



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #11

December 7, 2023

This week is very rainy and wet. It's a good time to remind all families to send their children to school dressed for the weather. At Mitchell, we go out rain or shine, so it's important to have raingear to stay dry. Please reach out to Mme Val if you need support in securing raingear for your child. It is also a good time to remind families to send extra dry clothes to school (socks, pants, shirts) so that students can change into dry clothes if needed.


Tonight marks the first night of Hannukah. We want to wish all Jewish Firebird. May you have a warm and joyous Festival of Light!

Please mark your calendar and save the date for our Winter Concert! It will be on Dec. 19 at 1:00. Gym doors will open at 12:45.


FSA RESULTS

The FSAs' (Foundational Skills Assessment) results have now been sent home to all grade 4 and 7 families.


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

- 1) December's hot lunch line up is out!
 - Dec. 15: Fusion Curry Butter Chicken
 - Dec. 22: Taco Del Mar
- 2) Hot Chocolate Sales every Wednesday at 2:45 (\$2). 
- 3) Next PAC Coffee Morning: December 15
- 4) Raffle Tickets: On sale until December 15!

CLOTHING DRIVE

 Our Student Council is putting together a clothing drive in support for *Vancouver Donations*. We encourage all families who can to donate. Please see attached letter for more information. Deadline for donations is December 18.

MY ED LOGIN FOR FAMILIES – REPORT CARDS

Please see the information below on how to access your child's formal learning update (report card) once they are posted. We strongly recommend that you go

online prior to that to make sure you can access the site.

**** Term 1 Learning updates will be available online only. No paper copies will be sent home. They will be published on Thursday December 21, 2023. ****

At Mitchell Elementary and across the District, we access children's school information directly online. SD38 has initiated the **MyEducation BC PARENT PORTAL** which will allow parents and/or guardians to access attendance, term grades, report cards and other information on their child(ren).

Each parent/guardian will have their own separate account, and can view the following:

- Attendance Information
- Contact Information
- Student Demographic Information
- **Published Report Cards**
- Transcript Information

You would have received an email either last year, or just shortly after you started at Mitchell from "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with your login ID and temporary password. Instructions on how to login and navigate the Parent Portal can be found on our school website.

Access the Parent Portal

at: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

- **The first login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer.** Do not use an iPad, tablet, or cell phone. After the initial log in you may use any device to access your parent portal account.
- Enter the login ID and password provided in the MyEd BC email.
- The first time you log on to your account you will be asked to change your password.

**** Please print or download the report card each term as they will be removed from MyEd approximately one month after being posted. ****

Account Problems?

Accounts have been created using email addresses previously provided to the office. If you did not provide your email address or need to update your address, please send an email to mitchell@sd38.bc.ca.

If you have issues logging into MyEd please send an email to the District MyEd Support Team at the following email

address: MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca In the



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subject line please put *Parent Portal*, and in the message, include the following: Student's Full Name, Pupil #, Parent/Guardian Name and email address.

Security

MyEducation BC is a secure student information system used in most school districts in the province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). If you have any additional questions, please contact our school office at 604-668-6225.

SURVEY ABOUT CHILDCARE

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's ChildCareBC initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future ChildCareBC initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=785>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

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 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





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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 at 1PM in gym
- 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.



VISITOR INFO

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!