for your bags: 604-664-8668

#### **ONLINE COMMUNITY**

Join our PAC-moderated private Facebook group and stay connected virtually with the parent/guardian community at Confed. We use the space to organize volunteers, discuss PAC-related topics, ask questions, and keep in touch with each other.

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

#### **NEXT PAC MEETING**

We will hold our next PAC meeting on **Wednesday November 24** from 7pm to about 8pm on Zoom. Everyone is invited to listen-in from the comfort of your home, and if you have questions, feel free to type them into the chat if you're unable to use your mic.

Minutes will be posted on the Confed Park school website under the Parent Information tab → PAC Minutes.

This will be the zoom link for all PAC meetings for 2021/2022:

<https://bcit.zoom.us/j/64207820104?pwd=SmtWa3RoMFZTRDlpVmNzVkFRWktvQT09>

Meeting ID: 642 0782 0104

Password: 653616



# LASER TAG

## **Summit Preteen Pro D Day Outtrip**

**For Grades 5, 6 & 7**

### **Laser Tag Outtrip**

**Friday, Nov. 26, 2021, 9:00am - 3:00pm**

**\$30.00, Barcode: #643165**

**Please bring a lunch**

**\*\*Youth aged 12+ will require to show their vaccine passports at Planet Laser.**

Staff will be taking public transit with the group to Planet Laser and return to the centre for fun games and activities to the end of day!

Register online through webreg, or visit/call any Burnaby Recreation Facility.

Participant profile and waiver forms must be completed and returned to Raj Gill at Summit Youth Centre.

**Summit Youth Centre**  
200 Willingdon Ave.  
604 268-1369







## Girls Group!

Grades 5-7

Girls rule! Come hang out with your fellow pre-teen Summit girls or anyone that identifies as a girl in this fun-filled program where an experienced leader engages participants in sports, cooking, arts and crafts, and other exciting activities at Summit Youth Centre. Final day will have an awesome out trip!

Register online through webreg, or visit/call any Burnaby Community Centre.

Participant profile and waiver forms must be completed and returned to Raj at Summit Youth Centre.

**6 sessions, Nov. 5-Dec. 17 (No class on Nov. 26)**

**Fridays from 3 – 5pm**

**\$30.00, Barcode: 644682**

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