



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #16

February 9, 2024

What a fantastic and busy week this has been! We had Global Play Day on Wednesday, Carnival Parade on Thursday and the Maple Man visit on Friday! Wow! I am so grateful for all the hard work that Mitchell staff does on a constant basis to ensure that our students are engaged in their learning. What an amazing team!

Next week will be short, with a Pro-D on Friday. Also, don't forget that there is no school on Monday the 19th, due to Family Day.

As February 10 is Lunar New Year, I want to extend my wishes for wonderful celebration to all our families who will be celebrating. Happy Year of the Dragon to all of you!



- 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. 26 – March 1 Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 28 – 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45

LOCKDOWN DRILL ON FEB. 12

On Monday, February 12, we will practice our Lockdown Protocol. The Lockdown Protocol is an emergency procedure used in situations where there could be an immediate danger INSIDE the school. It is necessary and mandated for schools to have lockdown drills so that staff and students are prepared and know what to do in such situations. I encourage you to ask your child about the drill on Monday evening, to see how they feel about the process and what they have learned.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Dear Mitchell Firebird families,
Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school.

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair will take place from **Monday, February 26th to Friday, March 1st.**

Your investment in your reader helps our whole school. All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school.

Please watch for more information through upcoming newsletters and emails with details about the fair as well as parent volunteer opportunities.

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on!

See you at the Fair!

Ms. Kim Fedoruk

SUN RUN

This year we will be entering a team in the Vancouver Sun Run on April 21st. If you would like to join us, please follow the link below. Early bird deadline is Feb 15. Final deadline is Mar 15."

<https://event.vansunrun.com/165340/register/?urlcattype=t&zsecure=GabuutrY131Jkkj>

Team name: Mitchell Firebirds
Team access code: GAVRJB

Thanks,

Ms. Lau & Ms. Kullman

NEWS FROM BGC

BGC is now open from 2:45pm until 6pm Monday through Thursday. Registration is required. For more information please visit www.bgcbc.ca or phone 604-828-9915.

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. 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,



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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.

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!



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!

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.

