



Conrad Elementary School

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Newsletter #5

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*Wishing our Conrad Community a very Happy New Year
and a warm welcome back from the Winter Break!*

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, January 14 th	Conrad PAC Meeting in Library, 6pm
Wednesday, January 22 nd	City of Prince Rupert Public Info Session in Gym, 6pm
Friday, January 24 th	Pro D Day – No School for Students
Thursday, January 29 th	Chinese New Year...Gung Hey Fat Choy!
Friday, January 31 st	Conrad PAC Lunch – Vihaans Pizza
February 1 st to 15 th	Kindergarten Registration

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT INFORMATION SESSION

The city will be holding a public information session regarding the water line repair on Conrad Street. The session will be held in the Conrad gym; doors open to the public at 6pm.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration will take place in all elementary schools from February 1st to 15th, from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

If your child is 5 years old by December 31, 2025, s/he is eligible to start school this coming September.

When registering for a Kindergarten program, please bring: your child's Birth Certificate (or other proof of age such as a Permanent Residence Card, Provincial ID Card or Passport), B.C. Care Card, Immunization Records, and proof of address.

Parents may choose to defer their child's entry to school, based on readiness, for one year. Please contact your neighbourhood school for consultation if you are concerned about your child's readiness.

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. *Next year's fees will increase by \$5 each.* 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 vis-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. 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.* If students are not able to follow the expectations, this 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)

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for January 14th in the Library at 6pm. The next PAC lunch will be from Vihaans Pizza. The order forms will be coming out soon; the lunch will be on Friday, January 31st.

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). 

Looking forward to reconnecting with our Conrad families soon!

Mrs. Marogna
Principal

Mrs. Barak
Vice-Principal