



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #20

March 8, 2024

What a fantastic, busy week we have had at Mitchell! There's been shuffle dancing, skating field trips, basketball and of course, all of the learning in class!

We can now confirm that **K – Grade 5 classes will be doing a short performance to demonstrate their shuffle dancing skills on Wednesday, March 13 at 2:00 PM, and families are welcome to join us!** Grade 6 and 7 students will be in Victoria on that day, so there will not be a performance from them. Gym doors will open at 1:50.



- March 10 Ramadan begins (Ends April 9)
- March 11 Grade 6 & 7 Basketball Tournament Cambie Secondary
- March 12 PAC Meeting at 6PM
- March 13 Shuffle Dance Performance in afternoon at 2PM**
- March 13 Grade 6 & 7 student in Victoria
- March 14 Last Day before Spring Break**
- March 14 Class Colour Day
- March 15 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK STARTS**

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
Ramadan will begin on March 10 this year and many of our Muslim Firebird families will be honouring the traditions of Ramadan, including fasting, during the next weeks. Eid will fall on or around April 9 this year.

As Muslims are encouraged to be generous and increase their charitable activities during the month of Ramadan, our school's Muslim Club, led by Ms. Dewji, has been collecting goods for the Food Bank over the last week. Collection will end on Monday. Students are welcome to bring more food items on Monday morning. Thank you to all of you who have already donated so generously!

CAMBIE AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Preschool and OSC registration are coming up soon. Registration for the 2024-2025 year is available online for preschool and lottery draw for OSC on Wednesday April 3rd at 8:00am. Please see attached flyers for more information.

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) Next PAC Meeting is March 12, at 6:00 PM.
- 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 if you would like to sign up your child or for more information. All requests will remain confidential.



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.





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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.



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!