



Conrad Elementary School

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It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Term 1! We are only a couple weeks away from Winter Break! December is especially busy with fun events for the Conrad Community. Please read below to learn about all the FUN things planned for December!!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, December 5 th	Morning Muffins Conrad PAC Family Movie Night
Friday, December 6 th	End of Term 1 / Learning Updates Sent Home
Monday, December 9 th	Play in the K
Tuesday, December 10 th	Winter Bazaar
Thursday, December 12 th	Division 7 Bake Sale
Friday, December 13 th	Pancake Breakfast – PR Port Authority & Breakfast Club of Canada
Sunday, December 15 th	Elementary Band Concert at LCA
Monday, December 16 th to Friday, December 20 th	Spirit Week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Jingle Bell Day • Tuesday - Red/White/Green Day • Wednesday - Sparkle Day • Thursday - Winter Sweater Day • Friday - PJ Day
Wednesday, December 18 th	Conrad Family Craft Night – Doors Open at 6pm / Meet in Gym at 7:15pm
Friday, December 20 th	Conrad Winter Fun Day (AM) Last Day of School Before Winter Break (School Closed December 23 rd to January 5 th)
Monday, January 6 th	School Re-opens / First Day Back

MORNING MUFFINS

Divisions 1 and 2 are inviting their families to a session of Morning Muffins on Thursday, December 5th. Families are invited to join their child's class for a morning of winter-themed activities and snacks, and an opportunity to play with their child! This session will run from 9 to 10:30am.

CONRAD PAC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The PAC will be hosting a Family Movie Night in the Conrad Gym on Thursday, December 5th. Doors will open at 5pm and the movie will start at 5:30pm; they will be showing *Home Alone*. There will be hotdogs, popcorn, candy, bottled water and juice boxes available for \$1 an item. Movie goers are invited to bring something comfortable to watch the movie with; gym mats will be provided. A reminder that this event is for families; students cannot be dropped off and must



remain with their adult for the duration of the movie. Thank you for understanding.

LEARNING UPDATES (FORMERLY CALLED REPORT CARDS)

Learning Updates are being sent home Friday, December 6th with students. If your student is absent, please contact the office for your child's Learning Update.

PLAY IN KINDERGARTEN

Divisions 1 and 2 will be welcoming next year's Kindergarten students (4 year olds this year, turning 5 by end of year 2025) to come and *Play in the Kindergarten* classes on Monday, December 9th from 9-10:30am. Children born in 2020 and who live in the Conrad catchment area are invited to meet and greet current Kindergarten students and staff, play, and have a snack.

WINTER BAZAAR

Conrad will once again be holding a Winter Bazaar on Tuesday, December 10th. during the day, students will be invited in classroom groups to purchase gently used items for a quarter to gift their families. If there are items remaining, families will be invited to browse items after school.

Conrad is accepting items for the bazaar; please, no clothing, blankets, or stuffies.

Conrad is also accepting donations of Christmas wrap, ribbons, bags and tags to wrap student purchases. *Thank you for supporting this event! The students REALLY look forward to it every year and it is a joy to see their excitement when they are "shopping" for loved ones!*

BAKE SALE

Division 7 will be hosting a Bake Sale on Thursday, December 12th. Treats will be available for sale at recess. Please consider sending \$1 or \$2 for a special treat on this day.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Volunteers from Prince Rupert Port Authority, Trigon and Pembina will be on hand to prepare and serve pancakes to our whole school in the Gym on Friday, December 13th! *A huge thank you to Breakfast Club of Canada, PRPA, Trigon, Pembina and Conrad staff for this special treat!*

ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT

Ms. Tillman will be leading elementary school bands at a Winter Concert for all elementary band students at the Lester Centre of the Arts on Sunday, December 15th. The concert starts at 2pm.

SPIRIT WEEK

The Conrad Community is invited to participate in Spirit Week, Monday, December 16th to Friday, December 20th:

- Monday, December 16th – Jingle Bell Day
- Tuesday, December 17th – Red, White & Green Day
 - Wednesday, December 18th – Sparkle Day
- Thursday, December 19th – Winter Sweater Day
 - Friday, December 20th – PJ Day

CONRAD FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Conrad will be opening their doors on Wednesday, December 18th to Conrad families for Craft Night. Classrooms will be set up with festive crafts for families to



complete. Doors open at 6pm and crafts will be available until about 7:15pm. At that time, everyone will be called down to the Gym where we will end our night together with draws by 7:30pm. *We hope you can join us for this fun event!*

CONRAD WINTER FUN DAY

Many classes will be participating in fun winter-themed activities on the morning of Friday, December 20th.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school will be on Friday, December 20th. School will be closed from December 23rd until January 3rd. School reopens on Monday, January 6th.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Especially as the mornings are darker, 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 Mrs. P in the Library. Both options open at 8:30am and are available until 8:55am. Students are otherwise invited to play in the field and playground until the 8:55am Welcome Bell; please remind your child(ren) that wandering the 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.

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 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. *Thank you!*

BELL SCHEDULE REMINDER

- 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 their classrooms (12-12:20pm), then play outside (12:20-12:45pm); Divisions 7-11 play first outside(12-12:20pm), then eat in their classrooms (12:20-12:45pm)*
- 2:53pm - Dismissal

If students arrive late, they **must** check in at the office with 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. This is especially important when families call for early pick ups; this can be disruptive, and messages may not always make it to your child(ren). Thank you for helping to ensure that our students are safe.

CONRAD WITS

At Conrad, we 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.*

LUNCH

Conrad lunch break is from 12-12:45pm. 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 behavior could result in you having to make alternate arrangements for your child during the lunch break. If your child(ren) intends 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 students to use at lunch; please provide lunches that can be eaten as is. Also, if their lunch requires utensils, please pack them in their lunch; our school has a very limited supply on hand. Lastly, if you could practice opening and closing containers with your child(ren), it would be very helpful. *Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!*

LUNCH DROP OFFS

For families dropping off lunches for their child(ren), we now have a lunch drop off table just inside the main front doors of our school. We ask all families to please write your child(ren)'s name on the tags provided and leave it on the table marked "Lunch Drop Off". You can also ask office staff to buzz for your child (ren) to come and pick up if you want to see them.

This will minimize the interruptions to all the learning that is happening for our students and your child(ren). *Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!*

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 is the area painted bright yellow at the 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)

There is no PAC meeting scheduled for December, but they are busy with events that are happening at our school. The popcorn, Movie Night, the Winter Bazaar and organizing the baskets to be drawn after our Winter Craft Night are a couple of things our PAC could use extra help with. Please email conradpac22@gmail.com for more information.

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). 

*We wish all of our families a restful, refreshing Winter Break and cannot wait to welcome everyone back in the New Year!
Happy Holidays!*

Mrs. Marogna
Principal

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Vice-Principal