



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #5

January, 2023



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable break. The next few months

promise to be very busy and full of events, and we look forward to some great learning this term.

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 (Deadline is January 20) 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!

SNOW DAYS

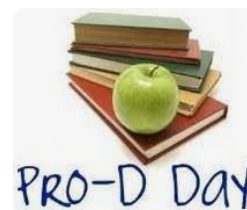
On a snow day, our school will remain open if at all possible. No announcement will be made saying that schools will be open.

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.



PAC MEETINGS

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



PRO-D DAY

Looking ahead, this is just a reminder that Friday, January 27th is our next Professional Development Day and students will not attend school on this day.

BASKETBALL SEASON

January means basketball season is upon us once again! Coaches Cheng and Hirayama will be working with the grade 6/7 girls and the grade 6/7 boys team will be coached by Mr. Plumb, Mr. Field, and Mr. Baines. The teams will soon begin practicing in preparation for the upcoming season. More information to follow once the season schedules are set.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 15th and 16th. These conferences are a great

opportunity to connect with the school and discuss your child's learning. Teachers will be sending information home closer to the dates, to schedule conference times.

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



Jan. 13	PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)
Jan. 20	PAC Hot Lunch (Subway)
Jan. 25	PAC Meeting
Jan. 26	PAC Treat Day (Ice Cream)
Jan. 27	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
Feb. 1	Global Play Day
Feb. 3	PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)

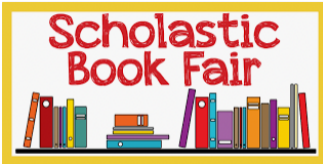


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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

I am pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Mitchell from Monday, February 13th – Thursday, February 16th. More details for purchasing in-school and online will follow at a further date. I am looking for parent volunteers to assist with the following:

1. Setting up the book fair on Friday, February 11th between 10:30 am and approximately 4 pm
2. Support with running the book fair Monday and Thursday between 9:55 am and 3:30 pm & Wednesday and Thursday between 9:55 am and 5:30 pm (note - the book fair will be open later during Parent-Teacher Conferences)
3. Packing up the book fair after school on Thursday, February 16th (from 3:30 pm until approximately 4:30 pm).

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email Ms. Kim Fedoruk at kfedoruk@sd38.bc.ca. Please include your name, contact number, and dates/times you are available (note – parent volunteer times can be divided into shorter 1-2 hour shifts).

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

As shared this past fall, the Student and Family Affordability Fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

The additional funding is also used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

Please reach out to the school at Mitchell@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of assistance. 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.



Join us for a free 6-week program for caregivers of children ages 0–6

Through hands-on activities, guided discussions, and sharing, learn how to guide children in developing:

- Self-discipline
- Responsibility
- Problem-solving skills
- Positive self-esteem

**Please note: registration required; childminding provided*

DATES: Tuesdays – January 17 – February 21, 2023
TIME: 10am - 12pm
PLACE: Richmond Caring Place, Room 340

**For registration or questions,
call 604 279 1700 or email richceds@fsgv.ca**

