



On behalf of the Confed Park PAC, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of our kindergarten families! My name is Jaime Tong (she/her), and this will be my second year as PAC chair.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about PAC, have feedback or ideas, or to offer your skills & lend a hand. We moderate a private facebook group for Confed parents/caregivers and hope to see you there: facebook.com/groups/confedpac

I encourage you to attend our monthly PAC meetings to learn more about what happens at Confed. PAC meetings have been virtual during covid, which has been convenient for many of our families, but we will try to hold a few in-person ones this year. If you miss a meeting, you can always find the notes posted on the ConfederationPark.BurnabySchools.ca website under "Parent Information".

Our first PAC meeting will be in-person after the Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday September 28th. Save the date; come for the bbq and stay for the PAC meeting!

The following pages contain some information that we hope will be useful to our new families.

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- Welcome to the Confed Park PAC info sheet
- Top 5 PAC Myths
- Save the Date: welcome back bbq
- Back-to-school coffee invite
- 2022/2023 PAC Committee Members
- School Clothing: limited quantities available in size YOUTH MEDIUM. Get in touch via email to ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com to make arrangements. We did an order last year, and these are the remaining tshirts.
- MunchALunch info sheet. (We use MunchALunch.com to collect orders and credit card payments for practically all of our PAC events. **NOTE: Once the system is ready for this school year, we'll send out a notice to families.**)
- Gift-cards: purchase gift cards through Fundscrip and they'll donate a percentage to Confed.
- Return-It: info on how to donate your bottle refunds to Confed



Welcome

to the Confederation Park Elementary PAC!



What is the PAC?

All parents/guardians of children at Confed are members.

PAC works with families & the school to enhance the educational experience for our children. We also provide support and volunteers for school events.

PAC Exec Committee members are voted in every spring & volunteer behind-the-scenes with organization & communication.

When are meetings?

We have eight meetings a year on Wednesday evenings, towards the end of the month.

Watch for meeting details via school email and on our facebook page. All caregivers are welcome to PAC meetings.



What does our fundraising support?

Chartered buses for field trips & event travel



Guest speakers & programs



Artists-in-residence programs

Extra-curricular clubs



Special events & activities

Fine/performing arts enrichment



Equipment and supplies

and more!



How do I get involved?

Attend one of our meetings & hear updates from Ms. Readman, Ms. Ishii, and PAC committees.

Watch for our volunteer announcements and help set-up at an event or activity.

Support and/or spread the word for our PAC fundraisers with your network.



Join our Facebook community.

Propose and/or help organize an event or activity.

Stay in Touch



Join the PAC-moderated private Facebook group and stay connected with the Confed community:

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



Send us an email: ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com

Top 5 PAC Myths

1) Only the people that help or go to the meetings regularly are considered part of PAC.

False. If you are the parent or guardian of a child that attends Confederation Park Elementary, you are a member of PAC, and your opinion counts.

2) If I show up at a PAC meeting I will have to help with something.

False. PAC meetings are a chance for parents/guardians to hear updates from the school and from PAC committees, and to give input & ask questions.

3) I can only help-out if I have time during the day.

False. Everyone has different schedules, so we use email/instant messaging/our Facebook page to stay up to date. Much of the planning and organizing is flexible and not limited to 9-5. When we do need helpers during the school day, we make sure the request clearly states the time-frame.

4) PAC volunteers are only made-up of moms.

False. We strive to be inclusive and representative of the school community and welcome all who would like to participate.

5) If I offer to help, I will be committed for the entire year.

False. We all want to be present and intentional in the lives of our children, so there is never any expectation beyond whatever time and help you have graciously offered.



Contact



ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com



**Facebook.com/groups/
ConfedPAC**



**Save
the
Date!**

**Wed. Sept. 28
Confed Elementary
family BBQ**

Approx. 3:30-4:30pm

**followed by the first PAC meeting
of the year later that day**

**More details to
follow regarding
menu and ordering**



WELCOME BACK COFFEE



**TUES. SEPT. 6
8:50AM - 9:45AM**



**PAC will have coffee available.
Bring a reusable mug and
come meet other parents/caregivers.**

**Look for the PAC coffee table at the
front, near the stone benches.**

All parents/ caregivers are welcome!



Confed Park PAC Committee Members 2022/2023

Jaime works full-time as a high school teacher (New Media/Film Studies and Diverse Learners, Student Council sponsor, Grad Council sponsor), so she supports PAC with all the planning that happens behind-the-scenes.



Jaime Tong, Chair
(Emma, Gr. 4)

Our family transferred to Confed in 2020 & we are so impressed by the dedicated staff, amazing variety of learning opportunities, and care that is so evident. Our daughter loves it here and we are so grateful to be part of this incredible community.



Catherine Woo, Vice Chair
(Hayley, Gr 5; Catelyn, Gr 3)

Catherine has been involved with PAC's hot lunch program since her eldest was in kindergarten. This is her second year on the PAC exec committee. She will be one of the Hot Lunch Coordinators this year.



Joanne Ma, Vice-Chair
(Alexa, Gr. 5; Ari, Gr. 2)

Our family feels so grateful to be part of an incredible community. The staff here are amazing and the teachers are truly magical. We have made some really great life-long friendships here with a lot of families and it's nostalgic to see how often the kids are playing in the neighbourhood with other kids from school. When you see friendships made outside of the school grounds... you know there's a deeper connection than just what's happening within the walls.

Joanne has volunteered with the school's hot lunch program, art show, and has been a class parent-rep in recent years. She will be one of the Hot Lunch Coordinators this year.

She is always willing to help the school community as she believes the way to create an inclusive environment is to support the staff and students of the school as much as possible.

Nancy is a new member of the PAC executive team for the 2022/2023 year. In the past, she was involved with the hot lunch program and was also a class rep.

Nancy works part-time and enjoys being a part of this school community to enhance the educational experience for all children at this wonderfully diverse school.



Nancy O'Brien, Secretary
(Olivia, Gr. 3)

Kate is a new member of the Confederation Park PAC exec team. Her previous experience as project manager and entrepreneur is beneficial in her new position as PAC Treasurer.

Kate loves all kinds of creative activities in her leisure time such as crafting, painting, and gardening.



Kate King, Treasurer
(Alva, Gr. 2)

I believe that all children are adults-in-training. Parents are their first role models and will give them a huge influence in their values. I love that the school provides a great opportunity for parents to become more involved in their children's school life. We all learn and develop with laughter and good times.

Kathleen has been involved with the Confederation Park PAC for one year, and has enjoyed becoming a part of the school community. As DPAC Rep, Kathleen helps convey what happens at the district PAC level to the Confederation Park PAC members and meeting attendees. Having worked in the community mental health field for the last 10 years, Kathleen values the importance of building community connections, inclusivity, and fostering resiliency.



Kathleen Pennykid,
District PAC (DPAC) Rep
Eva, Gr. 1

Having moved from East Vancouver to North Burnaby in the summer of 2022, it was challenging at first to integrate into our new community. It has been so rewarding to see Eva flourish at Confederation Park and for my family and I to make connections with other parents, staff, and students over the last year. We love the school's arts-based curriculum and the emphasis on community building and parent involvement.

We are so grateful to be a part of the Confed community. The connection and support within the school is incredible. We have only been at the school for a year but have already made some wonderful friendships and connections. The dedication of both the staff and PAC make this school a very special place to be. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated team of parents to continue to provide our children with fun and diverse learning opportunities and experiences.



Shivonne Prasad-Saroya
Event Coordinator - Silent Auction/Art Show
Ari, Gr. 1

Shivonne joins PAC this year as a special event coordinator for the upcoming silent auction and art show.

She brings experience from her preschool teaching career, which has been full of fun and creative ways to raise funds to support further learning opportunities and experiences.



Terry Chui, Communications
(Emma, Gr. 4)

Terry is the moderator of the PAC Facebook page. Terry has a background in graphic design/illustration and 20 years in game development. He now spends his free time creating props and costumes for private clients and film or tv productions.

Tammy is a part-time Respiratory Therapist & full-time mom of two. She has been at Confed since 2015, with her oldest now attending Burnaby North.

Tammy has been coordinating the plant sale for the past 7 years. This will be her final year organizing this popular spring fundraiser, so PAC is looking for new folks to help carry-on the tradition.



Tammy Vigliotti,
Plant Sale Coordinator

Contact



Email us:
ConfedParkPAC@gmail.com



Join our private Confed Park
Elementary parent community online at:
facebook.com/groups/ConfedPac

We wear our School Spirit!

***Only available in YOUTH MEDIUM (size 10-12)**

COUGAR CUB
PAW PRINT SHIRT

\$20



MunchALunch

NOTE: The MunchALunch.com website might not be ready yet. We'll send an announcement when it officially opens for registration and Welcome Back BBQ orders!

Confed Park PAC uses MunchALunch.com to collect payment for each term's hot lunch dates, and various events & fundraisers.

Please register/update your student info and remember to opt-in for emails from the system.



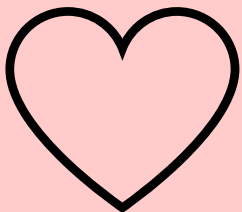
New families register here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/ConfederationPark>



Returning families login here:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>



Volunteer

When you place your orders, there will be an option to volunteer with sorting/distribution. We'll be in touch if you add your name to the list.



Welcome Confederation Park Elementary Parents!



if you have an account...

→ **Login Here**

if you need an account...

→ **Register Here**

Forgot password?

ONGOING GIFT-CARD FUNDRAISER



**Purchase your gift cards through
fundscrip.com and Confed will
receive a percentage of each sale!**

FündScrip

**Gift cards are mailed to your
home in 8-10 business days, or
select e-gift cards for
turnaround in about 3 business
days.**

**Buy online at
www.fundscrip.com
and use Confed's referral code:**

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- ORDER GIFT CARDS TO BUY GROCERIES AND GAS
- STOCK-UP FOR UPCOMING SHOPPING OR DINING
- PURCHASE GIFT CARDS TO GIVE AS PRESENTS
- SHARE THE CONFED PARK FUNDSCRIP.COM CODE WITH YOUR NETWORK SO THAT THEIR GIFT CARD PURCHASES CAN BENEFIT THE SCHOOL





**Confederation Park
Elementary School**

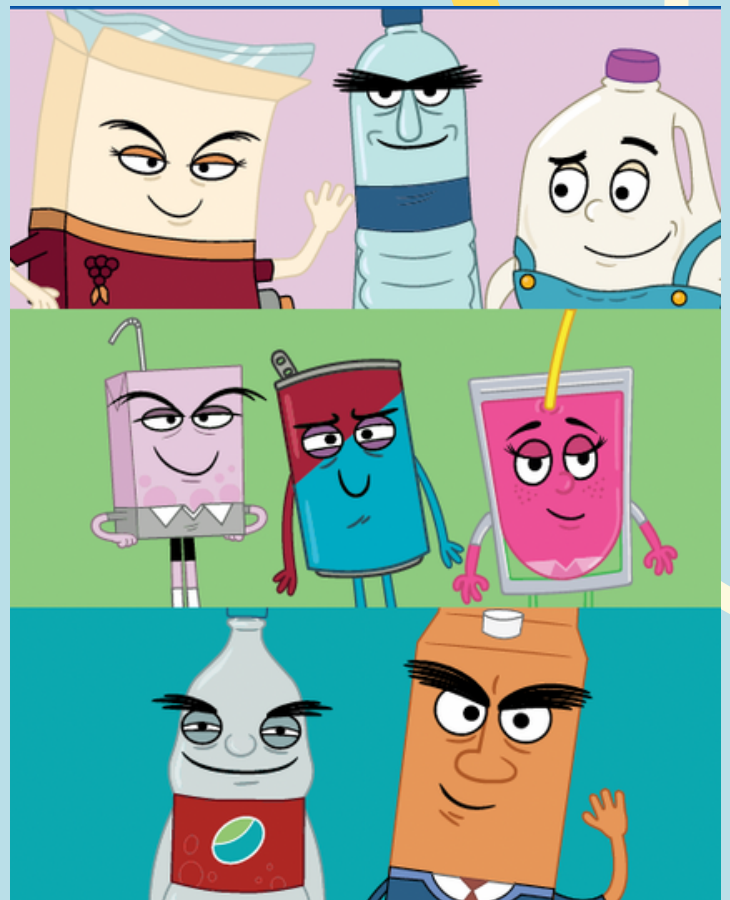
Ongoing Bottle Drive

**Fill a clear plastic bag
with your recyclables.**

**Bring to any Return-It
Depot.**

**Donate your refund to
Confed Park Elementary
by printing a label at the
depot using the school
phone number:**

604 296 9010



**Thank you for
supporting the school
with your donation!**

