



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #15

January 26, 2024

We have had a good week returning from our snowy days! It's hard to believe that there was so much snow and it's already all gone!

We want to remind families who have not yet done so to return their intent to return form. We will be calling families next week if they have not returned this form as we need this information to plan ahead.

Also, **please remember that Monday is a Pro-D and there is no school!** We will see you all on Tuesday!




- Jan. 29 NO SCHOOL – PRO-D
- Feb. 9 Maple Man visit at school for all classes
- Feb. 13 PAC Meeting at 6PM
- Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL – PRO-D
- Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL – Family Day
- Feb. 23 Oversized Day/PAC Coffee Morning
- Feb. 28 – 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45 - Scholastic Book fair – Conferences

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to let you know that we have filled our permanent EA position. Please join us is welcome Donlea Blaney to our school team! While we are happy to welcome a new member to our Firebird family, we are also sad to have to say goodbye to Ms. Mona Shum who has been with us since September, temporarily filling in for this job. We wish Ms. Shum all the best and hope to see her at Mitchell again soon!

LEAVING EARLY/EXTENDED ABSENCE FOR THE SPRING BREAK

 If your child will be missing school before the spring break for vacation, please inform your classroom teacher, as well as the office. If you will be extending your spring break, please let the office and the classroom teacher know and confirm your return date.

PAC REMINDERS

1) February's Hot Lunch line-up:

- Feb. 2 – Pita Pit
- Feb. 9 – Sushi
- Feb. 15 – Pizza Hut
- Feb. 23 - Curry



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

3) Next PAC Meeting will be on Feb. 13 at 6:00PM

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 school. Also, a reminder to parents that there are **no**





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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!