



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 15 - February 7, 2025

Oh la la, we have been busy having fun this week at Mitchell! The snow made this week extra exciting for students (and staff, as you can imagine!). We had a blast building forts and snow people on the field. On top of that, we had Global Play Day on Wednesday, which went really well. It was beautiful to see students from all grades playing together! The week will finish with a bang with our Carnival parade and plaid day tomorrow!

[You are invited to our Carnival Parade tomorrow at 10:30! See you there!](#)

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Feb. 13 - Band Concert at 10:30
Div. 1, 2, 3 & 4 families invited

Feb. 14 - Pro-D (NO SCHOOL)

Feb. 17 - Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

Feb. 24 to 27 - Scholastic Book Fair

Feb. 26/27 - Early Dismissal at 1:45 - Conferences

VANCOUVER SUN RUN

This year we will be entering a team in the Vancouver SunRun on Sunday April 27th. If you would like to join us, please follow the link below. Deadline to register is Mar 14.

Team name: Mitchell
Firebirds
Password: CJMZGA



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



News From the School Library

Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair

Ms. Fedoruk is pleased to announce that our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Monday, February 24th – Friday, February 28th in the Mitchell Library Learning Commons.

Students will have two opportunities to visit the book fair during the school day.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Monday, February 24 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 25 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26 1:45 – 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 27 1:45 – 5:00 pm

Friday, February 28 -open to parents from 8:45-9:15 am and for students before recess (until 10:10 am).

Scholastic Book Fair Parent Volunteers

I will be looking for parent volunteers to help run the Scholastic Book Fair again this year. Please watch for more details in an upcoming email.

Library Closure

As part of book collection development training Ms. Fedoruk will be attending Diversity Audit Workshops for 2 weeks in February (along with other Teacher-Librarians in the district). The library will be closed for book exchanges from Wednesday, Feb. 12 until Monday March 3 (this includes the week of the Scholastic Book Fair).

Student library times for next week are:

Monday, February 10: Divisions 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17

Tuesday, February 11: Divisions 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13



Provincial Student/Families Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

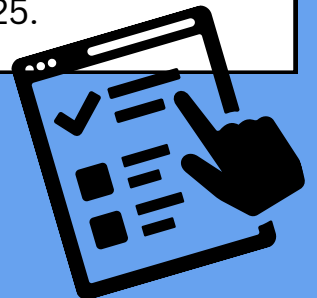
In February, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are helpful in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

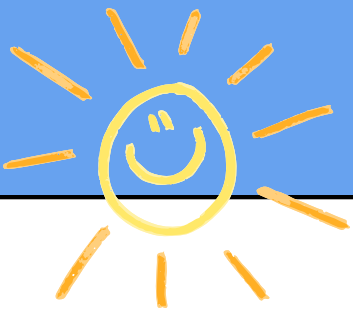
The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>.

Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.





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.

Priority 1 registration is now closed. Families will hear from schools by February 7, 2025. District Program Options (EFI, LFI, Montessori) also closed on January 17, and families will be notified about placement by February 4. Priority 2 registration is now open until May 9, 2025.

First round transfer applications open on February 3 and closes February 28.

Applications can be found on the district's website [here](#).

Applications should be emailed to the desired school. Transfer decisions will be emailed to families by March 10, 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>.

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





WEATHER CLOSURES

In the event where weather would make it impossible for school to be open, the Superintendent of Schools will make the decision to close schools by 6:30 a.m. This information will be shared on the district's website as well as through the district's social media. In the event of a closure, Mitchell's administration will notify families by email as early as possible.

ABSENCES

While it is always a good idea to inform your child's teacher of their planned absence, we are reminding families that **your first call should be to the school office**. To report any absence, early departure or late arrival, please call our Early Warning Line at:
604-668-6229



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.



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



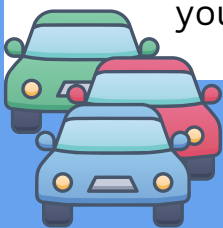
VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

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.



Student Accident Insurance

As in previous years, families can choose to purchase an optional student accident insurance plan for their children through the “InsureMyKids®” program, underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. The “InsureMyKids®” accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

The insurance agreement will be between the family and Old Republic Canada and will be effective on the date the enrollment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier. To purchase a student accident insurance plan, families can visit <http://www.insuremykids.com>, or speak with an Old Republic Canada customer service representative at 1-800-463-5437.

The program coverage typically includes:

- A full year (365 days from date of purchase), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses such as ambulance, physio-therapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or provincial health plans;
- Injury related dental treatment as the result of an accident;
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses. (Platinum Plan Only)

If you would like a brochure about this service, please pop by the office.

If you have questions relating to this insurance program, please contact Joyce Coronel from the Secretary Treasurer’s office at jcoronel@sd38.bc.ca or 604-668-6008.



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Virtual Family Math Fair

Saturday Feb 22, 2025, 10:00am - 11:30am PT

Virtual through Zoom with

UBC Faculty of Education Graduate Students and Teacher Candidates



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Sat Feb 22, 2025

10:00am-11:30am PT



All Welcome: Families, Teachers, Parents
Event FREE! | Registration Required

For more info and to register:



RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRO-D DAYS SPECIAL

Guests can receive up to **3 complimentary child/youth tickets** with the purchase of 1 paid adult ticket

JAN 24 JAN 27 FEB 14 MAY 16

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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