



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #18

February 22, 2024

Wow! That was a short but amazing week of learning at Mitchell!

Please go through the newsletter for a review of what happened this week, news on upcoming events and important dates for your calendar.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!



- Feb. 26 – March 1 Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 26 & 27, March 4, 6, 8, 11, 12 & 13: Shuffle Dance workshops for all classes
- Feb. 28 PINK SHIRT DAY at Mitchell**
- Feb. 28 & 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45
- March 1 PAC Coffee Morning
- March 7 Class Colour Day
- March 12 PAC Meeting at 6PM
- March 14 Last Day before Spring Break**
- March 15 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK STARTS**
- April 2 RETURN TO SCHOOL

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.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS

(Note – students must have money or be with a parent to enter the fair)

Monday, February 26	2:45 – 3:45 pm
Tuesday, February 27	2:45 – 3:45 pm
Wed., February 28	1:45 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, February 29	1:45 – 4:30 pm
Friday, March 1	2:45 – 3:15 pm

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/?urlca&type=t&zsecure=GabuutrY131Jkkj>

Team name: Mitchell Firebirds
Team access code: GAVRJB

Thanks,

Ms. Lau & Ms. Kullman

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) Hot Lunch:
Make sure to check your email for the PAC reminder. Orders for March 1 are due today!

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.

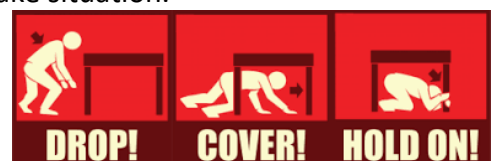
EMERGENCY DRILLS

We had another emergency drill at school this week to practice situations that might possibly arise in the future.



On Wednesday morning, all staff and students practiced an **Earthquake Drill** by "dropping" to the ground in a safe place (under a table or desk), "covering" the head and neck, and "holding" on until the shaking has stopped. Most classes performed the drill very well by following instructions and staying as quiet as possible.

Please ask your student(s) how the drill was for them and how you might be safe at home if there was an earthquake situation.





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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 5-7

There are 2 (FREE) programs offered by the Touchstone Family Association for older students (grades 5-7) that will be starting after the Spring Break. These are 5-week programs running in April and May: i) A Leadership Skills Group (Tues/Thurs), and ii) After School Drop-in Club (Weds). We will come around to divs. 1-7 next week to advertise the programs and an email will also be sent home to families with specific information and sign-up process. Please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (September start)

JustB4 Preschool: Registration for September 2024 Intake Opens Soon.

Children born in 2020 are eligible for the September 2024 intake of the district operated Just B4 Preschool program. Registration opens the first week of March.

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for information and locations.



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!

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.



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!



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.



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SCHOOL'S OUT Leadership Skills Group Grades 5-7

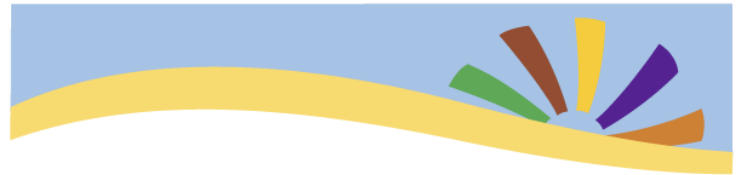


**April 2 to May 2 ~ Tuesdays & Thursdays,
3:00-5:00 pm at Mitchell Elementary**

Partnership Between:



United Way
British Columbia



After School Drop-In



Drop in for Grade 5-7 students after school who may need extra support in creating connections with other students .

Board games, video games, activities, and homework support

Snacks provided.

Run by a youth counsellor and 2-3 high school volunteers

Starting April 3rd at Mitchell Elementary

Every Wednesday for 5 weeks



RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 | Just B4 Preschool at Richmond StrongStart Centres

Registration for September 2024 opens soon!
Children born in 2020 may apply

Our preschool program is specifically designed for 4-year old children (born in 2020) to attend Just B4 with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces. Our approach is emergent, play-based and focuses on children's natural inquiries.

"The image of the child is upheld in the belief that children are strong and capable in their uniqueness and full of potential."

PROGRAMS

Just B4 - Lee Elementary
M/W/F Program (9:00 - 11:30 am)

Just B4 - Lee Elementary
T/Th Program (9:00 - 11:30 am)

Just B4 - Grauer Elementary
M/W/F Program (12:30 - 3:00 pm)

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Apply online in the beginning of March 2024:
<https://sd38.bc.ca/programs/early-learning-programs/just-b4-preschool>



sd38.bc.ca/Justb4

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