



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #9

November 17, 2023

This was a great week! We had so much fun on Thursday with Will Stroet and Seeka. Backwards day was also super interesting with students wearing funny-looking backwards outfits, speaking backwards and even writing backwards! Our first PAC Coffee Morning was also a success. It was so great seeing the connections happen between parents!

Have a wonderful weekend.

**As a reminder, school is closed on Monday, November 20 as it is a Pro-D.**

### 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

### 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!

### 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](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



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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. 20 PRO-D (No School)
- 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!