



Confederation Park Elementary Education Through The Arts October, 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 October! I hope everyone is well and settling into the new term. I also hope everyone has enjoyed our recent warm and sunny weather as we make our way into the fall season. I am sure plenty of rain is on its way to us!

A big thank you to our staff for all their hard work and dedication in settling our students so far this term. The school is already busy with classroom projects beginning to take shape and many students already involved in creative learning experiences in their classrooms. A number of students are also joining various school clubs and volunteer opportunities to support our school community which is great to see.

We have begun our school days with a morning run this past month in preparation for our Terry Fox run. This has been a positive start to the day and has had students engaged in fitness right at the morning bell. It has also been great to see so many parents joining in with our morning run. Thank you for joining us!

On September 18th, during our Pro-d day, our staff worked collaboratively with district teachers to explore the area of Applied Design Skills and Technology. We looked at planning collaborative activities with our students and we focused on Rube Goldberg machines (using recycled materials) as an example of exploring collaborative and creative projects. We also explored the idea of Mindfulness and our school counsellor led a session on still, mindful

breathing with our staff. We hope to continue incorporating mindful practices into our classrooms this year.

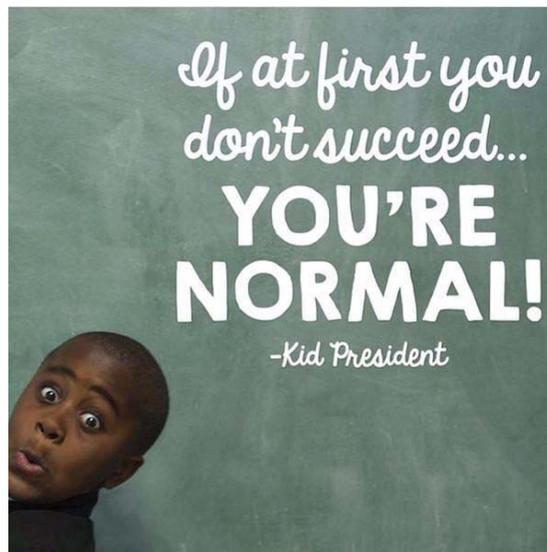
We are continuing to focus on a Growth Mindset as one of our school goals. It has been very pleasing to hear students use positive language when speaking about their learning journey and using this mindset to keep focused on further learning opportunities for themselves. Even as adults, we can be reminded to reflect on this concept as we navigate through our complex lives and seek success without judging ourselves when things do not go smoothly. We are reminded that if we don't make mistakes we may miss out on an opportunity to learn.

As Derek Sivirs states, "In a Growth Mindset, your flaws are just a To-Do list of things to improve." Considering this, we can, therefore, share experiences with our own children at home and talk about how to incorporate the Growth Mindset as we live and learn together.

Wishing you all a happy October!

Yours sincerely,

Helena Readman



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run was a success once again and took place this past Thursday afternoon. Before the run we enjoyed an assembly hosted by Division 6 (Ms. Sale's class) where students shared some Fox Facts with our audience and the Cross Country led a whole-school warm up in the gym. This presentation was followed by our annual run at the oval. Our Toonies for Terry collection was also a big success and we raised \$601.15. This money will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations to our school community for this achievement!

Musqueam Fieldtrip

Last Friday, our whole school attended a fieldtrip to the Musqueam Cultural Centre in Vancouver. During the day we were able to see exhibits, explore the Musqueam land, watch a film about the Musqueam People and make cedar bracelets to take away with us. Despite the

rain, we had a fun day out and learned a lot about the Musqueam nation. Thank you to our generous PAC for paying for the buses. Much appreciated!

Cross Country:

Our **Cross Country Team** has been sponsored by Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall this term. The team has been practicing on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:10AM. The team has already attended two meets after school on Sept. 25th and Oct. 2nd and they are now looking forward to the final meet on Oct. 10th at the Burnaby Sports Complex. Students have enjoyed participating and have shown commitment and good sportsmanship so far. Thank you to Ms. McKenna and Ms. Marshall for sponsoring this team, and congratulations to the participating runners. Best of luck for the remainder of your season!

Choir

Ms. Ishii has begun leading Choir this term. Choir is available to students from grades 4 to 7. Practices take place in the music room on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Card Club/Scrap-booking Club

Our very popular Card Club led by Diana Pesa (a school parent) is now taking place in the Art Room on Tuesday lunchtimes. This club is open to students from grades 3-7. Permission letters are available at the school office for any students that wish to take part. Scrap-booking Club is new this year and will take place on the first Wednesday of each month. This club is also open to students from grades 3-7. This club is now 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.



Division 1

Gamma Avenue Road Works/School Traffic Safety

As already mentioned in our September newsletter, there continue to be road works taking place along Gamma Ave which at times restricts access to Pandora. Please, therefore, use Beta Ave wherever possible and park in the designated spaces to drop off your child. Please be aware of the parking signs along the road and remember that there is no stopping where the cones are set even within the upper parking lot. **This presents a real danger for our pedestrians and students.** Thank you for your cooperation.

*Also, please be mindful of people's properties when parking on Pandora as some residents are reporting that cars are causing damage to their front lawns as they back up and turn around to leave.

Student Late Arrivals

It has been noted that a number of students have been arriving to school late so far 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.



Division 8

Student Photos

Please note that we will be having individual student photos on **TWO separate days** again this year – October 5th and 6th. Please note which day your child's class will be scheduled for their photo session.

Thursday, Oct. 5th – Divisions; 3 (Dias/Lynka) 5 (Trzcinski,) 6 (Sale,) 8 (McKenna) & 9 (Fischer)

Friday, Oct. 6th – Divisions; 1 (Safarik) 2 (Coutts,) 4 (Isbister,) 7 (Harrison) & 10 (Marshall)



Division 8

PAC NEWS

A CHANGE FOR INCLUSION

Over the years many parents have expressed that evening meetings are often difficult to attend for several reasons including work schedules, activities and child care restrictions. In an effort to make Parent Advisory Council meeting more accessible to **ALL** parents, it has been decided to try alternating morning and evening meetings throughout year.

Starting with October, every second meeting will be held the 3rd Monday morning of the month at 9 a.m. in the staff room. Meetings are schedule to run approximately 1.5 hours.

The Parent Advisory Council meetings provide an opportunity for parents to keep informed with the plans and direction of the Council; to find out from Mrs. Readman the latest on the happenings at the school; and to have a say on decisions that need to be made regarding activities and support for our children's learning experiences.

All parents and guardians of children at the school are members of the Parent Advisory Council and are invited to take part in these discussions.

(Please note: due to Spring Break, no meeting will be held during March).

PAC Meetings schedule for the 2017/18 School Year.	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Wednesday, September 27th	7:00pm
Monday, October 16th	9:00am
Tuesday, November 14 th *	7:00pm
Monday, December 18th	9:00am
Wednesday, January 17 th , 2018	7:00pm
Monday, February 19th	9:00am
Monday, April 16th	9:00am
Wednesday, May 16th (AGM)	7:00pm
Monday, June 18th	9:00am

* **Please note:** Meeting changed to Tuesday evening one time only due to scheduling conflicts.

FAMILY PHOTOS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ConfedPAC is once again offering their **FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**. For **only \$89** you receive a 20 minute professional photo session, your choice of 5 downloaded images and the option to purchase additional images. This year you have the option of either an indoor studio or an outdoor location (Burnaby Mountain) shoot. A great gift idea for the Holidays.

Be creative! Group or solo shots; silly or serious; bring your favorite props: Santa hats or ugly Christmas; pets welcomed.

Book now online (via munchalunch) at www.confedpac.ca. Payment due at booking time.

Sunday, October 8th (afternoon) - *Burnaby Mountain Location* **

Monday, October 9th (afternoon) - *Burnaby Mountain Location***

Tuesday, October 10th (evening) - *Studio*

(additional dates/times will be added if necessary)

Questions? Contact familyportraitsinfo@confedpac.ca

Proceeds go towards ConfedPAC funded programs that enhance our children's education.

NO ORDINARY SCHOOL PHOTO

Confederation Park is continuing with a more personalized and quality approach to school photography.

Each student will get a mini photo shoot (twice the amount of time that is normally spent) in order to better capture their personality. More time allows for more poses, more interaction and more genuine smiles. Photos sessions will take place over two days - **Thursday, October 5th and Friday, October 6th**. Watch for a notice to be sent home soon regarding your child(ren)'s photo date.

Proceeds from all photo sales will towards PAC funded programs that enhance our children's learning experience

ART SHOW AND AUCTION!

Save the Date! Saturday, November 25th!

The parents of Confederation Park have committed over **\$28,000** to support programs, materials and equipment for the school during the 2017-18 school year. (A full list is posted on the PAC bulletin board in the main hallway). In order to fund this commitment, the goal for this year's Annual Art Show and Auction, the biggest fundraiser of the year, is **\$10,000**.

The evening is a gala event that focuses on the fabulous pieces of art the students create showcasing their learning. In addition to the art which can be purchased in various formats, there is music, food, wine and a wide range of items up for grabs in the silent auction.

Parents are once again being asked for their assistance in securing these auction items (gift cards from restaurants, spa services, items from specialty stores, hotels/holiday or airlines

vouchers, concert tickets, sporting events or anything new and unique items) If you, or your contacts, are able to help out, please contact silentauction@confedpac.ca

Committees will also be looking for assistance with food preparation, tickets and cashier duties, decorating, bartending and more. If you are interested in helping out 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.

Watch for more information coming soon.

2017-18 MEMORY BOOK

Work is about to begin on the 2017-18 Memory Book and we are looking for your help. Last year our fabulous 36 page book contained over 1,000 photographs highlighting the events and learning opportunities of the students of Confederation Park.

We would like to invite all parents to once again be a part of this wonderful and treasured project. As you have the opportunity to take part in your child's learning and school experience this year, the Memory Book team would like to remind you to take photos and submit them to us for inclusion in the 2017-18 edition. Send them to memory-book@confedpac.ca. (Remember the best photos are those of more than one child and that fill the whole frame.)

YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS

There are several great ways families can continue to contribute to the school throughout the years:

- ***BOTTLE RETURNS:*** Drop off your recyclable bottles, cans, and drink containers at the ***Kensington Square Return-It*** depot. It's as easy as filling up a blue bag, taking it down to the Return-It and entering the school number (old fax number 604-664-8668) , which you can also look up there if you forget to bring it along. Do your part for the earth, and for our kids.
- ***COBS BREAD:*** Take part in our Dough Raiser Program at ***Cobs Bread, Kensington Square***. When you are making a purchase, just mention Confederation Park Elementary school and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the school. Fresh bread tastes even better when you know it's helping raise money for our kids.
- ***MABEL LABELS:*** Whether you need to label your kids' clothes or your kitchen canisters, Mabel's Labels has all of your needs covered. Labels are perfect for school, camp, daycare, travel and home and are dishwasher and microwave safe and waterproof. Log into: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/>

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/>



October 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Cross Country Meet			School Individual Photos - Div. 3, 5, 6, 8 & 9 Div. 10 to McGill Library, 10:00am Hot Lunch	School Individual Photos – Div. 1, 2, 4, 7 & 10	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Thanksgiving Day 	Cross Country Meet Saleema Noon Presentation for Parents - 6:30pm	Saleema Noon Presentation for students Gr. 6 Immunizations	Saleema Noon Presentation for students Hot Lunch		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	PAC meeting, 9:00am			Hot Lunch	Pro-D Day, (school closed)	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Curriculum Implementation Day (school closed)	Scholastic Book Fair D.E.A.R. Day	Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair Hot Lunch		
29	30	31				
	Div. 6 & 7 Field trip to S.F.U.	Community Gathering 				