



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #3

September 22, 2023

Thank you to all Firebird families who joined us on Thursday evening for our “Meet the Staff” event. It was wonderful getting to meet so many of you. We hope that you found your evening as enjoyable as we did!

STAFFING UPDATE

- 1) We are pleased to welcome back Ms. Kayla Powell to the Mitchell staff. Ms. Powell has worked in different teaching positions in the past and knows our school community very well. We are very happy and grateful that she has offered to teach grade 4/5 in division 6 until March of this year! We will fill the position with another teacher for the last term of the school year.
- 2) We wish to congratulate Ms. Sam Graham (EA) who’s last working day at Mitchell was Sept. 22. Ms. Graham is going on maternity leave. Her position will be filled soon.
- 3) Our part-time Resource position remains unfilled. We are working with the district to fill this Resource and prep position as soon as possible.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school-wide Terry Fox Run on **Wednesday, September 20** went very well! Our students participated very well by running or walking around our school field. We want to acknowledge the leadership of Mr. Narbett, who organized the event, as well as led a fantastic assembly and warm-up prior to the run! We would also like to thank families who have so generously donated to the cause. We have already exceeded our goal of \$500! There is still opportunity to donate on Cash Online if you are interested.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We are happy to announce that Mitchell’s Breakfast Club will be back, starting Wednesday, September 27! Students interested in having breakfast at school can go to the Multi-Purpose Room (also known as the Band/Music Room) at 8:00 on Wednesday to receive a free breakfast. We will serve cereal, cheese toast and fresh fruit. Thank you to Ms House, Ms. Kullman, Ms. Mathers and Mr. Fung for volunteering to support this important club!

PAC NEWS

Thank you to the PAC executive for setting up a table and distributing flyers during our “Meet the Staff” evening on Thursday. If you were not able to be there

or did not receive a flyer, please check it out attached with this newsletter.

FSA’s for Grades 4 & 7

Each year, the Ministry of Education requires school districts to conduct the Provincial Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). This year, the FSAs will take place in October and November. The FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of all Grade 4 and 7 students’ academic skills and is designed to provide parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education and Child Care with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. All families were sent a district letter on Sept. 21, outlining more details about the FSAs. Please reach out to school administration with any questions.



WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH

Just a reminder that children at Mitchell will be going outside rain or shine during recess and lunch breaks. We believe that being able to go outside, breathe lots of fresh oxygen and move around is very good for children’s well-being and ability to learn. A well-known Norwegian quote tells us “There is no bad weather, only bad clothing.” With this in mind, please make sure your child has adequate clothing for outside, even in the rain. Please provide them with a change of socks and shoes, rainproof coat with hood or hat and possibly an umbrella.

EARLY WARNING, ABSENCES, AND LATE ARRIVALS

Please inform the school by telephone when your child will be late or absent due to illness or an appointment, etc. Our Early Warning line - **604-668-6229** - is available 24 hours a day for parents to leave a message. Please clearly state your child’s first and last name, division and reason for absence. If no prior notice of absence is received, we will call home to determine the reason for the absence. Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are required to enter through the main doors and check-in at the office before going to class.



IMPORTANT DATES ADDED TO MITCHELL’S CALENDAR

A new list of important dates will be sent to all families next week. In the meantime, please take note of the following important dates that have been added to our 2023-2024 calendar:



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1) Early Dismissal Days / Parent Conferences –

School Ends at 1:45:

- October 25 & 26, 2023
- February 28 & 29, 2023

2) Formal Learning Updates (Report Cards) will go home on:

- Dec. 21, 2023
- April 25, 2024
- June 27, 2024

PARKING LOT SAFETY



Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. We are working with our district team to get proper signage in place. **Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone or roundabout;** if you

need to come into the school, please park in a designated parking space at the west end of the school. Also, a reminder to parents that there are **no left turns permitted before and after school when leaving our parking lot.** Thanks for your cooperation!

SCHOOL HOURS 2023-2024

Classes Start 8:45 a.m.
 Recess 10:10 – 10:25 a.m.
 Lunch 11:50 – 12:42 p.m.
 School ends 2:45 p.m.



MITCHELL STAFF 2023-2024

Ms. Mathers	Gr. 6/7
Mme Murray	Gr. 6/7 EFI
Ms. Li	Gr. 6/7
Mr. Genge	Gr. 5/6
Mme Rachael	Gr. 4/5 EFI
Ms. Kayla Powell	Gr. 4/5
Ms. Wyatt	Gr. 4/5
Mme Chang Dar Woon	Gr. 3/4 EFI
Mme Dewji	Gr. 2/3 EFI
Ms. Lau	Gr. 2/3
Ms House	Gr. 2/3
Mme Watson	Gr. 1/2 EFI
Ms. Sunstrum	Gr. 1/2
Mme Sandhu	Gr. K/1 EFI
Mme Szeto	Gr. K/1 EFI
Mrs. Wang	Gr. K/1
Ms. Yip	Gr. K/1
Ms. Fedoruk	Library
Mrs. Bansal	Resource
Mr. Hirayama	Resource
Ms. Kullman	Resource
Mme Billinger	Resource
Ms. Ibbott	Resource
Mr. Wiens	Band/Music
Mr. Juric	Counsellor
Ms. Klassen	Speech and Language
Mrs. Elshafi	Settlement Worker
Mme Azoun	Education Assistant
Mrs. Edwards	Education Assistant
TBD	Education Assistant
Ms. Griffith	Education Assistant
Ms. Willms	Education Assistant
Ms. Rizwan	Education Assistant
Ms. Virk	Education Assistant
Mrs. White	Education Assistant
Ms. Dash	Education Assistant
Ms. Chuang	Education Assistant
Ms. McMillan	Education Assistant
Ms. Mehat	Education Assistant
Ms. Shum	Education Assistant
Ms. Weaver-Steeves	Education Assistant
Ms. Dean	Education Assistant
Ms. Virk	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. Johal	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. Uyeda	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mr. Rimando	Custodian
Mr. Lopez	Custodian
Ms. Au	Custodian (mornings)



Sept. 26	Evacuation Drill at 9:45
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 2	Holiday – School Closed
Oct. 4 -11	HUB Biking Program (Div. 1 to Div. 4)
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving – School Closed
Oct. 12	Assembly – Performance by Andy the Musical Scientist
Oct. 13	Picture Day
Oct. 19	Earthquake Drill at 9:50
Oct. 20	PRO-D – School Closed
Oct. 23	Fire Drill at 2:20
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 2	Photo Retakes Day



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30th has been named the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by the federal government of Canada. Please note that all

schools will be closed on Monday, October 2 in lieu of September 30. All students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts on **Friday, September 29.**



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VISITOR INFO

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The main doors to the school remain unlocked during office hours from 8:00 – 4:00. Visitors are required to check into the office when entering the building. Thanks for your cooperation!