



# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #26

May 24, 2024

We had another great week at Mitchell! Students have started using our lending library of wet weather clothes, which has been really fun to watch!

Our intermediates are getting ready for the track meet at Minoru on Monday. Please remember to bring on time to catch their assigned bus on Monday. Some students need to be here earlier, for the 8:00 am bus, so make sure that if this is the case for your child, they are at school, in the gym, at 7:45 for attendance. Today, we had an assembly where we went over the expectations and what the day will look like at the Track Meet. I'm sure it will be an amazing day!



- May 27 Track Meet at Minoru (Intermediate Students)
- May 31 Welcome to K event for new Kindergarten students (2024-2025 students)
- May 31 PAC Coffee Morning
- June 7 Sports Day + Families Appreciation Day  
Early Dismissal at 1:45
- June 12 Talent Show (more details to come)
- June 20 Year-End Concert at 1:00
- June 26 9:00 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
- June 27 Last Day for students

### INTERMEDIATE TRACK DAY – MAY 27



Intermediate students (Gr. 4 to 7) will be going to the Minoru Park on Monday, May 27 to participate in the district-wide Track & Field competition. Students have received a list of their events. They have also received information regarding which bus they will be taking to get there. We will have two busses, one leaving at 8:00 am, for students participating in earlier events, and one at 9:00 am for the other students. It will be very important for students to come to school on time on that day, to ensure that they arrive on time at Minoru Park for their event.

Students are asked to bring:

- Water bottle;
- Sunscreen;
- Mitchell gear (if any);
- Hat;
- Dress in layers;
- Packed snack and lunch

### SPORTS DAY – JUNE 7



Please note that Sports Day will also be Family Appreciation Day at Mitchell this year. To thank you for your support during this school year, we will be serving muffins and coffee outside the school on the morning of June 7. Please join us to celebrate and to watch students partake in Sports Day fun!

### E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



We have noticed that some parents/guardians come to school to drop-off and pick-up using e-bikes and e-scooters. While these are great eco-friendly vehicles they have to be used in a safe way, especially around pedestrian.

Please note that e-bikes and e-scooters are not allowed on sidewalks. We are asking you to dismount and walk your bikes and scooters prior to entering the sidewalk. This is for everyone's safety.

There are several guidelines to follow when using such vehicles. You will find Richmond's guidelines and policies at: <https://www.richmond.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-cycling/cycling/e-scooter.htm>

Please note that the City can issue a fine to anyone using e-bikes and e-scooters on sidewalks.

You can also find the province's guide to "E-bikes rules of the road" at this website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/e-bike-rules-of-the-road>.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### 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. School will end at 1:45 on that day.

### 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,



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please inform the office as well, by filling a *Notice of Late Return* form.

### FAMILY INPUT ON CLASS PLACEMENTS

**i** 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.



### 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!

### 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!