



# Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts March 2022

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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,

Happy March! Hope everyone is keeping well as we approach the end of our second school term. I also hope you have taken advantage of our longer evenings recently as the days have extended their light and allowed us more time to enjoy being outside.

We have celebrated Black History Month, Pink Shirt Day and Inside-Outside Shirt day this month. This has kept students engaged in rich classroom conversations to further their thinking and understanding of others and celebrate the lives of many Black Canadians.

A big 'Shout Out' went out to Ms. Stanley and Division 3 students for getting a mention on Virgin radio a few weeks ago! This was due to the work that Ms. Stanley's class has been doing during Black History Month to honour and celebrate the contributions of Black Canadians. Each student studied a Black Canadian of their choice and created a graphic representation of their success. These were mounted inside the school and enjoyed by many classes. Ms. Ditrach and Division 4 also studied the artwork of Black Canadian, Jean Michel Basquiat and created collages based on his artistic style.



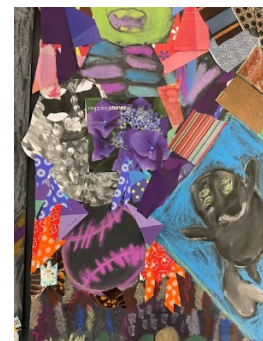
'February and Forever' Study of Black Canadians – Division 3

As we move towards the end of our second term, we will soon be communicating and sharing information regarding student progress and growth. This may take place through the sharing of your child's portfolio (hard-copy binder or electronic) or by speaking with your child's teacher through a parent-teacher conference. Each teacher will be communicating directly with you to share further information in the next couple of weeks. You will also receive a summative report card on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to being able to celebrate your child's growth and honour their process of learning with you in the coming weeks. Please continue to connect directly with your child's teacher if you have questions.

Wishing you a very happy month ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



**Study of Jean Michel Basquiat – Division 4**

#### **Portfolio Shares and Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Portfolio shares and conferences will be taking place between March 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Some teachers are sharing their students' work through binder or electronic portfolios and others are organizing parent-teacher conferences. Information will be shared directly from your child's teacher sometime soon. As always, please connect with your child's teacher if you have questions regarding your child's progress.

#### **Report Cards**

Please note that our second term report cards will go home on **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Pink Shirt Day**

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many students and staff wore their pink shirts on this day. Classes were involved in meaningful conversation and activities within their classrooms based on acceptance and inclusion.

#### **Inside Outside Shirt Day**

We celebrated Inside/Outside Shirt Day on February 24<sup>th</sup> where students and staff wore their shirts inside outside out to acknowledge anti-racism. Mateo George (Division 4) developed this idea last year. This commemorative day is for students to wear their shirts inside out for the day to acknowledge that 'we are all the same on the inside.' We are very proud to acknowledge Mateo again as a leader at Confed!



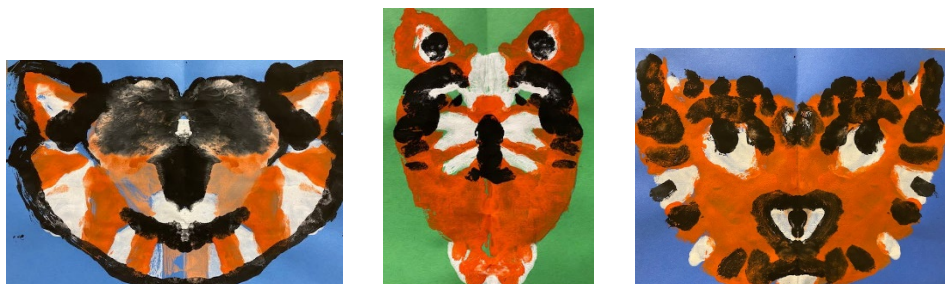
**Circle Art – Division 9**

### **P.A.R.K. News**

Every Wednesday at 10:45 Ms. Ishii and leaders from grades 4 to 7 continue to share the latest Confed news via a link on Microsoft Teams. Cameras are on and running as videos and updated information are shared and streamed live into classrooms. Students and staff enjoy seeing the news in person (remotely) and are excited to see various members of the school community being showcased for their learning, skills and areas of interest. Thank you to Ms. Ishii and her group of dedicated P.A.R. K. News broadcasters!

### **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 Diabetes Canada. This fundraiser hopes to promote awareness and build funds to support the millions of Canadians living with diabetes. Please show your support by helping the Boomerang Club reach their fundraising goal. Info found on our school website. #LetsEndDiabetes now! Thank you in advance for your support!



**'Year of the Tiger' Symmetry Paintings – Division 7**

### **Registration for 2022-2023 school year**

Registration for 2022-2023 for Burnaby public schools has started.

Full details are available at <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>

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

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

### **Kindergarten Registrations**

We are encouraging children with the birth year in **2017** to register for Kindergarten now, as seats are filling up fast.

For registration information and link, please visit: <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>



**Biome Dioramas – Division 5**

### **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>



### **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.



**Thunderbirds Inspired by Norval Morriseau - Division 3**

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

### **Twitter Account**

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

### **Save the Dates**

**\*Portfolio Sharing/Conferences between February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Report Cards go Home – March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Last Day of Second Term – Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\*First Day of Third Term – Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

# PAC Newsletter



**March 2022**

## **Easter Fundraiser: Purdys Chocolates**

If you've run out of sweets-and-treats from our December fundraiser, you have a chance to replenish your stash with some Easter-themed chocolates. There will also be sugar-free Sweet Georgia Browns, mini hedgehogs and a classic box of chocolates in sugar-free.

Feel free to share the order link with your network – anyone can order and support our fundraiser. Payment is by credit card, and orders will be bagged and distributed to students to bring home in early April.

Purdys will donate back a portion of our Easter fundraising sales, which then goes towards enhancing the educational and social experiences for all children at Confed.



If this is your first-time ordering, remember to include your child's name in brackets when you enter your first/last name for your Purdys account.

The stock might be limited, so order early if you have your heart set on a particular item.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1161609-92846>



### **Mark Your Calendars**

Our next fundraiser will be the annual plant sale in April. More details to follow in March.

### **Student Safety: Parking Lot Reminder**

If your child is dropped-off/picked-up by a caregiver driving to Confed, please pass on this reminder on behalf of PAC.

The direction of the public parking lot beside the school is **one-way** only, so please refrain from using the exit as an entrance. Drivers are also reminded to park in the parking stalls to help reduce blind spots. The RCMP traffic section will be checking on the lot as part of their enforcement route.

### **Next PAC Meeting**

Our next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday April 27** from 7pm to about 8pm on Zoom. (We always end on time, or earlier). Please join us as we hear updates from the principal and PAC. Everyone is invited to listen-in from the comfort of your home, and if you have questions or topics of discussion, we always have time for Q&A, or let us know and we can even add it to the agenda ahead of time.

Minutes from previous meetings are 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

If you have questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us on Facebook, or by email: [ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com](mailto:ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com)

## 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 WITH PAC



### 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/>

# Calendar

## March

## 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Report Cards Go Home	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Last day of second term</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	SPRING BREAK					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	SPRING BREAK					
27	28 <i>First Day of third term</i>	29	30	31		