



Conrad Elementary School

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The time keeps flying by! We are only a few weeks away from Winter Break! We look forward to seeing families at their child(ren)'s Parent/Teacher Connections. Remember to visit our Bake Sale!

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, November 6 th & Thursday, November 7 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:53pm Parent Teacher Connections
Friday, November 8 th	Aboriginal Veterans Day Conrad Remembrance Day Assembly in Gym @ 11am
Tuesday, November 12 th	PAC Meeting in the Library at 6:30pm
Monday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Thursday, November 21 st	PAC Lunch Orders Due to Office by Noon
Friday, November 22 nd	Pro D Day – No School for Students
Friday, November 29 th	PAC Lunch from No 1 Catering

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS / PARENT TEACHER CONNECTIONS

On Wednesday, November 6th and Thursday, November 7th, students will be dismissed at 1:53pm to accommodate Parent Teacher Connections. This is a great time to observe all the wonderful work your child(ren) has been working on! Teachers will be offering 10–15-minute blocks of time to connect with families; appointments are required and can be made through the office. During these Early Dismissal days, the Conrad PAC is also having a Bake Sale, hosted by Divisions 8 & 9. All proceeds will go towards Grade 5 hoodies. *We look forward to seeing you at both events!*

ABORIGINAL VETERANS DAY / REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday, November 8th is Aboriginal Veterans Day. Monday, November 11th is Remembrance Day. There is no school on Monday, November 11th. Conrad will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 8th at 11am. Both Aboriginal Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are days for all Canadians to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country. We encourage our Conrad community members to pause and give thanks and remember on these days.

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 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 1-5 eat first in their classrooms (12-12:20pm), then play outside (12:20-12:45pm); Divisions 6-10 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

To help facilitate safe and respectful interactions among our students, Conrad uses 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 them 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 the 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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The next Non-Instructional Day will be on Friday, November 22nd. There will be no school for students on that day.

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. *PAC Popcorn Fridays are back!* Students and staff can pay \$1 per bag to their teacher by Thursday; popcorn is usually ready and available by recess. If you would like to help with Popcorn Fridays, please call the school.

The next PAC lunch will be from No1 Catering. Order forms will be due to the Office by noon on Thursday, November 21st. The lunch will be on Friday, November 29th.

The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th in the Library at 6:30pm. *We hope to see you there!*



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 look forward to connecting with families this year!

Mrs. Marogna
Principal

Mrs. Barak
Vice-Principal