



Conrad Elementary School

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*What a BUSY month February is!
Happy Valentine's Day to our Conrad Families!
Don't forget...February 22nd is Pink Shirt Day too!*



LOVE TO READ MONTH

Reading with your child(ren) is one of the best ways to support their learning at school. Children need lots of opportunities to read, talk about, hear and respond to text. The Conrad Library has sent home reading logs for students to record how many minutes they read. There are prizes for completed and returned reading logs. The Conrad Library has also invited Rupert Rampage to come and read with students. *Have fun celebrating Love to Read Month!*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Conrad is currently accepting registrations for Kindergarten. If your child will be 5 by December 31st, 2023, s/he is eligible to start school in September. When registering, please bring your child's: Birth Certificate (Permanent Resident Card or Passport), BC Care Card, immunization records and proof of address.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day falls on Tuesday, February 14th. The Conrad Community is encouraged to wear red, white or pink on this day. Some classes will be participating in fun themed activities as well. Please contact your child(ren)'s teacher about specific plans for your child(ren)'s class(es).

Conrad will also be hosting a Bake Sale on Valentine's Day! Divisions 1 to 4 will be supplying individually wrapped goodies that will be available for \$1 a treat. Proceeds from this bake sale will be used to support early primary activities.

INDIGENOUS IMPLEMENTATION DAY

Friday, February 17th is Indigenous Implementation Day and SD52 staff will gather at the Lester Centre of the Arts to participate in professional growth on this day. There will be no school for students on this day.

FAMILY DAY

Family Day falls on Monday, February 20th this year. There will be no school on this day. We hope that our Conrad Community can spend time with their families on this day.



PINK SHIRT DAY / ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Conrad will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 22nd. Pink Shirt Day (also known as Anti-Bullying Day) is an annual event where people wear pink shirts to stand up against bullying.

Bullying is intentional and repeated behaviour over time that makes others feel uncomfortable, scared or hurt. This is not to be confused with isolated behaviour that is mean (and unfortunately, children can be mean to each other as they learn appropriate social skills).

The school will hold a school-wide assembly on Pink Shirt Day and discuss how we can help in the pursuit of kindness and a more inclusive world.

DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER DAY

To celebrate the end of the Love to Read Month, our school will be encouraged to Dress as Your Favourite Book Character on Tuesday, February 28th. We can't wait to see *Pete the Cat*, *Pinkalicious*, *Harry Potter*, or any other favourite book characters at Conrad on this day!

MORNING MUFFINS

Also on Tuesday, February 28th, all Kindergartens families (Divisions 1 and 2) are invited to come to the school from 9-10am for fun activities in the Kindergarten classrooms. We will provide muffins and coffee for families while they enjoy some play time with their child in their classrooms. *We hope to see you there!*

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FEE

It's not too late to pay the annual school supply fee! Conrad is requesting \$30 for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2, and \$35 for students in Grades 3 to 5.

Payment can be made in cash at the front office, as well as electronic money transfer (EMT) to jan.currie@sd52.bc.ca.

BUS ZONE

A reminder from the school district bus driver: ***Please don't park in the bus zone, even briefly, during school hours.*** *This area is marked with a solid yellow painted line. This area needs to be clear during the school day in order for the bus to pull up and students to get off and on.*

ABSENCES

Thank you to the families who call the office to let us know if/when your child(ren) will be absent. While we miss your child(ren) when they are not in attendance, we also appreciate you keeping them home when they are not well. This will help to ensure that Conrad continues to be a healthy community for learners and staff.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Please sign and return lunch forms if you want your child(ren) to get school lunches. They must be returned EVERY month to remain on the program.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The PAC is a group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss and plan events to enhance Conrad student school experiences. As a Conrad parent or guardian, you are invited to join a monthly meeting.

One of the events the PAC helps to organize monthly are the special lunches. This month's lunch will be from Subway. Forms are due back to the Office by Thursday, February 16th. Subway lunch will be on Friday, February 24th for those who ordered.



Popcorn Fridays are another event the PAC runs. We are always looking for Popcorn Parents to help on Fridays. Also, just a reminder that popcorn money is due on the Thursday BEFORE and is to be handed in to your child(ren)'s teacher, NOT the office. Please note that teachers are NOT able to make change, so please ensure your child(ren) bring the exact amount (\$1 per bag). *Thanks!* The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4th in the Library at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there! The PAC also has a Facebook page and can be contacted at conradpac22@gmail.com for any inquiries about PAC events.


CONRAD WITS

Conrad continues to use the WITS Program, a strategy to help students independently deal with peer conflicts. WITS stands for **W**alk Away, **I**gnore, **T**alk It Out, **S**eek Help. Please review this with your child(ren) and encourage them to use these strategies if they encounter peer conflicts. In addition, please remind your child(ren) that adults on supervision wear visi-vests and are trusted adults that they can go to for help. *Thank you for helping our students become independent and stay safe and respectful during unstructured break times.*

COMMUNICATION

Please let the office know of any changes in contact information. In addition to a monthly newsletter, school communication is delivered via the Conrad website, Conrad Facebook page, Conrad Instagram, email and phone.

CONRAD SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has important information and links to educational websites. Please take time to browse the site. The monthly newsletters will be posted on the website. The address is: <http://conrad.rupertschools.ca/>. Also, please join us on Facebook; search (Conrad Elementary School). 

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Friday, February 10 th	Rupert Rampage Reads with Students Junior Achievement BC Presentation
Tuesday, February 14 th	Valentine's Day Bake Sale Fun Day for Divisions 1-4 and Division 9 (AM)
Friday, February 17 th	Indigenous Implementation Day - No School for Students
Monday, February 20 th	Family Day – School Closed
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 24 th	PAC Lunch - Subway
Tuesday, February 28 th	Dress As Your Favourite Book Character Morning Muffins for Kindergarten Families

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