



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARENT BULLETIN #10



May 2017

Dear Mitchell Families:

Welcome to the month of May! A month that will be packed with lots of outdoor activities, Track Attack & Zone Meet, drama workshops, exciting field trips, Kindergarten orientation, secondary school tours for our Grade 7s, and many rich learning experiences in between.

Change to Registration Regulations

New student registrations for September 2017 will continue to be processed at Central Registration. In previous years, new registrations received by June 15th may have been guaranteed September placement at the catchment school, subject to the following provision: ***“A student will normally attend the school located in the catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available.”***

For this coming September 2017, the above provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school, even if the registration is received by June 15th.

Parents are encouraged to register their children for September 2017 now or as soon as possible. For more information, please check the district website or call our office and we can help.

2017 / 2018 Class Placements

At Mitchell, we work hard to ensure that each class is made up of an evenly mixed group of children, balanced in terms of gender, academic ability, social/emotional development as well as maturity. During class placement meetings, your child's teacher will provide a complete profile of each student. Parents who wish to provide additional information pertaining to their child may submit a letter to Mr. Higo no later than June 15, 2017. Please **do not request a specific teacher** as teacher assignments are subject to change.

Moving?

Please let us know if you plan on moving and/or changing schools over the summer. Thank you!

EARLY DISMISSAL

Tuesday, May 23 @ 2 p.m.

for teachers to attend their Annual General Meeting

KNITTING CLUB

Cancelled Tuesday, May 2

School District Budget Information

Two public budget meetings were held in early April to give opportunities for staff and members of the public to provide input to the 2017/18 budget. Attached is the PowerPoint presentation that was presented at these meetings.



Class and School Panorama Photos will be taken on **Monday, May 8th**. Bring your SMILE!

School Choir

Starting on May 2nd, Mme Chan (UBC Teacher Candidate) will be hosting choir practices for interested *Kindergarten to Grade 3 students*, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during lunch time. Students are to attend practices on both days in order to join the choir. We are looking forward to having a choir performance during an assembly later on this term.



The **Mitchell Garden Club** has started cleaning up our beds and doing some planting. Gardeners meet at our garden gazebo on the following Mondays:

May 8 May 15 May 29 June 12 June 19



We look forward to planting, growing and cooking together. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us anytime. Come grow with us!

Welcome to Kindergarten

On **Friday, May 26th** at 1:15 pm, we will be holding our annual “Welcome to Kindergarten” program for next year's Kindergarten students. This is an opportunity for the children to visit the school and for parents to hear about the transition to public school. We look forward to meeting all our newest students. If you have a child who will begin Kindergarten next year (September 2017) at our school and you plan to join us on Friday, May 26th, please contact the school office at 604-668-6225.

Sports Day

This special event will be held on **Friday, June 16th**, rain or shine. Parents are reminded that there will also be a food day and all students will be dismissed at approximately 1:30 pm on this day.

Track Attack and Zone Meet

Students in Grades 4 to 7 will be participating in the District Zone Track & Field Meet on **Tuesday, May 30th** at Minoru Oval. Track Attack practices will begin on Tuesday, May 2nd and will take place from 1:15-2:15 pm on Tuesdays through to Fridays, weather permitting. Students are divided into grade and gender groups to practise a variety of track and field events. Please ensure that your child has runners and comfortable clothing (shorts, sweat pants, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) to participate.

Everyone is welcome to join us on May 30th at Minoru and cheer on the Mitchell team. We will be looking for parent support in transporting students to and from the event. Stay tuned for more information.



Returning Late in September?

September seems so far away but some families are beginning to make summer plans. The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year will be Tuesday, September 5th. If your child will be late returning to school after the first day, you **MUST** let us know by filling out a Notice of Late Return form. This will ensure that we keep a spot for your child. If we do not have a completed form for your child and you do not return on time, your child will be withdrawn from the school and will need to be re-registered. In the event that an unforeseen family circumstance occurs during the summer, which causes an unexpected late return to the school, please advise the school as soon as possible so that your child's place in the school is reserved (email: mitchell@sd38.bc.ca).

Lost and Found

Lost items are overflowing in the bin by the Multipurpose Room and are eagerly waiting to be reunited with their respective owners. Please have a look before we donate any unclaimed items to a local charity at the end of this term.



PAC Corner

April Movie Night – a Success!

It was great to see so many families at our recent movie night. We hope everyone had a great time! Our sincere thanks to the following businesses and individuals for their generous support of our April Movie Night:

- Church's Chicken (Cambie)
- Shopper's Drug Mart (Cambie)
- CDI College
- E. & M. Lee Family
- Z. Poonia Family

May PAC Meeting

Please join us at the next PAC meeting on Thursday, May 4th at 6 pm, in the school library.

May Food Days will be on **Tues., May 9, 2017** (pizza) and **Wed., May 31, 2017** (Church's Chicken – pre-order).

PAC Fundraising

If your family likes to order pizza from Boston Pizza (on Ackroyd), please ensure that you put your receipt marked Mitchell Elementary in the box at the main entrance of Boston Pizza, as we get a small percentage of profits from them. Funds raised will go to support our PAC and school initiatives.

Popsicles and Ice Cream! Every Friday (except Pro D Days), our PAC will be selling popsicles (50 cents) and ice cream sandwiches (\$1.00) in our Multipurpose Room. Come get yourself a treat!



PRO D DAYS FOR 2017-2018

Friday, September 22, 2017
Friday, October 20, 2017
Friday, November 24, 2017
Friday, January 26, 2018
Friday, February 23, 2018
Friday, May 18, 2018
Thursday, June 28, 2018

Dates to Remember:

May 1	Pro D Day – No School
May 4	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm
May 8	Class, Groups & Panorama Photo
May 9	PAC Pizza Day
May 10	Grade 7 Tours at Cambie & McRoberts
May 12	Richmond Heritage Fair
May 22	Victoria Day – No School
May 23	Early Dismissal @ 2 pm
May 26	Welcome to Kindergarten @ 1:15 pm
May 30	Track Meet at Minoru Oval
May 31	PAC Hot Lunch – Church's Chicken Pre-Order)
June 1	Grade 7 Family Dinner @ Cambie Secondary
June 9	Olympic Day at the Oval
June 15	Canada's 150 th Birthday Celebration @ 4-6 pm
June 16	Sports Day
June 22	Grade 7 Dance @ 12:20-2 pm
June 23	Grade 7 Graduation @ 9 am
June 28	Reports go home
June 29	Farewell Assembly @ 9 am