



Confederation Park Elementary School

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January 2022 Newsletter

Principal: Helena Readman

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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 back to school! I trust that everyone had a restful Winter Break and enjoyed some quality family time this holiday.

We are happy to see students back in school this week after our delayed start. We have now adjusted some of our Health and Safety expectations and students have been asked to follow these for the time being. These include designated areas for play when outside and staggering lunchtimes as well as the continuation of handwashing, the wearing of masks and respecting personal space. Please continue to complete the Daily Health Check with your child to ensure they are well enough to come to school each day and follow the Ministry Health Guidelines for specifics on wellness and the monitoring of symptoms.

Back in December, we concluded our term with a few celebrations. Our '5 Days of Holiday Spirit' was a success with themed days planned by our Boomerang Club. We then finished our term with a Community Gathering shared remotely as well as the Dance Residency Performance. I hope you all got the chance to tune into these remote presentations and enjoy these in the comfort of your own home.



'Looking Up' – Division 3

As we look ahead to the New Year, we are keen to continue with our school-wide theme 'Branching Out'. This theme has been developed in many ways including during outdoor school activities, painting and collaging, 'finding our roots' in social studies and going out of our comfort zone by trying new things. We look forward to continuing to develop this theme as the year moves along.

Meanwhile, I wish everyone a smooth transition into the New Year with best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2022!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



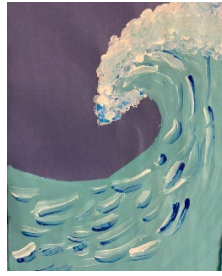
Catching Snowflakes – Division 1

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 suggest 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 will resume work with the Boomerang Club this term with grade 6 and 7 students. These students will continue to promote kindness and compassion and pursue ideas supporting a local charity this term. With thanks to all participating students whom continue to show positive leadership in our school.



Crashing Waves – Division 4

2022-2023 School Registration Information

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year opens in February 2022. This includes registration for Kindergarten.

Grade 7 pre-transition to secondary school has begun. If you have moved to a different catchment, please inform the office and provide address proof documents.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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/

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 late at 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



Twinkly Lights – Division 5

Twitter Account

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

‘in**the**know’

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health challenges.

Every month, we host events for families called ‘in the know’. We come together and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Teens and School

Secondary School is an important time in a teen’s life, and for teen’s struggling with mental health and/or substance use challenges, it can be a tough time. This ItK brings together a principal and a parent to discuss what they have done as adults to support things going well for teens in secondary schools.

Communities: [Burnaby/New Westminster](#)

Cost: [Free of Charge](#)

Date: [January 27, 2022 at 6:30pm](#)

Registration Required:

familysmart.ca/events

Events are facilitated by Parent Peer Support Workers.

Calendar January

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 School begins	11	12	13	14 Black Excellence Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 PAC Meeting @ 7pm Via Zoom	27	28	29
30	31	1 2022-2023 School Registration begins				

PAC Newsletter



January 2022

NEXT PAC MEETING



We will hold our next PAC meeting on **Wednesday January 26** from 7pm to about 8pm on Zoom. (We always end on time, or earlier.) 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.

Zoom link for all 2021/2022 PAC meetings:

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

Meeting ID: 642 0782 0104 Password: 653616



ONLINE COMMUNITY

Join our PAC-moderated private Facebook group and stay connected virtually with the parent/guardian community at Confed. We use the space for reminders, to organize volunteers, discuss PAC-related topics, and ask questions. Request to join the group by answering the security questions: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/confedpac/>

ALMOST-EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISERS

Feel free to share with your network to support Confed kids and school programs. The following companies donate a percentage of the sales back to Confed.



COBS DOUGHRAISER

Cobs Bread in Kensington Square: mention **"Confed Park Elementary"** before you place your order. Thanks to everyone who has been doing this! We recently received a cheque from them this term.



TRU EARTH

Tru Earth laundry strips & other eco-friendly products:

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/confederationpark>



GIFT CARDS via Fundscrip

Gift cards are mailed to you from Fundscrip. Consider using them for your grocery shopping or gas purchases, and help the school at the same time. <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> Enter

Confed's 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**

KEEP IN TOUCH

Finally, if you have questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us on Facebook, or by email: ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com