



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #5

February, 2022



### PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. All members of the Mitchell community are encouraged to show their support to erase bullying by wearing pink on that day.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> online.



These conferences are a great opportunity to connect with the school and discuss your child's learning. Teachers will be sending information home to schedule conference times.

**Please note that these two dates are Early Dismissal Days with 1:45 dismissal times to accommodate the conferences.**



### 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.



### SPRING BREAK

Just a reminder that Spring break is not too far away! Please note that the last day of school before the break this year is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and we return to school on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.



### PRO-D DAY

A reminder that Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is our next Professional Development Day and students will not attend school on this day.

### FAMILY DAY

A reminder that Family Day is Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and school will be closed that day.



### CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year was Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to wish all of our families who celebrate Chinese New Year a happy and prosperous year ahead.



### MITCHELL ON INSTAGRAM

Check us out on our new Instagram account: @mitchellfirebirds



### PAC MEETINGS

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



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| Feb. 15 & 16 | Parent/Teacher Conferences<br><b>1:45 Dismissal</b> |
| Feb. 18      | Pro-D Day – No School                               |
| Feb. 21      | Family Day – No School                              |
| Feb. 23      | Pink Shirt Day                                      |
| Feb. 23      | PAC Meeting   |
| Mar. 12-27   | Spring Break  |



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Dear Community Members,

Many people are unsure of where to look in a time of crisis. If they have children they might seek help from the schools, if they have faith perhaps a church. Others simply do not know where to turn to.

At Chimo Community Services we have four programs in the housing department for members of the Richmond Community.

**Rentbank:** A short term interest free loan for those behind in rent or utilities or who cannot afford the upcoming rent or utility bill.

**Homeless Outreach Program:** Outreach and advocacy related to housing inquiries. This program aims to help community members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness connect to housing related services.

**Homeless Prevention Program:** Sponsored by BC Housing, this program provides a short term (12 month) rental subsidy. This is for families/individuals that are homeless or at risk of homelessness AND one of the following; feeling violence, Indigenous, leaving prison, leaving the hospital or youth leaving foster care.

**Transitional Housing:** Emergency housing for woman fleeing violence and Second Stage Housing

In addition Chimo offers counseling services, outreach and advocacy, newcomer settlement services, family law, and the crisis line.

If your team would like more information regarding any of the programs, I would be happy to meet in person or via Zoom.

**Kirsten Fotty**, (she/her/hers)  
*Housing Outreach Program Coordinator*

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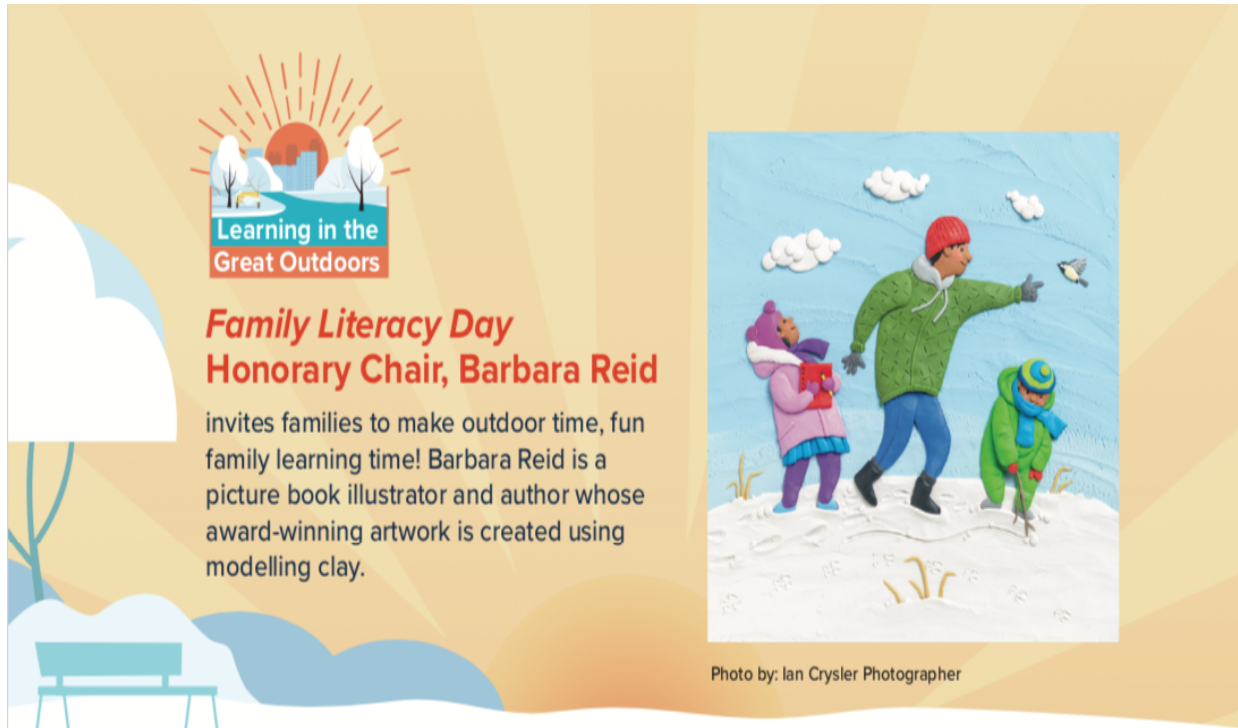


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**Family Literacy Day  
Honorary Chair, Barbara Reid**

invites families to make outdoor time, fun family learning time! Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.




Photo by: Ian Crysler Photographer

### 1. Outdoor scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

### 2. Create a nature journal

Using a notebook, draw pictures and write stories about the different outdoor areas you've explored and the trees or animals you've come across.

### 3. Learn about winter species

Research online or at the library about winter birds and other animals in your region. Then, next time you're outside, see if you can find any of the species you've learned about.

### 4. Nature hike

Get some fresh air and exercise while practicing your math. Time your hike, work out the distance, and calculate your average speed on your hike.

### 5. Make story stones

Find rocks outside and draw a different nature-themed picture on each. Then take turns telling stories using the stones.

### 6. Head in the clouds

Look at the different clouds in the sky and see if the shapes of the clouds look like familiar objects, such as animals or people.

### 7. Number walk

As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars—anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.

### 8. Snow art

Use emptied dish soap bottles filled with water and food colouring to write messages and draw in the snow.

### 9. A course of course

Build an obstacle course in your backyard or at a park and draw a map of how to go through it from beginning to end.

### 10. Adopt a tree

Pick a nearby tree that is special to you and spend time observing and learning about the tree.

Find more fun family learning activities at:  
**FamilyLiteracyDay.ca**

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