



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #1

September, 2022



Welcome back to another exciting year at Mitchell Elementary! We'd like to thank our incredible parent community for your support in getting the

students ready for a successful return to school. We're looking forward to another fun-filled and rewarding year! We are hopeful that this marks the beginning of a "return to normal" as we gradually make our way out of COVID-19 restrictions and begin to return to our pre-pandemic activities and procedures.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome a number of new and returning staff members who have joined the Mitchell team this year:

- Mme Froese (Grade 4/5 EFI for Mme Taub)
- Ms. Li (Grade 5/6)
- Ms. Fedoruk (Teacher Librarian)
- Mr. Field (LRT/ELL for Mme Billinger)
- Ms. Ibbott (LRT/ELL)
- Ms. Willms (EA)
- Mme Szeto (K EFI)
- Mme Sandhu (Grade 1 EFI)
- Ms. Moss (Grade 2/3 for Ms. Lau)
- Ms. Powell (Grade 4/5 for Mr. Genge)
- Mr. Wiens (Band/Music Teacher)
- Mr. Baines (LRT/ELL part-time)
- Mr. Fung (EA – for Ms. Mehat)
- Mr. Juric (Counsellor)
- Ms. Mo (Noon-Hour Supervisor)
- Ms. Ghazi (Noon-Hour Supervisor)

PAC MEETINGS

Mitchell Parent Advisory Council is gearing up for an amazing 2022-23 school year! We are excited to connect with families and to work with you and for you



to enhance your children's school experience! Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the school Library. Check out the school website (<https://mitchell.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council/>) and Mitchell PAC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MitchellElementaryPAC>) for more details on PAC.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our first Professional Development Day will be on Friday, September 23rd. School will be closed that day as staff engage in various opportunities on this provincial Professional Development Day.



WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH

Just a reminder that children at Mitchell will be going outside rain or shine during recess and lunch breaks. We believe that being able to go outside, breathe lots of fresh oxygen and move around is very good for children's well-being and ability to learn. A well-known Norwegian quote tells us "There is no bad weather, only bad clothing." With this in mind, please make sure your child has adequate clothing for outside, even in the rain. Please provide them with a change of socks and shoes, rainproof coat with hood or hat and possibly an umbrella.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that require him/her to be given *prescribed* medication at school, please ensure you complete a Request for Administration of Medication form and return it, along with the medication, to the school office. Thank you for working with us to ensure the health and safety of our students.



ALLERGY ALERT: Please be aware that Mitchell School has many students with severe, life threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be designated nut free in order to

protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If at all possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.

EARLY WARNING, ABSENCES, AND LATE ARRIVALS

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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STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS:

We will be sending home a package of permission forms and information forms to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher. It is important that we have up-to-date information, including contact numbers and appropriate medical information.



STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [*Student and Family Affordability Fund*](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to the school office at mitchell@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need, in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

PARKING LOT SAFETY



Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. We are working with our district team to get proper signage in place. **Please 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 to parents that there are **no left turns permitted before and after school when leaving our parking lot.** Thanks for your cooperation!

MITCHELL STAFF 2022-2023

Ms. Mathers	Gr. 6/7
Mme Murray	Gr. 6/7 EFI
Ms. Li	Gr. 5/6
Ms. Powell	Gr. 4/5
Mme Froese	Gr. 4/5 EFI
Mr. Cheng	Gr. 4/5
Ms. Wyatt	Gr. 3/4
Mme Chang Dar Woon	Gr. 3/4 EFI
Mme Dewji	Gr. 2/3 EFI
Ms. Moss	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. House	Gr. 2/3
Mme Watson (Hickey)	Gr. 1/2 EFI
Ms. Jensen	Gr. 1
Mme Sandhu	Gr. 1 EFI
Mrs. Wang	Gr. K/1
Ms. Yip	Gr. K/1
Ms. Fedoruk	Library
Mrs. Bansal	Resource
Mr. Hirayama	Resource
Ms. Kullman	Resource
Mr. Field	Resource
Mr. Baines	Resource
Ms. Ibbott	Resource
Mr. Wiens	Band/Resource
Mr. Juric	Counsellor
Ms. Klassen	Speech and Language
Mrs. Elmenbbawi	Settlement Worker
Mrs. Edwards	Education Assistant
Ms. Graham	Education Assistant
Ms. Griffith	Education Assistant
Ms. Hansen	Education Assistant
Ms. Willms	Education Assistant
Mrs. MacFarlane	Education Assistant
Mr. Fung	Education Assistant
Ms. Rizwan	Education Assistant
Ms. Virk	Education Assistant
Mrs. White	Education Assistant
Ms. Bui	Education Assistant
Mr. Pearce	Education Assistant
Ms. Mo	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. Elshafi	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. Ghazi	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mr. Rimando	Custodian
Mr. Lopez	Custodian
Ms. Au	Custodian (mornings)



- Sept. 19 Photo Day
- Sept. 23 Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Sept. 28 PAC Meeting
- Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day – School Closed
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving – School Closed
- Oct. 21 Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Oct. 27 Photo Re-take Day
- Oct. 31 Halloween



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SCHOOL HOURS 2021-2022

Classes Start 8:45 a.m.
Recess 10:20 – 10:35 a.m.
Lunch 12:00 – 12:50 p.m.
School ends 2:45 p.m.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Friday, September 30th has been named the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by the federal government of Canada. Please note that all

schools will be closed on Friday, September 30.

VISITOR INFO

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

In the spring, schools began to re-open their doors to visitors

such as parents and caregivers as we continued to transition out of the pandemic. We are pleased that schools will now be able to welcome visitors to our school in ways that will be similar to how we did before the pandemic. This means that our main doors to the school will now remain unlocked during office hours from 8:00 – 4:00. Visitors are required to check into the office when entering the building. Thanks for your cooperation!

BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Information on school supplies costs will be communicated at a later date, as we work through some of the changes brought about with the new student and family affordability fund.

