

MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 2 - September 13, 2024

We had a great week at Mitchell! This week, students attended welcome back assemblies where we discussed expectations for the year. We also had a successful first fire drill on Wednesday. Kindergarteners had their first full day of school on Thursday, and finally, we had the Terry Fox run this afternoon!

I am happy to inform you that Breakfast Club will start again next week! It will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays all year, in the multi-purpose room (Mr. Wiens' music class) and start at 8:00. We hope to see students there this Monday!



Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Sept. 16-26 - Ultimate Firsbee Workshops (all classes)

Sept. 19 - Meet the Staff Night (5PM - 6PM)

Sept. 20 - PRO-D/NO SCHOOL

Sept. 27 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30 - National Truth & Reconciliation Day (NO SCHOOL)

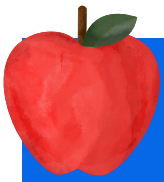


Meet the Staff Night

Sept. 19, 5PM-6PM

Classrooms will be open for families to meet their child's teacher and other staff members from our school. At 5:40, we will gather in the gym or outside for presentations. We hope to see you there!

Are your curious to know who the Mitchell staff are? Please go to our school website, where you'll find a complete and detailed staff list:
mitchell.sd38.bc.ca



COMMUNITY FRIDGE

We are pleased to inform our families that we have a community fridge. With their teacher's permission, students can grab a snack from this fridge. These healthy snacks are provided by the district. We ask families to continue sending snacks and lunch with their children, as this food acts as a supplement to what your child already has.



MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that require him/her to be given prescribed medication at school, please ensure you complete a Request for Administration of Medication form and return it, along with the medication, to the school office. Thank you for working with us to ensure the health and safety of our students.



STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS

Today or early next week, your child will bring home a package from the office with important forms for you to fill. Please return these forms to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. This will include information about Cash Online. Please reach out to the office if you need help with Cash Online. Please note that some forms are double-sided, so be sure to check both sides! The forms will also come with some documents that are yours to keep, such as our yearly calendar and a magnet with our contact information.

ALLERGY ALERT!

Please be aware that Mitchell School has many students with severe, life-threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be designated nut free in order to protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If at all possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.



WEST COAST RECESS

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. Mitchell has a lending library as well, for emergencies.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox was this afternoon. Students did very well and showed courage and perseverance as they pushed their limits towards their running goal! To learn more about the Terry Fox Foundation and Terry's story, you can visit: <https://terryfox.org/>



This year, our goal is to surpass last year's donations, even if ever so slightly. Therefore, we are reaching for \$861. We have already received many donations, thank you!

You can also donate on School Cash Online until Sept. 27.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER GARDEN HELPERS!

We are lucky to have a beautiful garden at Mitchell. Thank you to Ms. Lau for organizing our volunteer family program this summer. Families who volunteered for the job were the garden caretakers this summer: they watered and took care of our garden so that it would be maintained while we were out on break. Thank you to the following families who did this important work:

Michelle and Von Provido
Garima and Arun Steger
Leanna, Lap and Leland Cheung
Michelle and JK Agustin
Leo, Sonja, Brandt and Thane Cheng
Cherie Gagnon and Luna Berry



BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

As a part of our Feeding Futures initiatives, we are partnering with Backpack Buddies again this year (<https://www.backpackbuddies.ca/>) to support some families with food security for the weekends.

If your family would benefit from receiving food packages for your children every week before the weekend, please email Mme Val with the following information:

- Name of students
- Name of children or parents/guardians who would be responsible for picking up the food every week.

Please note that students or their parents/guardians would be responsible for carrying the food packages home. The school cannot deliver food packages to students' homes. Food packages are for Mitchell students only. We will confirm with families when/if we are approved to receive the support of Backpack Buddies.



FIREBIRD CORNER

SCHOOL HOURS

CLASSES START: 8:45

RECESS: 10:10 - 10:25

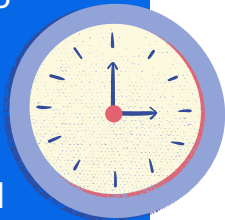
LUNCH RECESS: 11:50 - 12:20

LUNCH BREAK: 12:20 - 12:42

CLASSES END: 2:45

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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.

This is for everyone's safety.

Thanks for your cooperation!



PARKING/TRAFFIC AT MITCHELL

Help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. 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 that there are no left turns permitted before and after school when leaving our parking lot. Thanks for your cooperation!



IN CASE OF ABSENCE OR LATE ARRIVAL

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.

