



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #28

June 14, 2024

We had a very busy two weeks at Mitchell, with Sports Day, the talent show and so much more! The year-end fun continues next week with Pow Wow dancing workshops for students on Monday. There will also be a pow wow dancing performance by Janelle, our workshop provider on the same day (June 17) at 2:00 pm in the gym. Our year-end concert, on Thursday, June 20. We will open the gym doors at 12:50 and start the concert at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to join us for both of these events!



- June 17 Pow Wow Dance Performance at 2:00 – Families invited to watch!
- June 20 Year-End Concert at 1:00 – Families invited to watch!
- June 26 9:00 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly – Grade 7 families to join us!
- June 27 Last Day for students

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



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