



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #14

January 19, 2023

Thank you Firebird Community for your cooperation this week during our school closure! I hope that it was a good time for your families to enjoy playing in the snow, although I acknowledge the difficulty that having schools closed can place for families.

Thank you also for sending your children to school all bundled up to play in the snow this morning! I took some great pictures that I will insert in the January Review.

I hope you all stay safe and warm this weekend.



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**
Feb. 28 – 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45 - Scholastic Book fair – Conferences

GRADE 6 & 7 BASKETBALL

Practices have already started and games will start as early as next week! Families of participating should receive forms and more information very soon.

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering “Social Media Awareness” family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in the following link: <https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

REDI Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Parent Webinars

Presented by Destine Lord. Richmond parents and caregivers are invited to a Zoom webinar on REDI – *Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion*. This initial 60-minute session is designed to help participants understand the district’s commitment to reconciliation, diversity, equity and inclusion. Please go [here](#) for registration details. Registration is necessary to participate.

PAC REMINDERS

1) January’s Hot Lunch line-up:

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



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



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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!