



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 6 - October 17, 2025

This short week went by very fast! Students have been enjoying the gorgeous sunny weather. We see lots of classes engaging in learning activities outside. We conducted an earthquake drill on Thursday, for the Great BC Shakeout. Students and staff did very well and knew what to do to stay safe during an earthquake! If you know a family with a child born in 2021, please let them know that information regarding K registration will be coming out very soon!

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Oct. 20 - Happy Diwali!

Oct. 22-23 - Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 24 - Pro-D - No school

Oct. 30 - Free reading workshop for grade 1 families (9:30 in Library)

Oct. 31 - Halloween

Nov. 3, 5 & 7 - Pow Wow Dancing workshops

Nov. 4 - Photo retakes



Parent-teacher Conferences

Our Fall conferences will be on Oct. 22 and 23. On those days, students will have early dismissal. During the conferences, you should expect to have an update on literacy and numeracy, core competencies, and social-emotional development. At this time, you should have booked an appointment with your child's teacher, so if it's not the case, please send them an email asap!

Are you curious to know more about Mitchell? Please go to our school website, where you'll find updates on our school goal and more at: mitchell.sd38.bc.ca



Cultural Celebrations

At Mitchell, we strive to create a safe, caring and welcoming atmosphere for all our students and staff. We encourage our students to learn about a variety of cultural celebrations. Learning about various celebrations directly supports BC's elementary curriculum by fostering identity, diversity and social responsibility, especially in the curricular areas of Social Studies and Language Arts. With Diwali, Halloween and the Holiday season right around the corner, we wish to remind our community of this.

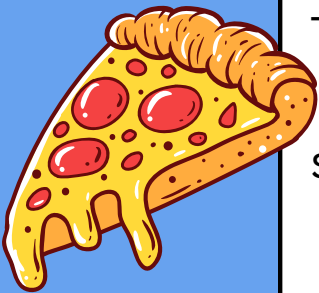
Be prepared for the weather

We are reminding families to send their children to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. We go out rain or shine! We also recommend for students to have sunscreen in their bags, as well as a hat for protection. Students should all have a refillable water bottle as well.



Hot Lunches

Thanks to the PAC's contribution, the school is able to provide hot lunches on PAC hot lunch days to students whose families couldn't otherwise offer it. If you are interested in Mme Val ordering hot lunch with your child, please email at vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca. We will start this program in November.



Halloween Costumes



On Friday, October 31, students may choose to wear a costume to school for Halloween. There is absolutely no obligation for anyone to dress up for the day. If your child wears a costume to school, please consider the following guidelines to ensure it is school appropriate:

- 1) Culture (Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks, etc.), race (black face/brown face, etc.) and religion (nun, priest habit, hijab, etc.) are NOT costumes. We must be sensitive to groups who have, in the past, been marginalized by mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other “dress up” events.
- 2) Gender identity and sexual orientation are not costumes. Gender switching and stereotyping for humour is hurtful and harmful.
- 3) Safety. Weapons, even plastic ones, will not be accepted at school. They represent a safety issue, and could cause harm when played with unsafely. Masks will not be accepted as we need to see students’ faces.
- 4) Gory and violent costumes are too scary for most of our younger students and are not appropriate for elementary school.
- 5) Let’s think about our ecological footprint. Is there a costume that could be reused or borrowed from a friend? Could you perhaps consider making your costume yourself from recycled materials?



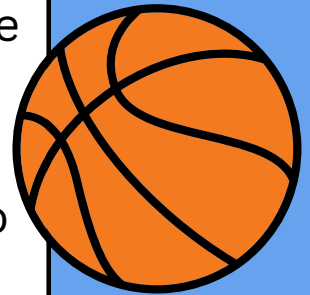


Allergy Alert

Please be aware that Mitchell School has many students with severe, life-threatening allergies food allergies. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. Please do not send food to school containing nuts or peanuts.

Looking for a Basketball Coach

We are looking for someone who would be willing to volunteer to coach our boys' basketball team after the winter break. Practices are usually after school twice per week, and the games schedule has yet to be developed. Mme Val or Ms. Norman will be present to sponsor and supervise, but unfortunately, we do not have the skills to coach basketball.



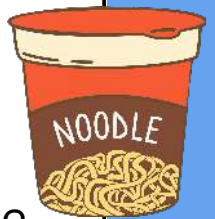
Important Lunch Reminders

We are reminding families that it is always best to send lunch with your child in the morning, to avoid unnecessary worries and concerns for children. While we understand that sometimes, families need to adjust their plans at the last minute, we have noticed an increase in lunch drop-offs at school throughout the mornings and lunch break. Many children worry about their lunch not being at school on time, so it is always best to have it packed and ready to go to school with them in the morning. **Please note that food deliveries (Skip, Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.) are not permitted at school.** We thank you for your understanding.

Backpack Buddies Program

As a part of our Feeding Futures initiatives, we are partnering with Backpack Buddies again this year (backpackbuddies.ca) to support some families with food security for the weekends. If your family would benefit from receiving food packages for your children every week, please email Mme Val at vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca to have us add you to our list. If you were part of the program last school year and no longer wish or need to be part of it, please also email Mme Val with this information.

Please note that students and/or their parents are responsible for carrying the food packages home. The school cannot deliver food packages to students' homes. Food packages are for children attending Mitchell only.



Our lost and found is very full and we now need two tables for all of it! While you are in the school next week for parent-teacher conferences, please make sure to stop by and look through for any item that may belong to your family. This is also a reminder to please identify your children's belongings so that we may return them promptly when found.

FIREBIRD CORNER

SCHOOL HOURS

CLASSES START: 8:45

RECESS: 10:10 - 10:25

LUNCH RECESS: 11:50 - 12:20

LUNCH BREAK: 12:20 - 12:42

CLASSES END: 2:45

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



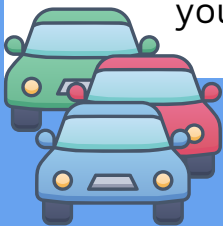
VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The main doors to the school remain unlocked during office hours from 8:00 – 3:15. Visitors are **required to check into the office** when entering the building. This is for everyone's safety. Thanks for your cooperation!



PARKING/TRAFFIC AT MITCHELL

Help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. 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 that there are no left turns permitted before and after school when leaving our parking lot. Thanks for your cooperation!



IN CASE OF ABSENCE OR LATE ARRIVAL

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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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

HOT LUNCHES & TREAT DAYS



DATE RESTAURANT

Mon, November 3rd Olive Pasta

Wed, November 5th TCBY

Fri, November 7th Just Poke

Fri, November 14th Fukuroku

Mon, November 17th Olive Pasta

Fri, November 21st White Spot

Thu, November 27th Pizza Hut

Mon, December 1st Olive Pasta

Fri, December 5th Taco Luis

Fri, December 12th Fukuroku

Mon, December 15th Olive Pasta

Fri, December 19th Fusion Feast

REMINDERS:

ORDERS ARE DUE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO HOT LUNCH DATE

WWW.MUNCHALUNCH.COM/SCHOOLS/MITCHELL

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what's going on @ Mitchell Elementary,
through
Mitchell Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**



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