



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 16 - February 21, 2025

We hope you all enjoyed some relaxing and fun times with family and friends on Family Day (Feb. 17). This short week was filled with lots of learning and some classes went on field trips, too! Thank you to those of you who came to the PAC meeting on Wednesday evening. Your contribution to our conversations is always valued. Next week will be extra busy, with conferences, Scholastic Book Fair, Pink Shirt Day and the info session for Camp Jubilee.

**This is a reminder that school will end at 1:45 on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.**

### Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

Feb. 24 to 28 - Scholastic Book Fair

Feb. 25 - Camp Jubilee Info Session for Gr. 6/7 families (6 PM)

#### **Feb. 26 - Pink Shirt Day**

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

March 7 - PAC Meeting at 8:45  
March 7 - PAC Movie Night

**March 17 - 28 - Spring Break**

### SD 38 Strategic Plan

As the district is preparing for a new strategic plan, we would appreciate hearing from families on what they think should be prioritized for our students and learning communities. You are encouraged to fill the following 5-15 minute survey, which closes on Feb. 23.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PQpZlaCBDUrK6BK9E5mUvBxfNaqd2Jq8tAyr7dIDclrrNg/viewform>

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](http://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).



## **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.

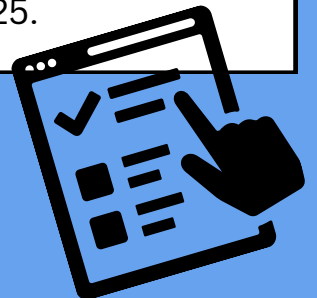
In February, the Student Learning Survey was administered to students in grades 4 and 7. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are helpful in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. 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.

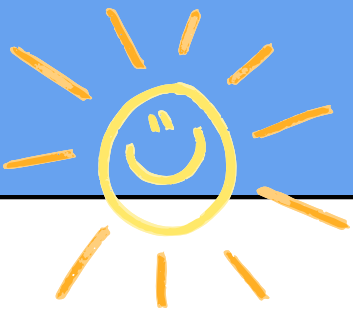
The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at

<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**

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 opened 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. Priority 2 registration is now open until May 9, 2025.**

**First round transfer applications opened 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!





### **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 March 14.

Team name: Mitchell Firebirds

Password: CJMZGA

### **EXTENDED ABSENCES/VACATION**

If your family is planning an early departure or a late return from Spring Break, please inform the office and your classroom teacher at your earliest convenience. Depending on the length of the absence, the office may require you to fill an extended absence form.



### **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



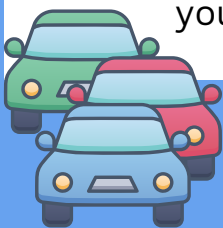
## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

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](mailto:jcoronel@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6008.

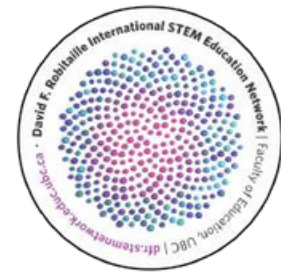




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# Virtual Family Math Fair

**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:



 SCHOLASTIC

# BOOK FAIR

DREAM  
BIG

BRING  
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BOOK  
JOY



Book Lovers  
Unite!

Feb. 24-28





**Now Registering students from McNeely & Mitchell Elementary in our licensed After School Care program for the 2025/2026 school year**

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**Heron After School Care - located at Mitchell Elementary - is now Registering for the 2025/2026 school year**

Accepting children from Mitchell Elementary and McNeely Elementary (children from McNeely will have Heron staff do a supervised "safe walk" from McNeely to Mitchell Elementary)

**Ages K - Grade 7**

**Times:** 2:45 - 7:00, Monday to Friday, as well as all early dismissal dates.

**Cost:** Kindergarten aged students - 311.00 / month  
Grade 1 - 5 - 516 / month

**We accept ACCB** - if your family earns less than 111 000 / year, you may be eligible for ACCB, which is a child care subsidy to reduce your tuition payment.

Professional days, Winter break / spring break and summer break daycamps all available at an additional cost.

Contact [registration@ssocc.ca](mailto:registration@ssocc.ca) to enrol; visit [ssocc.ca](http://ssocc.ca) for more information about our programs.