



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #4

December, 2022



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Mitchell staff, we wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday

with your families! The school will be closed from December 17<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will re-open on **Tuesday**, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 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 opened 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>.

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



### 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. **Parents can enter through the Gym doors at the Southwest corner of the school.**

### PAC MEETINGS

Please note our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25<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.



### 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.



Dec. 14	Winter Concert @ 1:15
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
Jan. 6	PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)
Jan. 20	PAC Hot Lunch (Subway)
Jan. 25	PAC Meeting
Jan. 27	Pro-D Day (School Closed)



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Looking ahead to the new year,  
just a reminder that Friday,  
January 27<sup>th</sup> is our next  
Professional Development Day  
and students will not attend school on this day.



### SPIRIT DAYS



Our Student Leadership team is  
hard at work organizing some fun  
Spirit Days. On Friday, December  
15<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.

### STUDENT PROGRESS

**REPORT** 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.**



### FEDERAL BENEFIT OPPORTUNITIES

Apply now for the  
interim [Canada Dental Benefit](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/dental-benefit.html)

(<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/dental-benefit.html>). This benefit is for eligible children  
under 12 years old on December 1, 2022 who do not  
have access to a private dental insurance plan.  
Also, on December 12 you may be eligible to apply  
for the [One-time top-up to the Canada Housing  
Benefit](https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits/top-up-canada-housing-benefit.html)  
(<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits/top-up-canada-housing-benefit.html>).  
This benefit helps low-income renters with housing  
costs.



The Cultural Interpreter Team of Richmond School  
District is looking for passionate individuals fluent in  
English and another language to join our Volunteer  
Interpreter Pool.

### LANGUAGES NEEDED

Cantonese, Farsi, Japanese, Khmer,  
Korean, Mandarin, Mongolian,  
Russian, Somali, Swahili, Turkish,  
Ukrainian and Vietnamese.



### TRAINING PROVIDED

Volunteer interpreters will  
support parent-teacher  
conferences and info sessions after  
receiving a 5-session training.

Contact Sarah Zhao to learn more: [szhao@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:szhao@sd38.bc.ca) 604-358-4921

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 training and education savings grant.

Children are eligible if:

- ☐ The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents.
- ☐ The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH	APPLY BEFORE
2013	Apply before 9th birthday in 2022
2014	Apply before 9th birthday in 2023
2015	Apply before 9th birthday in 2024
2016	Start applying on 6th birthday in 2022

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

**Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.**

**Step 1:** Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> or call 1-800-622-6232 to find out how.

**Step 2:** Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the SINs for you and your child and say:

**"I want to open an RESP and get the BC Training Education Savings grant for my child."**

Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> Contact: [BCTESG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca) Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: [canada.ca/education-savings](http://canada.ca/education-savings).

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### Learning is ongoing

Students come into every learning situation with their own experiences and background knowledge. A student does not necessarily begin at Emerging or Developing at the beginning of each school year. Similarly, students do not only reach Proficient at the end of the school year. Reaching proficiency is not the end of learning; if a student enters a learning experience with Proficient understanding or achieves proficiency during the school year, the goal becomes to further enhance their learning.



### Letter grades and percentages for grades 10-12

Most universities and colleges currently use letter grades and percentages as part of the admissions process. To continue the successful transition of B.C. students to post-secondary learning, letter grades and percentages will remain in the graduation years. However, the Ministry of Education and Child Care will work with post-secondary institutions in the coming years to explore the use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades 10-12.



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## REPORTING ON STUDENT LEARNING IS CHANGING IN B.C.

Brochure for Families

### What is student reporting

Student reporting is the assessment and communication of student learning, often thought of as report cards. Every student in B.C. receives communications from the school throughout the school year that provide parents, caregivers, and students with information about student learning.

The way teachers and schools communicate student learning, and the format of traditional report cards is shifting.

### Upcoming changes to student reporting

The K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework ("the framework") is the result of many years of consultation and engagement with rightsholders, education partners, teachers, families, students, and the public.

The framework provides an overview of the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year.

#### Student Information

- Shifts in reporting are being made to ensure each student experiences success within the education system
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting gives every student input into their learning, including where they go next
- Graduation status update in Grades 10-12 ensures students know they are on track to graduate

### What's new

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.'s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Changing the "I" reporting symbol to "IE" to indicate "insufficient evidence" of learning instead of "incomplete" learning
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Graduation status updates at Grades 10-12
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

### What's the same

- Timely and responsive feedback to families throughout the school year
- 5 communications of student learning; 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade and percentage

#### CONTACT US

✉ [student.reporting@gov.bc.ca](mailto:student.reporting@gov.bc.ca)

### The Provincial Proficiency Scale

The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale gives students, parents and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can do now and areas for future growth.

Reporting scales are already being used by all districts in the province. There are currently 17 or more known reporting scales in use. The introduction of the Provincial Proficiency Scale will provide consistency and alignment across B.C. schools.

	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.


### Benefits of the provincial proficiency scale and descriptive feedback

- Views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done
- Provides feedback, to both families and students, on where the student is at and how to help them move forward in their learning
- Supports lifelong learning by shifting the focus to developing competencies rather than the achievement of marks
- Maintains high provincial standards by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning



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Provincial Proficiency Scale 2022-2023

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### Report Cards Online

At Mitchell Elementary School and across the district, we are introducing a new way to access your child's school information directly online. In November, we officially launched 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). **This is the last paper copy of report cards that will be sent home.** All future report cards will be available online for one month. We encourage families to try to access this December report card to make sure you can access the system and are ready for the next reporting term in the spring.

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 would have received an email from "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with your login ID and temporary password if you had consented to receive emails from school. 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/aspen/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) with all of your contact information.

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. Please note that it may take some time for your email to be answered.

### 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 office at 604-668-6225.