



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #7

November 10, 2023

Today was our Remembrance Day Assembly. It went very well and Mr. Narbett and I were proud of well Mitchell students behaved. It was a good time to reflect on the privilege we have to live in a country free of war and armed conflicts.

As you will have seen in my previous email from today, there was a coyote sighting today at lunch break. All students were asked to stay inside for lunch recess. The coyote left our grounds very quickly and was not seen again. Conservation agents have been made aware of the situation and they have confirmed that it is safe for our community to be out and about on our school grounds. One recommendation was to avoid having food and garbage on our grounds. Out of an abundance of caution, we will do perimeter checks around our school frequently and at key times during the day as well.

I hope you all enjoy this long weekend to spend some time with families, and friends, and in remembrance.

**As a reminder, school is closed on Monday, in lieu of November 11.**

### PAC REMINDERS

Our next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 6pm in the school library. We hope to see many parents there!

Mitchell PAC is happy to be hosting a Morning Coffee Meetup with PAC at the school gym on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am to 9:15am. If you're free to come by the school gym to hang out and chat over some coffee (generously provided by donation), we'd love to meet you and give our Mitchell community members the opportunity to socialize and get to meet each other!

### START OF THE DAY



At Mitchell, school starts at 8:45. Please make every effort to have your child be at school on time. While we understand that students are occasionally late for various reasons, including appointments, we have noticed an uptick in tardiness in the past few weeks.

When children arrive late to class, it can make them feel unsettled, as the group has already started engaging in their daily routines. It is also a disruption to the whole class. Thanks for your understanding!

## SCHOOL PICTURES by MOUNTAIN WEST - RETAKES

**Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo retake 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: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 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!

### 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](mailto:vcarriere@sd38.bc.ca) if you would like to sign up your child or for more information. All requests will remain confidential.

### LUNCH REMINDERS

Please read through the following reminders about lunches carefully:

- Include a fork/spoon if your child will need it to eat (the school does not always have extra spoons or forks)
- We are a nut/peanut free school due to severe allergies in our Firebird community
- Do frequent check-ins with your children; some of our students find that they would need more food at lunch than what has been packed.

### 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



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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).

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!



Nov. 13	Holiday – No School
Nov. 14	PAC Meeting at 6PM
Nov. 15	Will Stroet Concerts
Nov. 17	Spirit Day – Backwards Day
Nov. 20	PRO-D (No School)
Dec. 8	Immunizations for Gr. 6
Dec. 19	Winter Concert (in afternoon for families)
Dec. 21	Report cards go home

### 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!