



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #7

October 27, 2023

We hope you all enjoyed your time meeting with teachers this week. This informal communication of learning is very important, because it helps students, families and staff to set up goals for the rest of the year. As parents/guardians, it also lets you know where your child stands in their learning and what areas you can support them with.

We were all disappointed to hear that the Trunk-Or-Treat event is cancelled for tonight (Oct. 27) due to insufficient volunteers. We know how stretched families are these days, and we hope that we can have other PAC events this year. If your child feels sad about not having the Trunk-Or-Treat, you can remind them that we will have a school-wide Halloween celebration on Tuesday, too!



GETTING READY FOR HALLOWEEN

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!

PAC REMINDERS

The November session for Hot Lunch through MunchaLunch is now OPEN. Please remember that MunchaLunch orders are due on the Friday before the scheduled MunchaLunch date. You can sign up and place your orders at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/mitchell>.

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

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 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 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



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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.

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.

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



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 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. 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!