



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #24

May 10, 2024

We have had such a great week at Mitchell! The sun is out and our intermediate students have completed their track training in preparation of our meet at Minoru on May 27!

We have noticed that students are more forgetful and leave their hoodies, jackets, etc. outside as they remove layers due to the warmer weather. Please make sure that your child's name is on all of their belongings so that they can be returned to them and be sure to visit our Lost and Found!

We are very proud of our grade 6 & 7 students who represented us so well at the Gateway Theatre last week, for the "Music in Our Schools" concert! They did very well under the guidance of Mr. Wiens, our band teacher. Congratulations!

We would also like to remind families that Term 2 reports are live on MyEd, as of April 25. Please read previous newsletters for details on MyEd login, if you need them.

Please remember that there is no school on Friday, May 17 (Pro-D) and Monday, May 20 (Holiday).



- May 14 PAC meeting at 6PM (Zoom)
- May 27 Track Meet at Minoru (Intermediate Students)
- May 31 Welcome to K event for new Kindergarten students (2024-2025 students)
- June 7 Sports Day
- June 26 9:00 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly

### BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL SUPERVISION



With the warmer weather here, many of our students choose to stay on school grounds after school hours to play. While we are pleased to see our students getting some fresh air and exercise, we are concerned about safety when students are not supervised. We want to remind families that there is no school supervision before and after school hours on school grounds. Therefore, we are recommending that parents/guardians supervise their children if they stay after school hours, to ensure safe play.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?



Please inform the office if your plans have changed for next year and you will be moving schools. Also inform the office if you intend on finishing the school year early, or if you will be going on an extended vacation. If you intend on returning to school late in September, please inform the office as well, by filling the form in attachment (Notice of Late Return).

### FAMILY INPUT ON CLASS PLACEMENTS



If you are interested in sharing your input for class placement for next school year for your child, we ask that you do so **in writing, by email to Mme Val**, by the end of the day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to read the attached letter to this effect prior to sending an email, as it contains detailed and important parameters to follow for such requests.

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Many Mitchell students walk to school, which is a wonderful, active and eco-friendly initiative. We would like to remind families that parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of their children on their way to and back from school. We strongly recommend that students, especially those grade 3 and under, do not walk home alone and that an adult accompanies them on their journey.

We are especially concerned about students crossing streets safely, including the intersection at Cambie and no5 Road. We are asking families to review pedestrian safety rules with their children. We will also continue to provide reminders about this at school.

Please visit <https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/teaching/road-safety-for-your-kids> for more information on the topic!

### PAC REMINDERS

- 1) Next PAC Meeting is May 14 at 6:00 PM.

### 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](mailto:vcARRIERE@SD38.BC.CA) if you would like to sign up your child or for more information. All requests will remain confidential.



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### 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.

into the office when entering the building. Thanks for your cooperation!

### 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!

### 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