



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #6

October 18, 2023

This week was very busy at Mitchell! We had our first Family Teams Assembly and activity on Tuesday, during which we discussed our Firebirds values. This month, we are putting a special focus on the value of friendliness! We also had our very first earthquake drill, and our staff and students did an amazing job of following guidelines and safety rules!

**Remember that this Friday (Oct. 20) is Pro-D; there is no school.**

### BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATE



We are happy to confirm that Breakfast Club will now also take place on Mondays! We will start right away this Monday morning (Oct. 23). Please make sure to have your child pop by, starting at 8:00 in the multi-purpose room (also known as Mr. Wiens' music class).

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**October 25 and 26** are designated dates in our calendar for conferences. Some teachers might also offer conference times on other dates. You may have already received communication from your child's teacher regarding booking an appointment, or you should receive communication in the upcoming days.

**Please remember that October 25 & 26 will be early dismissal days (school will finish at 1:45).**

### LOST & FOUND

Mitchell's lost and found is packed with stuff! While you are at school for conferences next week, please make sure to stop by; you might find some of your family's items.



### PAC REMINDERS

Hello Firebird Families,

We are currently in a tough situation with this year's Trunk-or-Treat! We have very minimal Trunk Volunteers currently, which are needed for the event to happen.

**We need a minimum of 15 additional Trunk Volunteers for Mitchell's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat to happen!** If you are able to volunteer to decorate your vehicle trunk and hand out candy at this event,

please sign up at this link: [2023 Mitchell Trunk-or-Treat by Sunday, October 22nd](#). If we don't meet this minimum, unfortunately Mitchell's Trunk-or-Treat will be cancelled 😞

An email will be sent out on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to confirm whether or not Mitchell's Trunk-or-Treat will be happening as scheduled.

We do still encourage candy donations, in hopes that Trunk-or-Treat continues as planned. If the event does end up being cancelled, we will redirect the donations to students, coordinating with school administrators.

Remember, Mitchell PAC would not be able to function without the support of parent/guardian volunteers. We encourage you to join in and help foster a thriving school community here at Mitchell!

Thank you,  
-Mitchell PAC

### SCHOOL PICTURES by MOUNTAIN WEST

**Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!**

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 2023**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. **If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped directly to your home with a \$5.99 shipping fee applied.**

### **Missing your login code? No problem!**

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade and student number.
4. Order your photos!

### **About Retakes:**

Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? If you would like retakes they will be held at the school

on: **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 2023**

Please visit this

link: <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/mitc-hellelementaryschool> and sign up

by **MONDAY OCTOBER 30TH 2023**

### HOT LUNCH SUPPORT



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As part of Mitchell's Feeding Futures initiative, we would like to offer assistance to families who cannot afford the cost of PAC hot lunches on Fridays, but would like their children to participate to it. To do this, Mme Val will process orders herself once per month. Please reach out to Mme Val at [vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca) if you would like to sign up your child or for more information. All requests will remain confidential.

### K REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten) for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on 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 [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

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

### CAMBIE AND NO5 PUBLIC CONSULTATION



The City has approved a capital project to upgrade the intersection of No. 5 Road and Cambie Road to improve safety and traffic flow through the intersection. Public consultation is open now until October 23. If you would like more information on how you can have your voice heard, please read the following:

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2023-10-05/public-consultation-regarding-land-dedication>



### GETTING READY FOR HALLOWEEN

This is the time of the year when we are thinking about Halloween costumes and celebrations. We are asking that you follow certain guidelines when thinking about a costume for your child at school:

- 1) **Culture (Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks, etc.), race (black face/brown face, etc.) and religion (nun, priest, hijab, etc.) are NOT a costume:** It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.
- 2) **Gender is not a costume:** gender switching and stereotyping for humour or to mock could be hurtful.
- 3) **Weapons,** even plastic ones, will not be accepted as accessories for costumes at school. They pose a threat to safety for students when misused.
- 4) Let's think about our ecological footprint: is there a costume that could be re-used or borrowed from a friend? Could you perhaps consider making your costume yourself from recycled materials?

We look forward to seeing our students' costumes on October 31!



### 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.

### 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





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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.



### **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!



- Oct. 23 Fire Drill at 2:20
- Oct. 25 & 26 Early Dismissal – Conferences
- Oct. 27 PAC Hot Lunch (Taco Del Mare)
- Oct. 27 PAC Halloween Event (6-8pm)
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov. 2 Photo Retakes Day
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00
- Nov. 13 Holiday – No School
- Nov. 15 Will Stroet Concert
- Nov. 17 Spirit Day – Backwards Day
- Nov. 20 PRO-D (No School)

### **SCHOOL HOURS 2023-2024**

- Classes Start 8:45 a.m.
- Recess 10:10 – 10:25 a.m.
- Lunch 11:50 – 12:42 p.m.
- School ends 2:45 p.m.



### **VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

The main doors to the school 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!