



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #19

March 1, 2024

We have had another amazing week of learning and activities at Mitchell!

Please go through the newsletter for a review of what happened this week, news on upcoming events and important dates for your calendar.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!



- March 4,6,8,11,12,13 Shuffle Dance Lessons
- March 7 Class Colour Day
- March 10 Ramadan Begins (Ends April 9)
- March 11 Cambie Basketball Tournament
- March 12 PAC Meeting at 6PM
- March 14 Last Day before Spring Break**
- March 15 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK STARTS**
- April 2 RETURN TO SCHOOL
- April Young Actors Program for all classes

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Dear Mitchell Firebird families,  
The Book Fair has been a huge success. Thank you very much for everyone's support and a big thank you to the Parent and Student Volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Any students waiting for orders will likely receive them next week.

Stay tuned for the final fundraising amounts that will help us buy many more books for the Library.

Ms. Kim Fedoruk

### SUN RUN

This year we will be entering a team in the Vancouver Sun Run on April 21st. If you would like to join us, please follow the link below. Early bird deadline has passed. Final deadline is Mar 15."

<https://event.vansunrun.com/165340/register/?urlcattype=t&zsecure=GabuutrY131Jkkj>

Team name: Mitchell Firebirds  
Team access code: GAVRJB

Thanks,

Ms. Lau & Ms. Kullman

### LEAVING EARLY/EXTENDED ABSENCE FOR THE SPRING BREAK



If your child will be missing school before the spring break for vacation, please inform your classroom teacher, as well as the office. If you will be extending your spring break, please let the office and the classroom teacher know and confirm your return date.

### PAC REMINDERS

- 1) Hot Lunch: March 1 (A&W), March 8 (Olive Pasta), Thursday March 14(Pizza Hut)
- 2) Hot Chocolate Sales every Wednesday at 2:45 (\$2).



### HOT LUNCH SUPPORT

As part of Mitchell's Feeding Futures initiative, we would like to offer assistance to families who cannot afford the cost of PAC hot lunches on Fridays, but would like their children to participate to it. To do this, Mme Val will process orders herself once per month. Please reach out to Mme Val at [vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca) if you would like to sign up your child or for more information. All requests will remain confidential.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 5-7

The two after school programs in April have proved very popular and we now have long waiting lists. We are very sorry if you might have missed this opportunity. Hopefully something similar will be made available next year.

If your child has been selected for one of the programs, you will receive an email next week with further details.

### MITCHELL FIREBIRDS BASKETBALL TEAMS

The Grade 6&7 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams have been working hard the past couple months. They have already played a number of games and still have a couple games left next week before the final tournament at Cambie High School on March 11.

Further information regarding the tournament will come out for families next week.

GO FIREBIRDS!!!





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### FOOD DRIVE AT MITCHELL

Did you know that Ramadan (the 9th month of the Islamic calendar) will begin **on or around March 10th**? Many families at Mitchell are Muslim, and they will be fasting and giving to charity during this month. To help those in need, the Student Leadership Team and the Muslim Students Club are working together to help a local charity. We will be collecting non-perishable food items from March 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> for the Richmond Food Bank. Here are some ideas of what you can bring.

- Canned meat and beans
- Peanut butter (especially with little or no added sugar or salt)
- Canned tomatoes, vegetables, and fruits
- Rice, pasta, whole grains, and lentils
- Soups

Please place your items in the boxes outside the office.

Thank you for your support!



### 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.



### PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. **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.



### 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!



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