



JANUARY Newsletter

Principal: Mrs. H. Readman • Head Teacher: Mrs. B. Ishii • Trustee: Ms. M. Sasakamoose • Secretary: Ms. L. Heath

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 finished our term in December with a few celebrations and events. Our Grade 5, 6 & 7 students rehearsed and performed Sadako' - an opera which was inspired by the story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr. Themes of hope, friendship & extraordinary courage were explored throughout the story and work with the students and as they brought this tale to the stage through drama and song. Thank you to our teachers who supported this production as well as Suzanne Windsor-Liscombe who wrote the opera and worked with students throughout rehearsal times.

Our Pancake Breakfast on December 14th was another success. Many thanks go to our wonderful PAC and the many parents who showed up to cook, prepare and serve breakfast to over 200 students and staff. A fun time was had by all!

We also enjoyed our 'Five Days of Holiday Cheer' during the last week of term where staff and students wore various outfits and took part in activities to honour the themed days. This was organized and supported by our Boomerang Club. Thank you for your positive leadership and hard work, Boomerangers!!

Finally, we finished our term with a Community Gathering Sing-along in the school gym on December 16th where our choir, band and some younger classes performed. We then sang a few winter songs to take us into the holiday season.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we are keen to continue with our school-wide theme entitled 'Through the Looking Glass'. This theme has been developed in many ways including during outdoor school activities, drawing, painting, and collaging, and looking closely with magnifiers during science. 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 2023!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



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DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins: 8:50

Recess: 10:30

Lunch: 12:03

Classes resume: 1:00

Dismissal: 3:02

JAN 13
BLACK
EXCELLENCE
DAY

JAN 16
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
DAY

JAN 17
YPC
BUS LEAVES
@ 9AM

JAN 23
PRO-D

JAN 25
PAC Meeting

KEEP INFORMED!

View the monthly newsletter, calendar, upcoming events, minutes and agenda as well as updates from our PAC on our school's website at: <https://confederationpark.burnabyschools.ca/>



Here at Confederation Park...



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LION KING!

Confederation Park School proudly presents The Lion King on May 17th, 1:00 & 7:00, at Michael J. Fox Theatre. This production includes all our students and we look forward to sharing this with you and your families!

Would you like to be involved in the process? We are looking for volunteers to help us with this production. You can be involved as little or as much as you'd like. Look for more information to follow in coming weeks. In the meantime, check out the Hullabaloo blog <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/confed-events/> for The Lion King songs. This blog will be updated with rehearsal schedules, costume details, etc. as time goes on.

CEILING TILE CLUB

Ms. Safarik will be running this club for any interested grade 6 & 7 students and this will take place during Thursday lunchtimes. Ceiling Tiles will be decorated with various themed designs based on current projects, topics and performances at Confed. Take a look up next time you are in the school building along the lower hallway to admire their work!

BASKETBALL

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Isbister will be coaching basketball this term for any interested grade 6 and 7 students. These will be drop-in sessions on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes. More info to follow soon.



Ms. Ishii and Ms. Sarah will resume work with the Boomerang Club this term with grade 6 and 7 students. These students will continue to promote kindness and compassion within our community. With thanks to all participating students who continue to show positive leadership in our school.

February is Registration Month.....



February is registration time for all Burnaby public schools. Kindergarten registrations as well as Cross-District, Out-of-District and Language Program applications will be accepted between February 2-28th, 2023. Priority placement for the upcoming year will be given to applications received during the month of February.

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/



Notices ...

OFFICE HOURS

Regular hours for our school office are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Voicemail comes on automatically if we are unable to answer. If Ms. Heath is away from her desk, or on the other line, please leave a message and she will respond as quickly as possible.

Be Nut-Aware!

Confederation Park Elementary School is a "Nut Aware" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school.



Nut-safe snack ideas include: yogurt, fruit, cheese and crackers, nut-free granola bars, pasta, veggies and dip, boiled eggs and cottage cheese.

Thank you for keeping Confed Park Elementary School a safe place for everyone.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call or **email** the school office to report the absence including 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 late)
4. Or email the above info to:

ConfederationPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca

Thank you



TWITTER ACCOUNT

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

[ConfederationP2](#)

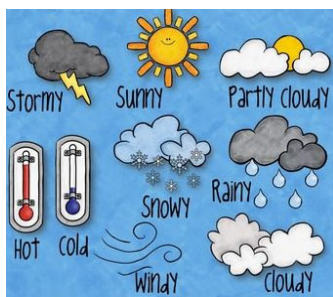


SAVE THE DATES

- * Black Excellence Day ~ Jan. 13th
- * Martin Luther King Jr Day ~ Jan. 16th
- * Pro-d Day ~ Jan. 23rd No School
- * PAC Meeting – Jan. 25th @ 7PM

Dressing for the weather

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!



Dogs on the School Grounds

Please be considerate of all of our students and refrain from bringing your dogs on school grounds, during school hours. We have students who are afraid of dogs as well as students with allergies

I would also like to remind you that when you are on the school grounds after hours with your dogs, it is a Municipality of Burnaby bylaw (# 9609) that requires you to pick up after your dog. This is common courtesy as our students use the playing fields on a daily basis. We appreciate your cooperation in this as it helps prevent messy situations for our students and staff.





The Gallery @ Confed

Division 8



Patterned Fish

Winter Snow Globes



Division 4

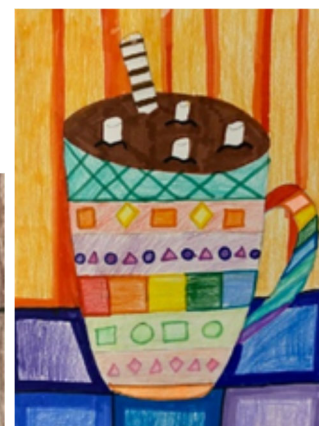
Division 8



Cityscapes



Hot Winter Drinks



Division 3

Division 6



Symmetrical Bugs





Confederation Park Parent Advisory Council

Future PAC Meetings

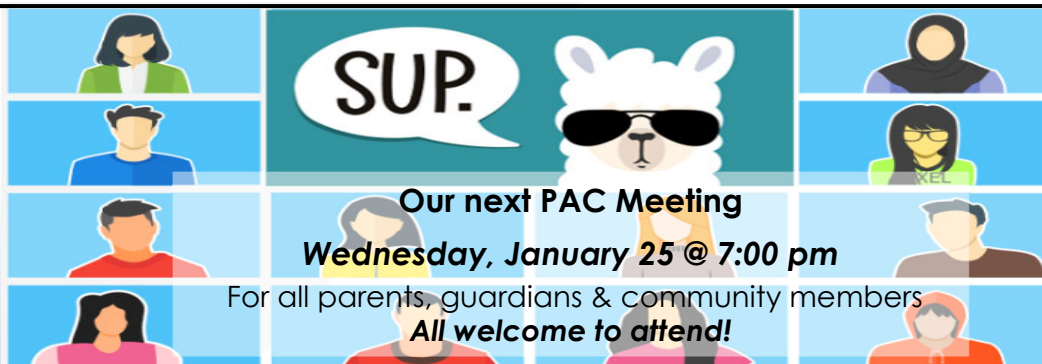
January 25, 2023

February 22, 2023

April 26, 2023

May 24, 2023

June 21, 2023



Our next PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 25 @ 7:00 pm

For all parents, guardians & community members
All welcome to attend!

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

New PAC Members:

Nancy O'Brien is taking a leave from her duties as secretary of PAC while she returns to homeschooling her immunocompromised daughter. They live in the neighbourhood and look forward to having her daughter return to school September 2023. We are sad to see Nancy leave but we're truly grateful for all she has done for the school community thus far. As interim secretaries, please welcome Shivonne Prasad-Saroya and Jessica Swan who have been so instrumental this year with all PAC-related events.



Hot Lunch

Thank you to all of you who have successfully ordered Hot Lunch for Term 2. This helps raise funds for the arts curriculum at Confederation Park and we are so grateful for your orders. For those who have missed it, Term 3 orders will go out next month and that will run once students return from Spring Break until the end of the year. Please look out for that.

As always, volunteers for Hot Lunch is needed. If you can spare 30 mins on a Thursday between 1130-12pm to help organize and distribute lunches, please email confedparkpac@gmail.com.

Why **fit in** when
you were born to
stand out?
Dr. Seuss



Return-It

Cleaning up after the holidays? Don't forget these funds can help PAC initiatives as well. Consider donating your bottle refunds to Confederation Park Elementary School!

How?

- ⇒ Fill up a clear plastic bag with your empties, take it to any Burnaby Return-It Express Depot
- ⇒ Print a label for each bag at their kiosks by entering the school's old fax number: 604-664-8668, and then leave your bag in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted by the depot
- ⇒ Make sure empties are not crushed because the depots need to scan the barcode/label on the containers.
- ⇒ Max of 6 bags per time

Locations:

Kensington Square Return-It Depot:

6518 Hastings St. 604-299-9779

Brentwood Return-It Depot:

3931 Graveley St., 604-294.2827



PAC Continued

ONGOING GIFT-CARD FUNDRAISER



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



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: **MP2NQL**

- 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



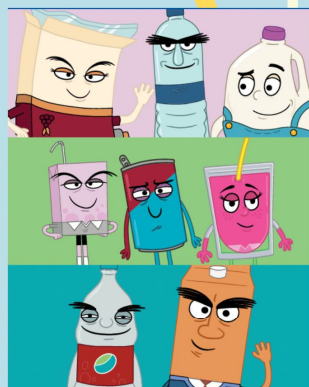
Confederation Park Elementary School Ongoing Bottle Drive

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!



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.



How do I get involved?

Attend one of our meetings & hear updates from Ms. Readman, Ms. Ishli, 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



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!



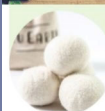
CONFED RECEIVES 20% BACK ON PURCHASES MADE USING OUR LINK: <https://fundraising.tru.earth/confederationpark>



Tru Earth Eco-Strips are the smartest way to clean laundry, period.

Each laundry strip packs ultra-concentrated, hypoallergenic, eco-friendly cleaning power into a tiny, pre-measured strip of liquidless laundry detergent that you just toss in the wash. Its low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including high-efficiency (HE).

The smart formulation effectively seeks out and dislodges dirt molecules and stains, keeping them in suspension until they are rinsed away. It makes your laundry washing chore easier, healthier, more economical, and much kinder to our planet.



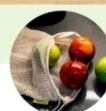
WOOL DRYER BALLS



BAMBOO ROUNDS
REUSABLE MAKEUP
REMOVER PADS



COMPOSTABLE
POP-UP SPONGES



REUSABLE
PRODUCE BAGS



BAMBOO
COTTON SWABS



BEEWAX
FOOD WRAPS



Plus even more tried, tested and TRU eco-friendly products!