



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #3

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Richmond School
District 38 is excited to

welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2017, turning 5 in 2022. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2022. Online registration opened on November 1, 2021. Please visit our website at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs. Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 4, 2022.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our next Professional Development Day will be this Monday, November 22nd. School will be closed that day as staff engage in various opportunities on this Professional Development Day.



SNOW DAYS

With the onset of colder weather, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. Our school will remain open if at all possible. No announcement will

be made saying that schools will be open. **Only closures will be announced** via radio on CKNW AM 980, News AM 1130, CBC AM 690, Fairchild AM 1470, CHQM FM 103.5. Closures will be announced as early as possible. Please do not phone the school to check if school is open, as staff will be busy ensuring students are safe.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports for students in Divisions 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 will be sent home on December 16th. This is a wonderful time to celebrate your child's learning, and set goals for the coming term. As you look at your child's report card, take the time to highlight and discuss your child's achievements, both academically and socially. Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 are participating in the Ministry of Education's Communicating Student Learning Grant, and will be sending home Mid-Year Summary Reports in February.



SPIRIT DAYS

Our Student Leadership team is hard at work organizing some fun Spirit Days as we look toward Winter Break. Friday, November 26th is "Twin Day", where students are encouraged to partner up and dress alike. Three weeks later on Friday, December 17th it will be Pyjama Day here at Mitchell Elementary! Come to school dressed in your cozy pyjamas, as we ease our way into our Winter Break on that day.



PAC MEETINGS

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, November 24th on Zoom from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. All parents are invited to attend and a Zoom invite will be sent out before the meeting. Newcomers are always welcome and our PAC can be reached at mitchellpac@mail.com

MASK WEARING AT SCHOOL

Just a friendly reminder that all students are required to wear masks indoors at school. Please ensure your child has a mask, as well as an extra mask if possible in case their mask gets dirty throughout the day.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. **Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone.**



Nov. 22	Pro-D Day – No School
Nov. 26	Twin Day
Dec. 16	Report Cards Home
Dec. 17	Pyjama Day
Dec. 17	Last Day Before Winter Break
Dec. 18-Jan. 3	Winter Break
Jan. 4	School Re-Opens



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What you need to know as a parent about Accident Insurance

Accidents can and do happen! Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, on field trips, while participating in non-school activities, or at home.

Our School District does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan.

Most accident related expenses are not fully covered under any plans and expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care may not be covered at all. This leaves the parent/guardian financially responsible for these unexpected and usually hefty expenses. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance, which provides coverage for these types of costs. As a convenience to you, the District has made an arrangement to offer student accident insurance through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada's insuremykids® program. Participation is voluntary but highly recommended and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. Available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- **Dental expenses**, includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- **Total and permanent disability**, up to \$350,000
- **Loss of limb/loss of sight, hearing or speech**
- **Accidental death**
- **Ambulance fees**
- **And more!**

The insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17.00 per year for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week coverage. The most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year and it includes out of province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. There are also premium savings for optional 3-Year and 5-Year plans when purchasing online.

For more information or to purchase directly online, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.