



Conrad Elementary School

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We hope our Conrad families enjoyed a restful Spring Break!

It's been so great to see your child(ren) back at school!

WEATHER / SUPERVISION

Our weather is improving and the days are getting longer. However, we still experience cold and rainy days. Please help us keep your child(ren) safe, warm, dry and healthy by encouraging them to come to school dressed for the weather. Unless it is severe weather, we are outside at recess and again at lunch.

SCHOOL TIMES

A reminder that our school Breakfast Club and Library are not available until 8:30am. Outside supervision is only offered at the back of the school from 8:40am by a rotating staff member; there is no supervision in front of the school. We are noticing earlier student arrival times as the mornings become lighter. Although we love to see your child(ren), please avoid dropping them off too early. We would appreciate your help in reminding them to join the Breakfast Club, Library or head to the back of the school if arriving before the Welcoming Bell at 8:55am, and not to be wandering the halls or going to their classrooms. Also, a reminder that there is no after school supervision. If you are late picking up your child(ren), please call the office to let us know. *We appreciate your help and understanding.*

SAFE ARRIVAL

A friendly reminder from Ms. Jan, our school secretary: *Parents are requested to email jan.currie@sd52.bc.ca or phone the school if a child is going to be absent or late. If you phone after hours or during busy times, you may get the answering machine. Please leave a message as we check it regularly. In the event that your child is absent and we have not received a call or email, the secretary will phone parents to confirm the whereabouts of the child. We want to be sure all children are accounted for.*

As well, if your contact information has changed, please contact the office to update your information.

CONRAD LOST AND FOUND

Conrad's Lost and Found bin has collected many items again! If your child is missing something, please come to the school to have a look; their items may be in the Lost and Found.



LUNCH AT SCHOOL

Students staying at school for lunch are reminded that there are behaviour expectations during this time, just like there is during instructional time. Students who cannot follow these expectations may be asked to find alternate arrangements if behaviour expectations cannot be adhered to. Lunch hour is meant to be a positive social time for students to enjoy. Please have a conversation with your child(ren) about behaviour expectations to avoid having to find alternate arrangements for them during the lunch hour. *Thank you for your help with this.*

As well, just a reminder that microwaves and hot water kettles are not available for students during the lunch hour. We have minimal staff available during lunch hour, and their priority is supervision. *Thank you for understanding.*

STUDENT PICK UP AND PARKING

We are asking Conrad families to please be extra careful during drop off and pick up times. There are plenty of parking spaces available on Conrad Street and Hays Cove Avenue. Please avoid parking in the bus drop off area and hindering the school buses that pick up and drop off students. Please also avoid parking along yellow lines around our school as this decreases the visibility of our students crossing the street. *Your understanding is vital for our student safety.*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. If your child will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2022, they are eligible to start school this coming September. Please call the office to set up an appointment to register your child. *Registering sooner than later will help our school better prepare for September...thank you!*

CONRAD PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The PAC is a group of parent volunteers who meet once a month. The PAC have discussions on enhancing school experiences and raise funds so that this can happen. In addition, the PAC is a great way for Conrad parents to network. We hope to see you at the next PAC meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm. The PAC has generously sponsored Conrad hoodies for all grade 5 students. This gift is a great piece of memorabilia for Conrad students to have as they complete their time with us in June. *Good luck to all our grade 5 students at PRMS in September and thank you to the PAC for your generosity!*

The next PAC lunch will be a pizza lunch. Order forms (attached) are due back Thursday, April 21st at noon. The pizza lunch will be on Thursday, April 28th. *Thank you to the PAC for organizing a delicious lunch for Conrad!*

FREE BOOKS

Mrs. Scherr (Division 1 K/1 teacher) recently organized a large donation of books about Chinese New Year. The book is titled *Lin's Lucky Red Envelope* and is written by Sennah Yee and illustrated by Elaine Chen. Every Conrad student has been gifted a copy of this book, a Project 1907 through Holt Renfrew. *Thank you Mrs. Scherr!*

EARLY DISSMISSAL

Students will be dismissed an hour early on Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st at 1:53pm to accommodate for student-led conferences. Please call the office to book your time. Your child(ren) will be so excited to showcase their hard work and learning to their families.



BOOK FAIR

Conrad is excited to be hosting another Book Fair in our library! The Book Fair will coincide with the early dismissal days on Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st. More information will be coming next week about this exciting event!

WHEELCHAIR EVENT

Conrad students have enjoyed two sessions in the gym with Rob Stiles of Engage Sport North, an organization that promotes physical literacy. Mr. Stiles is hosting a free event at Prince Rupert Middle School on Wednesday, April 27th from 6-8pm. Families are encouraged to register for this fun opportunity to try Wheelchair Basketball at www.Engagesportnorth.com/events.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PLAN UPDATE

Conrad Elementary continues to closely follow recommendations of medical health professionals to keep our school safe and healthy for students and staff. Once our Communicable Disease Plan is updated, it will be posted to our website and Facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Friday, April 15 th	Good Friday – No School
Monday, April 18 th	Easter Monday – No School
Wednesday, April 20 th & Thursday, April 21 st	Student-led conferences Book Fair in the Library
Thursday, April 21 st	PAC Pizza Lunch order forms due to the Office
Monday, April 25 th	Pro D Day – No School
Wednesday, April 27 th	Wheelchair Basketball event at PRMS, 6-8pm
Thursday, April 28 th	PAC Pizza Lunch
Tuesday, May 3 rd	Conrad PAC Meeting at 6:30pm

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