



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #13

January 12, 2023

Thank you Firebird Community for a smooth week back from the winter break! I hope that you enjoyed two weeks of time with friends and family. Our students were excited to be back and keen to get back to their learning!

Thank you also for sending your children to school all bundled up for the cold this morning! Please let the office know if you need support with getting warm outside gear for your children.

Next week will be busy and fun! Friday will be Tropical Day.

Please note that Priority 1 Registration closes on January 19, as well as French Immersion registration.

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!

MINISTRY LEARNING SURVEY

Every year, parents/guardians of students in grades 4 & 7 are invited to participate to a Ministry Survey. Your participation provides us with anonymous data about your thoughts and opinions on how our school is doing. We encourage all grade 4 and 7 parents/guardians to participate. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages. Parents can complete surveys on their own time. The survey can be accessed at:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm



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-



- Jan. 16 PAC Meeting at 6PM in library
- Jan. 19 Tropical Day/Hot Lunch
- Jan. 26 PAC Coffee Morning at 8:45 in gym
- Jan. 29 NO SCHOOL – PRO-D
- Feb. 9 Maple Man visit at school for all classes
- Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL – PRO-D
- Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL – Family Day

INTENT OF RETURN NOTICES

Intent of Return forms have been sent home. Please fill it and send it back to your classroom teacher by January 19. These forms help us have an idea of our numbers for the following year.

PAC REMINDERS

1) January's Hot Lunch line-up is ready.

- Jan. 19 – Pizza Hut
- Jan. 26 - Subway

2) Hot Chocolate Sales every Wednesday at 2:45 (\$2).



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 vcariere@sd38.bc.ca if you would like to sign up your child or for more information. All requests will remain confidential.

K REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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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!



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!