



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARENT BULLETIN #5



December 15, 2016

On behalf of the staff here at the school, we would like to wish all of our Mitchell families a safe, happy and fun-filled holiday. We hope you enjoy the upcoming break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on January 3rd.

Mr. Higo and Mme Marin



Communicating Student Learning (aka "Report Cards")

Today, Term One reports will come home and you may notice that they look more concise than in previous years. As you know, this year marks the beginning of the implementation of the New Curriculum. Along with changes in the curriculum, come changes in reporting. For one, the format of the report cards is different, as Richmond School District is now using a reporting platform provided by the Ministry of Education. As in the past, letter grades are used for intermediate students and performance scales are used for primary students as an indication of achievement.

Probably the most significant change is that there is no longer any place to report on effort (G, S or N) for Intermediate students. As educators, we always encourage students to try their best. Effort is an important aspect of learning and one that can help students greatly in life. As we feel that it is important for you to know how much effort your child is putting into work at school, it will be reported on anecdotally in the "Term comments" section that is now found at the end of the report card. This section also includes goals and ways to support learning.

There is also a change in curriculum areas. Two new areas, **Applied Design, Skills and Technology** and **Career Education**, will be taught and reported on for all students in Grades K-7. Check out the Ministry of Education website (<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>) for more information about these and other subjects as they relate to your child.

Students in Grades K-5 will not receive comments or grades/performance scales (NM = No Mark) until the final term. Gr. 6 and 7 students will receive term comments in all reporting periods and a grade in the final term. As well, two familiar subjects have been renamed; Physical Education is now **Physical and Health Education** and Fine Arts is now **Arts Education**.

Please take time to talk to your child about his/her report card, to celebrate progress made and to discuss upcoming goals for the New Year. Thank you for supporting your child's learning.



Looking ahead to the New Year ...

Bollywood Dance Workshops

We are excited to introduce students to Bollywood dancing on **January 11-13** and **January 18-20**. Classes will have the opportunity to showcase their learning at a school-wide performance on Friday afternoon, January 20th. Thanks to our PAC for sponsoring part of the cost of this dance workshop. The cost for each student will be **\$3.50**.

Next PAC Meeting

The Mitchell PAC will meet next on **Thursday, January 5** at 6 pm in the library. Please come join us!

Friday, January 27, 2017

No School for Students

Professional Development Day

Let's Talk SD 38 Online Survey Regarding Assessment and Reporting

This online survey will focus on BC's new curriculum in Richmond particularly, the topic of assessment and reporting. The district is encouraging parents to complete a survey about current and future directions on assessment and reporting. The survey will be live until the middle of January. The information gathered will help us inform future directions. Please go to the website www.sd38.bc.ca for a link to the survey. The district wants to hear your ideas on this topic.



Kindergarten Registration

All Kindergarten registrations are now taken at the School Board Office. Please check the district website, www.sd38.bc.ca for information about documents required to register.

Transfer Applications

Transfers to a non-catchment school will be accepted between January 9 and February 10, 2017. Parents will need to complete a Transfer Form, have the catchment school initial it before submitting it to the requested school. Transfers submitted after February 10 and before June 16, 2017 will be placed on a waitlist until June 21, 2017.

District Program Options

Applications for our French Immersion or Montessori programs are currently being accepted at our School Board Office. Registration for Early French Immersion and Montessori must be done by 4:00 pm on January 11 and Late French Immersion registration closes at 4:00 pm on January 18.



Our sincerest thanks to ...
Steveston Men's Support Group
for their recent donation to our school's programs.

Safe Drivers ...

Thank you to all of the drivers who drive slowly through our parking lot especially in the recent icy road conditions. We appreciate it. We also want to remind everyone that our handicapped parking spots are reserved for families of children with special needs and health concerns. As well, parents leaving the parking lot need to exit by turning right only. Your good citizenship sets a good example for our students.



Kids Healthy Eating Plate



Healthy

Treats for the Holiday Season

By Carolyn Frail, PHEC, BASc Food and Nutrition

Tips and

The holiday season is upon us! Amidst the festivities, parents are faced with the challenge of trying to keep up with their children's healthy eating habits, while still indulging in the delicious foods that the holiday season has to offer. Many store-bought kid-friendly holiday treats are loaded with fat and sugar.

However, here are some easy tips to keep your holiday treats healthy:

- When baking cookies or other traditional baked goods, try experimenting with whole-wheat flour instead of white flour.
- Keep lots of cut up fruit and veggies on hand for easy grab and go snacking. Get your children involved with the shopping and ask them to choose at least one fruit and vegetable to try.



Winter Program at ChildFirst Childcare

Childfirst is a quality, licensed childcare centre dedicated to providing the very best childcare possible at Mitchell School. During the Winter Break, ChildFirst Childcare is open and welcomes students of all ages to join them in their fun winter program. For more information, please call 604-276-8906 or email cfcc_tbw@shaw.ca

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 3	Term 2 begins
Jan. 5	PAC Meeting @ 6 pm
Jan. 11-13	Bollywood Dance Workshops
Jan. 18-20	Bollywood Dance Workshops
Jan. 20	Bollywood Dance Show @ 1:15 pm
Jan. 27	Pro D Day – No School
Feb. 3-9	EFI Grade 6/7 Quebec Trip
Feb. 13	Family Day – No School
Feb. 21/23	Parent Teacher Conferences–Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm
Feb. 21/23	Scholastic Book Fair

Ready Set Learn 2017



MORNING EVENTS
9:30 - 11:00

WILL PERFORMS ON:

January 11
GRAUER
4440 Blundell Rd.
January 18
FERRIS
7520
Sunnymede Cr.
January 25
GEN. CURRIE
8220 General
Currie Rd.
February 1
ERRINGTON
9831 Herbert Rd.
February 8
TOMSETT
9671 Odlin Rd.
March 1
THOMPSON
6211 Forsythe Cr.



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AFTERNOON EVENTS
1:00 - 2:30

WILL PERFORMS ON:

January 11
HAMILTON
5180 Smith Dr.
January 18
KINGSWOOD
11511 King Rd.
January 25
COOK
8600 Cook Rd.
February 1
STEVES
10111 Fourth Ave.
February 8
DIEFENBAKER
4511 Hermitage Dr.
March 1
MITCHELL
12091 Cambie Rd.

Ready Set Learn 2017

COME TO A FREE CONCERT WITH WILL STROET AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN ACTIVITIES!

You and your pre-school aged child are invited. Events take place January-March and are free!

WE HAVE ACTIVITY STATIONS PLANNED!
This year we will highlight Aboriginal culture.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Information: **Marie Thom**,
Early Learning Teacher Consultant 604-668-6000 EXT 3270

CAMBIE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS HEY GIRLFRIEND!

DATE:

January 9 - March 6
Every Monday
3:00-4:30pm
Cancel Date: Feb 13

LOCATION:

East Richmond Community Hall
12360 Cambie Road

PRICE:

\$40.50 for 9 sessions

CLASS NUMBER:

1657160

WHO:

Girls in grade 5, 6, or 7



Hang out with highschool girls for a fun afternoon of talking, games, and activities!
We go on field trips too!

Activities include:
Cooking and baking, DIY projects, manicures, sports, and much more!



PROGRAM IS ADULT SUPERVISED

HOW TO REGISTER:



Call Centre: 604-276-4300
Cambie: 604-238-8399



Online:
www.richmond.ca/register



In Person:
M-F: 7:00 am - 9:45 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 8:45 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am - 9:45 pm

