



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #10

November 23, 2023

This week has been busy, but lots of fun with the sunny weather. While it is beautiful outside, it is also very cold, especially in the morning. We are noticing that some of our students are wearing gear that is not weather-appropriate (such as t-shirts, no coats!) outside. Please let Mme Val know if you need assistance to purchase winter gear. Many of our students and staff are sick with colds, and we want to make sure that everyone is well taken care of this cold season!

FSA RESULTS

The FSAs (Foundational Skills Assessment) have now been completed in grade 4 & 7 for this year. Families will receive results in early December.

SOY MILK

As part of the Fruit, Veggie and Milk program, we receive soy milk every few weeks. At this point, we have about 15 2L cartons of soy milk (Silk brand, Original Soy Milk) that will expire in December. **We would like to give these away to families**, so that we don't waste them. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to receive a 2L carton of soy milk and we will send it home with your child.

LEAVING EARLY/EXTENDED ABSENCE FOR THE WINTER BREAK

If your child will be missing school before the winter break for vacation, please inform your classroom teacher, as well as the office. If you will be extending your winter break, please let the office and the classroom teacher know and confirm your return date.

PAC REMINDERS

December's hot lunch line up is out!

- Dec. 1: A&W
- Dec. 8: Fukuroku Sushi
- Dec. 15: Fusion Curry Butter Chicken
- Dec. 22: Taco Del Mar

Opt-In to District/School Text Message Communication



The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and our school to send you text

messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service.

You can choose to opt-in by sending a text message to 978338 with the comment 'Yes'. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023. More information is attached.

CHRISTMAS FUND with "RICHMOND CARES, RICHMOND GIVES"

The Richmond Christmas Fund is a non-religious, non-discriminatory program. We assist individuals and families **living in Richmond, BC, who are facing financial hardship and cannot afford a holiday celebration.**

This is not a Richmond District Program, but we thought it might be useful info for some of our families. Please check it out at: <https://www.rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/richmond-christmas-fund/assistance>

The program closes on Dec. 9, so check it out quickly if you are interested!

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 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



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Mandarin. Please view the videos at 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!



- Dec. 8 Immunizations for Gr. 6
- Dec. 19 Winter Concert (in afternoon for families)
- Dec. 21 Report cards are live on MyEd
- Dec. 22 Pyjama Day – Last day before Winter Break

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!