



Conrad Elementary School

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We are so happy to have your child(ren) back at school!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful Summer Break!

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a great summer holiday and had a chance to rest, relax and catch up with friends and family. We are really looking forward to the coming year. Thank you to all Conrad, District Maintenance and Custodial staff, who have put in hard work to prepare the school for opening this week.

STAFF CHANGES

This year, Conrad has welcomed many new faces. Please join us in welcoming the following members to the Conrad Team:

- Mrs. Barak, Vice-Principal & Prep Teacher
- Ms. Degen, Division 4 / Grade 1/2
- Ms. Weatherby, Division 7 / Grade 3/4
- Ms. Mehr Division 8 / Grade 4
- Ms. Cameron, Learning Services Teacher
- Ms. Nav, Learning Services Teacher
- Ms. Palozzi, Learning Services Teacher
- Ms. Amy, Indigenous Kindergarten Resource Worker
- Ms. Jas, Education Assistant (until December)
- Ms. Barrameda, Education Assistant (starting Monday)
- Ms. Neiser, School Counsellor

We also have some former team members who are also returning:

- Mr. Shaikh, Division 6 / Grade 3
- Mr. Last, Division 9 / Grade 5
- Ms. Boyle, Library Teacher

Welcome Everyone; we are so happy that you have joined our team!

ALLERGY AWARE

Conrad is an allergy aware school. There are a number of students with food allergies and sensitivities. Being allergy aware means that we are mindful of allergies and sensitivities so we are asking our Conrad community to take the necessary precautions and hygiene steps when eating recess snacks and lunch in the classrooms.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please note that morning supervision duty at Conrad does not start until 8:40am and is only provided at the back of the school. Upon arriving at Conrad Elementary, students are invited to join The Breakfast Club in the gym with Miss Tina or join Ms. Schwartz in the Library. Both options open at 8:30am and are available until 8:55am. Please note that the Library has a capacity of 30 students



and will be closed once it reaches this maximum. Students are otherwise invited to play in the field and playground until the 8:55am Welcome Bell; please remind your child(ren) that wandering halls and going to classrooms before 8:55am is not permitted. At the Welcome Bell, students are to line up at their designated line ups to be welcomed into the school for the Morning Session which begins at 9:00am.

CLASSROOM LINE UP AREAS

Below is a list of teachers/class divisions, grades and areas students are to line up:

- Ms. Kavalec/Division 1, Kindergarten – exterior door opposite basketball court at side of school;
- Mrs. Scherr/Division 2, Kindergarten/Grade 1 – classroom exterior door at front of school;
- Mrs. De Araujo/Division 3, Grade 1 – main doors;
- Ms. Degen/Division 4, Grade 1/2 – main doors;
- Mr. Yagi /Division 5, Grade 2 – main doors;
- Mr. Shaikh/Division 6, Grade 3 – far doors at front of school facing Conrad Street;
- Ms. Weatherby/Division 7, Grade 3/4 – far doors at front of school facing Conrad Street;
- Ms. Mehr/Division 8, Grade 4 – far doors at front of school facing Conrad Street;
- Mr. Last/Division 9, Grade 5 – exterior classroom door facing Hays Cove Avenue;
- Ms. Paul/Division 10, Grade 5 – exterior classroom door facing Hays Cove Avenue

BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:55am - Welcome Bell
- 9:00am – Morning Session begins
- 10:30 to 10:45am - Recess
- 12:00 to 12:45pm - Lunch **Divisions 1-6 eat first in the classroom (12-12:20pm), then play outside (12:20-12:45pm); Divisions 7-10 play first outside (12-12:20pm), then eat in their classroom (12:20-12:45pm)*
- 2:53pm - Dismissal

If students arrive late, they must check in at the office to tell Miss Jan before heading to their classrooms. Families are asked to please be prompt when picking up at the end of the day. Please pick up your child(ren) at their designated exits and avoid coming too early as this disrupts their end-of-day classroom routines. Please note that we do not offer after school supervision. Children are expected to either be picked up or go directly home as instructed by their families. The office is extremely busy and we cannot guarantee that messages make it to your child in time. For this reason, please make arrangements **BEFORE** sending your child(ren) to school for the day. Thank you for helping to ensure that our students are safe.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies were ordered in bulk by the school at the end of June. We are asking Conrad families to pay \$30 for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2, and \$35 for students in Grades 3 to 5 to put towards this bulk order. Miss Jan can take payments at the office, or you can send an e-transfer to jan.currie@sd52.bc.ca. Please put your child's name in the comments so we know who the payments are for. If paying by cash, please bring correct amount as we cannot make change. *Thank you!*



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

Conrad Elementary has a daily Breakfast Program that is open to all students. It is located in the Gym and is run by Miss Tina. Students can enter through the front doors after 8:30am to enjoy some healthy food before their day at school.

The Lunch Program offers lunches for students who submit forms and payment.

Forms must be signed by families and renewed monthly. Lunch Program forms were sent home this week; extra forms are available inside the school front doors. Lunches are not made on site; they only provide lunches for those who sign up. In order to ensure that no students go hungry, please ensure these forms are signed and handed in. *Thanks!*

LUNCH

Conrad lunch break is from 12-12:45pm; Divisions 1-6 eat in their classrooms from 12-12:20pm, then head outside to play from 12:20-12:45pm. Divisions 7-10 play outside from 12-12:20pm, then come inside to eat from 12:20-12:45pm. We encourage students to go home for lunch if at all possible. This provides a break in the day and a reset for many students. If students are on the Lunch Program, they can take their lunch home to enjoy. Staying for lunch at Conrad is a privilege and students are expected to eat in their classrooms, clean up after themselves and follow Conrad's Code of Conduct. Unacceptable behaviour could result in you having to make alternate arrangements for your child during the lunch break. If your child(ren) intend to stay for lunch, please discuss with them the above expectations, and that they are not to leave the school grounds at any time. Behavior expectations also apply during the lunch hour. Please note that there are no microwaves or kettles for student use at lunch; please provide lunches that can be eaten as is. As well, if their lunch requires utensils, please pack them in their lunch; our school has a very limited supply on hand. *Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!*

CLASS PLACEMENTS

The Conrad office continues to receive registrations for new students. We appreciate your patience as we place these new students into classes. Due to a large number of new students, the placement of your child in a class may change. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

PARKING

A friendly reminder that the parking lot to the right of the building is for staff only. Families are invited to find parking on Conrad Street or Hays Cove Avenue. Also, **please do not park in the bus loading/unloading area in front of the school.** This area is reserved for **bus use only** before and after school, as well as at the beginning and end of the lunch hour. Finally, please avoid parking on the yellow line near crosswalks; this decreases visibility of children crossing at the crosswalk. *We appreciate your help in making sure our students stay safe!*

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.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Conrad Elementary has a PAC that meets once a month. The PAC is an important aspect of the school. *Did you know that you are automatically a member of the Conrad PAC as a parent/guardian?* PAC members have the chance to participate in your child(ren)'s education and school life. We would



love your help in organizing special events and activities for our students. The first PAC meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 19th in the Conrad Library at 6:30pm. Child minding provided. *We hope to see you there!*

TERRY FOX

Every year, schools across Canada celebrate Terry Fox in September. Conrad's Terry Fox run will be on Friday, September 15th. Students will be learning about Terry Fox during the week and walk/run a pre-determined route on Friday to show support for cancer research. Students are encouraged to bring a loonie or toonie for this event; proceeds will be sent on Conrad's behalf to The Terry Fox Foundation. *Let's see how much we can raise to fight cancer, Conrad!*

IMPLEMENTATION DAY

Our first Non-Instructional Day this year will be on Friday, September 22nd. There will be no school for students on that day.


MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

On Thursday, September 21st from 6:30 to 7:30pm, students are encouraged to bring their families to Conrad to meet the staff. Students will be given a passport with the names of various staff members around the school. Each staff member will stamp/sign passports which can then be placed in the draw box for a chance to win a prize at the end of the evening. Snacks and refreshments will be available. *We hope to see you there!*

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was created to recognize the history and on-going trauma caused by residential schools. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Monday, October 2nd. This day is meant to honour those who were lost and for the survivors. There will be no school on this day; however, it is recommended to wear an orange shirt on this day to honour all those impacted by the residential school system.

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/>. As well, please join us on Facebook; search (Conrad Elementary School). 

ATTACHMENTS

- School District 52 Calendar (2022-2023)
- Conrad Code of Conduct

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Friday, September 15 th	Terry Fox Run
Tuesday, September 19 th	Conrad PAC Meeting in the Library, 6:30pm
Thursday, September 21 st	Meet the Staff Night, 6:30-7:30pm
Friday, September 22 nd	Implementation Day (No School)
Monday, October 2 nd	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

We look forward to connecting with families this year!

Mrs. Marogna
Principal

Mrs. Barak
Vice-Principal