



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #3

November, 2022



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Left We Forget*

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thanks to all who attended this morning's Remembrance Day Assembly. It is always one of the most significant assemblies of the year as our community takes time to reflect and honour those who gave their lives so that we can

enjoy the freedoms we have today. Also, a reminder that school will be closed tomorrow on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024



Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2018, turning 5 in 2023. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2023. Online registration opens on November 1, 2022. Please visit our

website <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 received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 3, 2023.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with additional support needs on ZOOM held on November 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the Kindergarten Registration website closer to the meeting date <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our next Professional Development Day will be on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. School will be closed that day as staff engage in various opportunities on this Professional Development Day.



### PAC MEETINGS

Please note our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. 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.

### WINTER CONCERT

We are excited for the return of our Winter Concert! Our 2022 Winter Concert will be held on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m.**

Please join us in the school gym that afternoon for some holiday fun.



### RICHMOND CHRISTMAS FUND

The Richmond Christmas fund is available for families who are facing financial hardship and may not be able to afford holiday celebrations. For information on how to access this fund for support during the holiday season, please click on the following link: <https://www.rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/richmond-christmas-fund/assistance>

### SNOW DAYS

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** on the school district website and social media, as well as on local radio and television stations. Closures will be announced as early as possible.





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### HIP HOP DANCE

We are very excited to have a full week of hip hop dance lessons next week here at Mitchell Elementary! Our students will be working everyday with instructors from Jess Dance

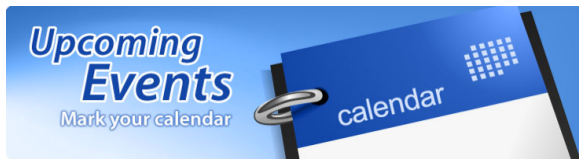
throughout the week and will end the week with a performance in the school gym **on Friday, November 18 at 2:05 p.m.** Parents are welcome to attend! Please enter through the west gym doors from outside of the school

### SPIRIT DAYS



Our Student Leadership team is hard at work organizing some fun Spirit Days over the next few weeks. Next Friday is “Class Colour

Day”, where students are encouraged to dress up in a specific colour chosen by their class. Following that, on December 2<sup>nd</sup> it will be “Dress Like a Gift” Day. On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- Nov. 14-18 Hip Hop Dance Lessons
- Nov. 18 PAC Hot Lunch Day
- Nov. 18 Spirit Day – Class Colours
- Nov. 18 Hip Hop Dance Performance
- Nov. 25 Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Nov. 30 PAC Meeting
- Dec. 2 Spirit Day – Dress Like a Gift
- Dec. 2 PAC Hot Lunch Day
- Dec. 14 Winter Concert
- Dec. 16 Spirit Day – Pyjama Day
- Dec. 16 PAC Hot Lunch Day
- Dec. 16 Last Day Before Winter Break
- Jan. 3 (Tue.) School’s Re-Open

### STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS



Progress Reports for students will be available online in the MyEducation BC Parent Portal on December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. **Please see the final page of this newsletter for important information on how to access your child’s Report Card online.**



**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.

### 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 or drive through the 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 during school hours when leaving our parking lot.** Thanks for your cooperation!

### 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.





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### REPORT CARDS ONLINE

At Mitchell Elementary and across the District, we are introducing a new way to access your child's school information directly online. Between November 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, we will initiate the **MyEducation BC PARENT PORTAL** which will allow parents and/or guardians to access attendance, term grades, report cards and other information on their child(ren). Each parent/guardian will have their own separate account, and can view the following:

- Attendance Information
- Contact Information
- Student Demographic Information
- **Published Report Cards**
- Transcript Information

In November, you will receive an email from "[sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca)" with your login ID and temporary password. Instructions on how to login and navigate the Parent Portal can be found on our school website.

Access the Parent Portal at: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

- **The first login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer.** Do not use an iPad, tablet or cell phone. After the initial log in you may use any device to access your parent portal account.
- Enter the login ID and password provided in the MyED BC email
- The first time you log on to your account you will be asked to change your password

#### **Account Problems?**

Accounts have been created using email addresses previously provided to the office. If you did not provide your email address or need to update your address, please send an email to [mitchell@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mitchell@sd38.bc.ca).

If you have issues logging into MyEd please send an email to the District MyEd Support Team at the following email address: [MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca) In the subject line please put *Parent Portal*, and in the message, include the following: Student's Full Name, Pupil #, Parent/Guardian Name and email address.

#### **Security**

MyEducation BC is a secure student information system used in most school districts in the province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). If you have any questions please contact our central office at 604-668-6668.