



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #1

September, 2019



Welcome back to another exciting year at Mitchell Elementary! We'd like to thank our incredible parent community for your support in getting the

students ready for a successful return to school. We're looking forward to another fun-filled and rewarding year! As you may be aware, the School District decided late last week that we would be adding an extra division into our school to bring us back up to 19 divisions for the 2019-2020 school year. At this point we are still working with the district towards filling a number of teaching positions. We are still working toward finding: a grade 6/7 EFI Teacher (currently being filled by Mr. Amri); a grade 5/6 Teacher (currently being filled by Mr. Mah); a part-time music teacher (currently being filled by Mr. Butcher); and a full-time Resource Teacher (currently being filled by Mrs. Dossan). We are hopeful that we will have these positions filled soon!

### STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome a few new staff members who have joined the Mitchell team this year:  
Ms. Allison Lau - Grade 3/4  
(Temporary until January filling in Mrs. Anita Lau who is on leave.)



Mr. Jordan Hirayama - Resource (Temporary for Mrs. Billinger who is on leave)  
Mrs. Susan Garrett – Band (Temporary for Mrs. Nieva-Carter who is on leave)  
Ms. Dianne Hansen - Educational Assistant  
Ms. Salva Rizwan - Educational Assistant  
Ms. Natalie Klassen - Speech and Language Pathologist

### PAC MEETINGS

Our first PAC meeting is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Library from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. Newcomers are always welcome



and our PAC can be reached at [mitchellpac@mail.com](mailto:mitchellpac@mail.com)

### STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> is Photo Day here at Mitchell. Mountain West Studios will be taking individual pictures for families to purchase, if they choose. Information packages will be sent home shortly.



### STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS:

We have sent home a package of permission forms and information forms to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher. It is important that we have up-to-date information, including contact numbers and appropriate medical information. During the year if anything changes please let Mrs. Davidson know in the office as soon as possible.



**ALLERGY ALERT:** All families should be aware that Mitchell School has many students with severe, life threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be designated nut

free in order to protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If at all possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.

### WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH



Please be aware 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.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed for our first Professional Development Day of the year on **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**.



### MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that require him/her to be given *prescribed* medication at school, please ensure you complete a Request for Administration of Medication form and return it, along with the medication, to the school office. Thank you for working with us to ensure the health and safety of our students.



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### PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Just a friendly reminder to parents that our hallways and foyer can get very crowded at the start and end of the day. Whenever possible, please help minimize the crowding by dropping off and picking up students outside of the school. Thanks for your support!

### TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run is scheduled for next week on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and has appropriate running shoes.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

Mitchell School is pleased to announce that our Breakfast Club services have already started this year in the Multi-Purpose Room. Children are invited to Breakfast Club on Mondays through Fridays, starting at about 7:50 a.m. and ending at 8:20 a.m. Children must stay in Breakfast Club until 8:20 a.m. Volunteers come from Ironwood Clay, Worksafe BC, Platinum ProClaim, Fraserview Church, and the Richmond Food Bank. We enjoy grilled cheese toast, cereal, fruit, eggs and sausages, depending on the day of the week.

### STRONGSTART AT MITCHELL

StrongStart is a drop-in program for pre-schoolers and their parents and is located in Room 112 with a separate entrance (Door 15), off our playground. We are open from 8:45 am to 11:15 am and from 12:15-2:45 pm.

### EARLY WARNING, ABSENCES, AND LATE ARRIVALS



Please inform the school by written note or 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, every effort will be made to reach a parent or an emergency contact to determine if a student is supposed to be present at school. Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are required to report to the office for a late slip.

### SCHOOL HOURS 2019-2020

School Opens 8:30 a.m.  
Classes Start 8:45 a.m.  
Recess 10:20 – 10:35 a.m.  
Lunch 12:00 – 12:52 p.m.  
School ends 2:45 p.m.

### BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again, the school district will make available student school supplies at a cost of \$30.00. This covers the cost of such basics as exercise books, duotangs, paper, pencils, erasers, crayons, rulers, scrapbooks, glue, construction paper, paints and other art supplies. Other individual items required beyond those supplied by the school, such as binders, pens, marker pens, and gym clothes will be communicated to you by your child's teacher.

### MITCHELL STAFF 2019-2020

Mr. Wiens	Gr. 6/7
Ms. Mathers	Gr. 6/7
TBA	Gr. 6/7 EFI
Ms. Wyatt	Gr. 5/6
Mr. Genge	Gr. 5/6
TBA	Gr. 5/6
Mme Taub	Gr. 5/6 EFI
Mme Chang Dar Woon	Gr. 4/5 EFI
Mrs. Harrison	Gr. 3/4
Ms. A. Lau (Temporary)	Gr. 3/4
Mme Wong	Gr. 2/3 EFI
Mrs. Wang	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. House	Gr. 2
Mme Hickey	Gr. 1/2 EFI
Ms. Yip	Gr. K/1
Ms. S. Lau	Gr. K/1
Mr. Cheng	Gr. K/1
Mme Dewji	Gr. K/1 EFI
Mme Szeto	Gr. K EFI
Mme La Pierre	Library
Mrs. Bansal	Resource
Mr. Hirayama (Temporary)	Resource
Ms. Kullman	Resource
Ms. Lee	Resource
TBA	Resource
Mrs. Garrett (Temporary)	Band
Ms. Huang (Temporary)	Counsellor
Ms. Klassen	Speech and Language
Mrs. Edwards	Education Assistant
Mrs. Goldberg	Education Assistant
Ms. Graham	Education Assistant
Ms. Griffith	Education Assistant
Ms. Hansen	Education Assistant
Ms. Kaur	Education Assistant
Mrs. MacFarlane	Education Assistant
Mrs. Mehat	Education Assistant
Ms. Reynolds	Education Assistant
Ms. Rizwan	Education Assistant
Ms. Virk	Education Assistant
Mrs. White	Education Assistant
Ms. Azoun	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. E. Poon	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. A. Poon	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mr. Rimando	Custodian
Mr. Tangan	Custodian
Mrs. Soriano	Custodian (mornings)
Mrs. Naverniuk	StrongStart