

MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3800 #5 Rd, Richmond BC V6X 2T7 Phone 604-668-6225 | Early Warning 604-668-6229 Website: mitchell.sd38.bc.ca



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Thank you Firebird Community for a smooth week back from the winter break! I hope that you enjoyed two weeks of time with friends and family. Our students were excited to be back and keen to get back to their learning!

Today was a fun day, with several classes participating in an impressive Comicon in the gym. Next week will be fun as we enjoy a performance by the Dancers of Damelahamid and the Math Festival!

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Jan. 16- Dancers of Damelahamid Performance

Jan. 17 - Math Festival

Jan. 22 - Dufflebag Theatre Performance

Jan. 24 - PRO-D

Jan. 29 - Lunar New Year

Feb. 7 - Carnaval Parade at 10:30

Feb. 24 to 27 - Scholastic Book Fair

Feb. 26/27 - Early Dismissal -Conferences

Dancers of Damelahamid

On January 16, students and staff will have the pleasure to watch a performance by this phenomenal Indigenous dance company. To learn more: https://damelahamid.ca/

Math Festival

On January 17, all classes will participate to the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival. Divisions 2 and 3 will be our leaders for this fun event. To learn more: https://jrmf.org/

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/kindergartenregistration 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/kindergartenregistration.

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 offresh oxygen and move around is very good for children's well-being and ability tolearn. 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.

INTENT OF RETURN NOTICES

Intent of Return forms have been sent home. Please fill it and send it back to your classroom teacher by January 17. These forms help us have an idea of our numbers for the following year.





CARNAVAL PARADE - FEB. 7

Join us for the Mitchell Carnaval Parade on February 7, at 10:30, around the traffic circle! You'll have a chance to hear our band, see Bonhomme and Bûcheron and dance to some traditional French-Canadian music.

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.



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



SLOW DOWN

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 **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!



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.







Date: January 14, 2025 Time: 6-8 p.m. Where: Zoom Register: QR code below



ONLINE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

The Richmond School District invites community members to participate in an Online Public Open House.

This virtual event offers a convenient opportunity to learn about the 2025 Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) and provide input that will help shape the district's long-term facilities strategy. If you are unable to attend, you can still contribute. Email your questions or feedback to the Richmond Project Team at planning@sd38.bc.ca.

Scan QR code to register:





