



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 9 - November 22, 2024

We have had a great week at Mitchell! Our week was bookended by assemblies! On Monday, we had mini assemblies when we talked about multi-culturalism and inclusion and on Friday, we had our Family Teams assembly where we got into Firebird Spirit. We followed up with fun Math activities in our family teams. Friday was also backwards day.

Next week will be exciting too, with a special performance by Missy D. on Thursday afternoon. **Monday is Pro-D and there is no school for student.**

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Nov. 25 - NO SCHOOL - Pro-D

Dec. 12 - Winter Concert (PM)

Dec. 17 - Gr. 6 Immunizations

Dec. 18 - Winter Concert (PM)

Dec. 19 - Learning Updates
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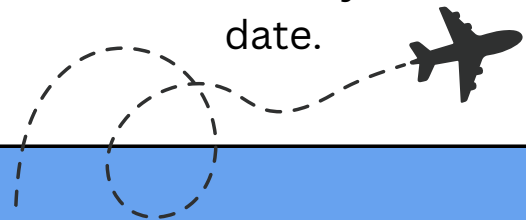
Dec. 20 - Last

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break

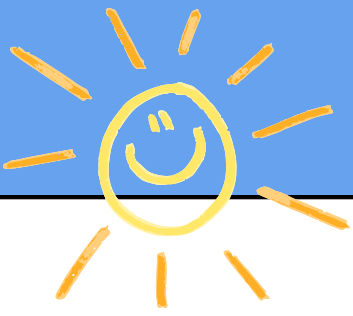
Winter Break -

Early Departure, Late Arrival

If your child will be missing school before the winter break for vacation, please inform your classroom teacher, as well as the office. If you will be extending your winter break, please let the office and the classroom teacher know and confirm your return date.



Are you curious to know more about Mitchell? Please go to our school website, where you'll find updates on our school goal and more at: mitchell.sd38.bc.ca



K REGISTRATION OPENED NOVEMBER 1

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opens on November 1, 2024.

Please visit our website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2024, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 6th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on our District website <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>. There will also be an info session about district program options on November 26 (see flyer below).

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



This is 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.

NAME CHANGE IN OUR STAFF

Congratulations to Mrs. Parmar who got married this summer! Mrs. Parmar, formerly known as Ms. Smith has now officially changed her name. Therefore, you might receive emails from her under this name from now on.



FSA's COMING HOME DEC. 2 - DEC. 6

Grade 4 and 7 FSA's have been marked and will be returned to families with results and a letter from our Superintendent during the week of Dec. 2 to Dec. 6. Please speak with your classroom teacher if you have questions about the results.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES

We are reminding families to please send students to school with a nutritious snack and a lunch. If your child will require a spoon or fork to eat, please provide this as well. The school will only provide these items in case of emergency.





Parent Education Session:

District Program Options

for Kindergarten

The Richmond School District provides two district program options for students entering Kindergarten. We invite families with children registering for the 2025-2026 school year to join district staff to learn more about Early French Immersion and Montessori programs.

Join us for an informative session focused on District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori) for Kindergarten learners.

Topics will include:

- o Early French Immersion (EFI) Program
- o Montessori Program
- o Registration Information
- o Important Dates to Note
- o Frequently Asked Questions



Virtual on Microsoft Teams

(meeting link will be sent after registration is submitted)



Tuesday, November 26, 2024



6:00pm



**Hosts: Brooke Douglas, Gordon Fitt,
Linda Chau, Catherine Jule**

Register Here!



KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

TCO2 Presentations

Each year students in Gr. 4 - 7 participate in an online safety presentation called Taking Care of Ourselves and Others. Put on by a local organization called Children of the Streets, preventing child sexual exploitation is their goal. Check out their parent resource, [Ten Tips for Staying Safe Online](#). To learn more about child exploitation prevention see their [Resources](#) page.

What are kids up to?

Find out the current interests and risks that kids are exposed to online, listed by age group, and how you can support and protect your child online at [Protect Kids Online](#).

Screen Time Habits

For guidance and resources for parents wanting to teach and equip their children with healthy screen habits visit [Keep Tech In Check](#).



Your kids are important to us!

The digital era that we are living in creates an extra challenge for parents and caregivers as we try to keep up with the technology in our children's lives. How can we teach them to be responsible digital citizens and learn how to use technology as a tool to help them learn? How to support them as they use digital media to express their creativity and engage in the entertaining aspect of technology in moderation? How can we guide them so they can enjoy all the benefits while keeping them safe online?

Read on for websites, webinars and workshops to equip yourself to help your kids.





Online Parent Education Sessions

Nov. 13th: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying

Jan. 21st: Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids

Feb. 25th: Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression

Apr. 8th: Cybersafe from Exploitation

Visit For more information and to register visit:

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>

BC Children's Hospital Kelty
Mental Health

Nov. 27th Parent Webinar

Register Today!



Click on images for more parent resources



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



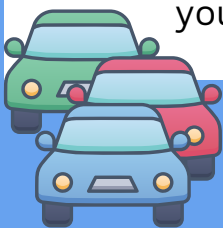
VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

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.





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