



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 24 - April 17, 2026

What a great week it has been at Mitchell! Classes accomplished lots in the garden and we are reminding all community members to stay out of garden beds and soil, including around the gazebo. On April 28, we will invite you to participate in an event to plan for the summer garden. Please read more about this in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

**April 23 - Term 2 Formal
Communication of Learning on
MyEd**

**April 28 - Jeremy Fisher Concert
and PAC sponsored lunch for all!**

**May 7 - Music In Our Schools at
Gateway Theatre (evening)**

May 12 - PAC AGM at 6PM in Library

**May 13 - Math Night at Mitchell (4
to 6 PM) all are encouraged to join!**

May 15 & 18 - NO SCHOOL

Term 2 Reporting

Teachers have been hard at work writing Term 2 reports to inform you of your child's progress. These reports will be available on April 23, on the MyEd Portal. Please make sure to log in and to save or print a copy of your child's report. For login instructions, please visit our website:
<https://mitchell.sd38.bc.ca/news/2023/12/myed-parent-portal>

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



A few reminders...



Dressing for the weather

Please remember to check the weather report before sending your child to school, and to send your children dressed appropriately. Spring tends to bring ever changing weather, so we need to be on the lookout. We have also started track practices, so intermediate students should have good sports shoes, a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat.

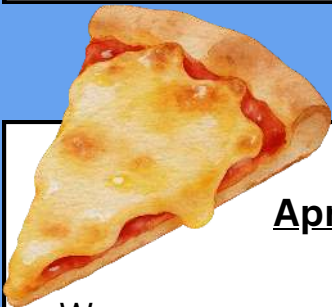
Snacks and lunches

Please send nutritious, filling snacks and lunches for your children. We have seen an increase in our community fridge usage. We are reminding students and their families that food from our fridge is meant to supplement what is sent from home, not replace it.



Start of the day

This is a reminder that school starts at 8:45, and students should be ready to come in at 8:40. Students who are late must report to the office before going to class.



April 28 - Special Event - PAC Sponsored Lunch!

We are very excited to announce a special concert coming to Mitchell on April 28! Thanks to Mr. Wiens hard work and PAC support, we will have famous children's musician Jeremy Fisher (from Jeremy and Jazzy!) in concert at Mitchel on the afternoon of April 28. In honour of his song "Pizza Party", we will be hosting our very own pizza party sponsored by PAC after the concert! **Every student will receive cheese pizza to eat, completely free of charge!** We are very excited for this fun community event and are grateful to PAC for their support of the event.

On April 28, please send your child with a light lunch or extra snack, as the pizza party will take place later than our usual eating time!

Exciting Garden Program at Mitchell School

We are very excited to share that Mitchell School has been fortunate to receive a garden grant through SPEC this year. As part of this initiative, we are working with Master Gardener, Ms. Sharlene Singh.

Over the next few months, 10 classes will be working with Ms. Sharlene to prepare, plant, maintain, and harvest our school garden. The program has already begun. We started with a compost party last week, during which classes distributed three yards of organic compost into our garden beds.

Planting is now underway! We currently have a variety of items planted, including kale, carrots, and arctic char, and we are looking forward to eventually sampling the “fruits”—or rather, vegetables—of our labour. There will be plenty more to come! We have plans for summer gardening and would love parent input and support. Ms. Sharlene will be hosting a parent information meeting in the school library on:

Tuesday, April 28
Shortly after 2:45 p.m.

This meeting is open to all parents who are interested in learning more about the program and how they may be involved.

About Ms. Sharlene:

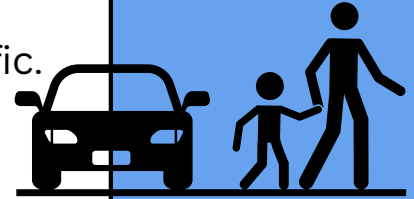
Ms. Sharlene is an Environmental Educator with a deep passion for gardening. She has created a special pollinator garden that attracts many beneficial insects, including various species of bees, butterflies, wasps, and even hummingbirds. In her spare time, she enjoys giving back to her community through volunteering, spending time with family, and participating in outdoor activities such as hiking, paddle boarding, and travelling.

We are thrilled to offer this enriching hands-on learning experience to our students and look forward to growing together as a school community.

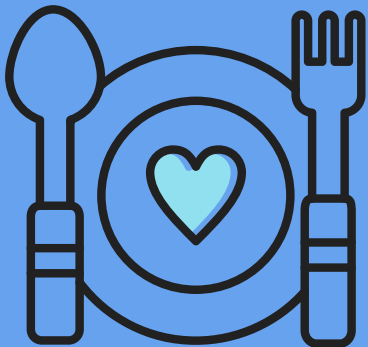
Pick-Up/Drop-Off Reminders

Let's all work together to keep our students safe! Please follow these rules to ensure smooth pick-ups and drop-offs for everyone:

- Do NOT double park. This creates congestion and traffic.
- If you need to park, use a parking space.
- Go slow! 10km/h.
- Do NOT park in the traffic circle. You can stop to do a very quick drop-off only.
- Pedestrians have priority at the crossing. Politely and patiently wait.
- Dismount and walk bicycles and e-scooters when entering the parking lot and on school sidewalks.
- Walk in designated areas (pathways, sidewalks, crosswalks).
- Be polite, courteous and respectful at all times.



Thank you for your cooperation.



Universal Hot Lunch

The Richmond School District has given the go-ahead for all students to receive a hot lunch on the following upcoming dates:

- April 15;
- May 6 & 20;
- June 3 & 17

We encourage all families to participate. An email has been sent to all families to inform you of the ordering process. Please call the office if you need assistance with ordering.



Updated Procedures for Volunteers/Volunteer Drivers

All SD38 schools will now require all driver volunteers to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC). Other volunteers may be required by school administration to complete a CRC, depending on the nature of the volunteering activity, including chaperoning field trips. This is a simple procedure and can be completed online. It takes 5-10 minutes. Teachers will provide families with a QR code and our organization's code when families need to complete this.

We will also ask volunteers to provide the following information to the office:

- Completed volunteer form
- Copy of CRC completion confirmation email
- Copy of proof of insurance (for drivers only)
- Admin will continue to complete a driver's licence check (for drivers only)

CRC's are valid for 2 calendar years.

District volunteer forms are valid for one school year.

Parents/guardians with several children attending Mitchell only need to complete their CRC/volunteer form once.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement these important safety guidelines at Mitchell. We are very appreciative for all our volunteers and are looking forward to more fun field trips.

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

This is a reminder to remain courteous and respectful in our parking lot.

Help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. Respect the 10km/h speed limit. 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.





MIOS Ticket Sales



All tickets for MIOS are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
All tickets for MIOS are General Seating.

Purchasing Instructions

Booking MIOS Gateway Theatre Online Tickets:

Click Link:

[https://www.gatewaytheatre.com
/events/music-in-our-schools-
2026/](https://www.gatewaytheatre.com/events/music-in-our-schools-2026/)

Scan QR Code:



Instructions:

- Select the correct show date for your school event
- Select "Buy Tickets"
- Enter how many tickets you wish to purchase
- If you do not have an account, you will be taken to a page asking for personal details, which you must fill out (name and phone number is all that's required)
- After you have made your purchase, you have the option to finish setting up your account with an online password
- Once you are in the account, you must choose a method of delivery
- Select "Receive my Tickets as e-Tickets" or "Collect my Tickets at the box office"

We hope to see you at

**Music In Our Schools
2026**



HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.



The complete code of conduct
is available online at:

sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct