



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts November, 2017

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Mission Statement

Confederation Park seeks to enhance the learning of students by offering a variety of opportunities within the performing and visual arts. It is our belief that the integration of the arts into all facets of education teaches students to recognize and appreciate diversity. Confederation Park acknowledges the importance of physical education and academic excellence. It is integral to any school that the curriculum is wholly valued and celebrated. Valuing differences, strengths, and places for further growth is encouraged as a means to develop personal success and empathy within the school population. The arts provide a visual, aural and physical venue in which to strengthen learning, promote success and to respect a multitude of perspectives. It is within this sphere that we are able to travel into the larger world and become a positive force within society.

Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to November! I hope everyone has been enjoying this glorious sunny weather lately as well as the colours of the leaves which have been falling in abundance all around us. Beautiful!! I hope we all manage to take a deep breath and enjoy these special moments as we venture outside at this time of the year.

We had fun yesterday during our Hallowe'en celebrations. Many of our students dressed up in costumes and had enjoyed taking part in the parade during our afternoon assembly. Students also enjoyed various Hallowe'en activities in their classrooms – singing songs, dancing, cutting and pasting when creating crafts and making spooky pictures. Much fun was had by all!



Our staff continue to look for creative ways to connect students to curriculum through their Professional Growth plans. Both Ms. Fischer and Ms. McKenna are, for example, exploring the possibilities of Nature School this year. Divisions 8 and 9, therefore, head outdoors on Wednesday mornings and students are encouraged to explore various concepts within the natural environment. As our school is set within a park, it is in a prime location to take advantage of the natural and local environment. Here are a few examples below of how students explored patterning in math using natural objects.



Patterning during Outdoor School - Division 9

Thank you to both parents and staff for supporting our school community so far this term. It has been a very positive start to our school year with many fun and creative experiences taking place. We have many more busy times ahead and we look forward to continuing to connect with our parent community to celebrate our students and their amazing accomplishments.

It makes me think of the power of community and the strength that is gained in working together as we do at Confed. In Margaret J. Wheatley's book 'Turning to One Another' she acknowledges that 'When we work for the common good, we experience each other in new ways. We don't worry about difference, or status, or traditional power relationships. We worry about whether we'll succeed in accomplishing what needs to be done... We learn what trust is.' I am hopeful that we will continue to work alongside and support one another. Confed. is a special place and I am proud to be part of this community and all it does to support our students.

Meanwhile, I look forward to connecting with you at our up-coming **Art Show** on Saturday, November 25th at 7PM. Hope to see you all there!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



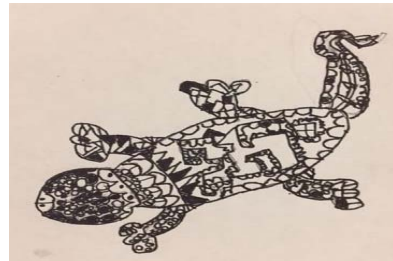
Division 2

Volleyball

Ms. Coutts and Ms. Isbister have been running the school volleyball this term. Ms. Coutts has been coaching the boys on Mondays and Wednesdays before school with games after school on Tuesdays, and Ms. Isbister has been coaching the girls on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes with games after school on Thursdays. Our teachers have enjoyed working with these teams and have been impressed with their hard work, good sportsmanship and dedication to their teams. Great work everyone!

Computer Club

Ms. Harrison and Ms. Sale will be running our computer club this term. This club began on October 30th and runs until December 4th in the school library. Students will be designing a game on a program called 'Scratch.' We look forward to seeing these games in action sometime soon!



Division 4

BC Shakedown

Our school took part in an earthquake drill on the afternoon of October 19th which involved the 'duck and cover' routine followed by an evacuation of the building. Students were organized into family groupings, attendance was taken and supplies from the earthquake bin were distributed and then put away again. Despite the rain, the staff and students did a very good job of following instructions and staying in their organized groups. A second earthquake drill will take place in the summer term where we will likely evacuate and have students be picked up by parents. More information to follow. Thank you to Ms. Coutts and Shaen Golden (our PAC representative) for their support in organizing and running this drill. Much appreciated!

Choir

Ms. Ishii continues running Intermediate choir this term and has reported that approximately 60 students have been attending which is wonderful to hear! Practices continue to take place in the music room on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Card Club/Scrap-booking Club

Our very popular Card Club and Scrap-booking Clubs continue to take place with Diana Pesa during Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes for students in grades 3-7. These clubs are now both full.

*Please check the page "Clubs and Teams" on our school website to stay informed. The "Clubs and Teams" page can be found under the "School Info" tab on our home page.

Parent Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents to join us for a Parent Coffee morning on **Tuesday, November 21st at 9AM.** This will take place in the staff room. We look forward to discussing various current topics with you at that time. All parents are welcome!



Student Late Arrivals

It has been noted that a significant number of students have been arriving to school late this term. This has delayed the start of instructional time as teachers are needing to wait and then go over instructions that have already been shared with students. **Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.** A prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program. If your child arrives late, **please sign in at the office at the front desk.** This ensures that parents do not get called at home with the school wondering where their child is, when they are actually safely in their classes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bringing Lunches and Student Belongings to School

If you are delivering lunch or belongings to your child during the school day, please refrain from delivering this directly to your child's classroom. This can sometimes be disruptive to students and teachers as classes are often in session. Please, therefore, deliver necessities to the office and students will be called down to pick these up at a convenient time. Thank you for your cooperation!



Save the Dates

*Art Show – Saturday, November 25th 7-9PM

*Remembrance Assembly – November 9th at 10:45AM. Parents welcome.

*Hip-Hop Performance – Thursday, December 14th at 7PM

Community Announcement

2017 BC Junior Chess Championship

At Richmond Lansdowne Centre Nov 11-13, 2017

Open to all BC Juniors (born after Jan 1, 1998)

Register Now!! Registration and Details at:

<http://chess2inspire.org/bc-junior-championship-tournament-2017>

PAC NEWS

ART SHOW AND AUCTION

Saturday November 25th, 2017

THANK YOU to all the parents who have helped to secure auction items. Please remember we need to have received all donations by **Monday, November 6th**.

If you have an item you would like to contribute, please contact Mara Michielli at fundraising@confedpac.ca

Interested in helping out?

Volunteers are still needed to help out with the following:

Finger Foods: Help us fill the table with your favorite hors d'oeuvres- fruit, veggies, cookies, squares, and chocolate – snacks of any kind.

Decorations: Help is needed to transform the gym into a fabulous event setting Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

Artwork: Help us turn your children's art into gallery masterpieces during school hours leading up to the event. Volunteers will also be needed to set up the displays on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

Audio & Lighting: Assistance will be needed to help to collect equipment (some heavy lifting) as well as for the set-up of lights and audio on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

Bartending: Sign up for a shift helping to serve beverages at the bar.

Cashier Duties: Shifts at several stations will be available throughout the evening and duties include accepting payment for purchases, answering questions, selling entry and drink tickets and being the 'greeters' of the event.

For more information, or to VOLUNTEER for any of these opportunities, please contact artshowcoordinator@confedpac.ca

It is only through the continued support and generosity of parents that the Annual Art Show and Auction continues to be such a success and the cornerstone of our support for the school.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Watch for information being sent home this week regarding tickets for the Art Show and Auction, Saturday November 25th.

Advanced tickets are **\$12 each** and can be purchased at the Office, through Cash on Line or watch for parent volunteers selling them around the school at the end of the day. Advanced tickets will be available until **November 15th**. Afterwards they may be purchased at the door for **\$15**.

Bring your family and friends. Your ticket includes one beverage and entry to door prize draw.

Buy early so we can plan the right amount of food and drink for a festive evening!

Want to help sell tickets? Contact artshowcoordinator@confedpac.ca

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ConfedPAC will once again be helping you with your Holiday shopping by providing Christmas chocolates from Purdy's Chocolatier.

Purchase your holiday gifts and stocking stuffers through our group program and raise money for Confederation Park Elementary School at the same time.

Prices are regular retail prices but **25% of each purchase** will go to ConfedPAC to be used towards school projects and activities.

Information packages with instructions and colourful catalogues will be sent home next week. All orders will be available to pick up the first week of December in the school library. Chocolates will be packaged in an opaque Purdy's bag and stapled shut so little eyes can't see what's inside.

If you have any questions or would like to help out packaging orders, please contact Anita Siu at purdys-fundraising@confedpac.ca.

IF YOU'VE GOT 'EM, SEND 'EM IN!

Have you taken any photos of your children and their classmates attending field trips, working on projects in the class room or playing on the playground?

If the answer is yes then send them in to memory-book@confedpac.ca.

The Memory Book team once again needs you to help fill each class's designated candid photo page.

(Remember the best photos are those of more than one child and that fill the whole frame.)

NOVEMBER PAC MEETING

Please note that this month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 14th at 7 p.m.** This move to Tuesday from Wednesday is for this month only.

DON'T FORGET THE CONTAINER!

Our first **ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY HOT LUNCH DAY** is planned for **Thursday, November 30th**. Children, who pre-order hot lunch, will once again be asked to bring their own containers (250ml or larger) and the team will serve the food directly to them. These special lunches help to reduce waste generated by individualized containers.

Primary student container must be labeled with their name and division number.

And don't forget to send cutlery as well.

Questions? Contact Hot Lunch Coordinator at hotlunch-coordinator@confedpac.ca.

STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.


Things are constantly changing so stay in touch! Check us out by joining our closed Facebook group or visiting our website.

PAC Website: <http://confedpac.ca>

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



November 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Project Soul Performance, 1:00 Hot Lunch	3	4
5	6 Div. 1, Field Trip to Loafing Shed	7	8	9 Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:45 Hot Lunch	10 School Closure Day	11 Remembrance Day 
12	13 Remembrance Day Holiday	14 PAC Meeting, 7:00pm	15	16 Hot Lunch	17 Div. 1 & 2, Field Trip to VSO	18
19	20	21 Parent Coffee morning 9AM	22 Author Visit 1PM (Gr. 4-7's)	23 Hot Lunch	24 Pro-D Day, school closed to students	25 PAC Art Show 7PM
26	27	28	29	30 Hip Hop begins Hot Lunch		