



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 22 - April 2, 2026

Hello! I hope you had a nice Spring Break and that you are looking forward to the lovely weather we are expecting this weekend! **This is a reminder that there is no school on Friday and Monday.**

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

April 3 & 6 - NO SCHOOL

April 9 - Gr. 6 & 7 in Victoria

April 10 - PAC Meeting at 9:00AM

April 14 - Vaisakhi

May 7 - Music In Our Schools at Gateway Theatre (evening)

Spring Celebrations

April 1-9, 2026 – Pesach / Passover (Jewish)

Chag Pesach Sameach to the Jewish students, staff, and families as you observe Pesach. May this time bring reflection, connection, and peace to your homes and communities.

April 3, 2026 – Good Friday (Christian)

To the Christian students, staff, and families, we send our warm regards as you observe Good Friday.

April 5-6, 2026 – Easter Sunday and Easter Monday (Christian origin)

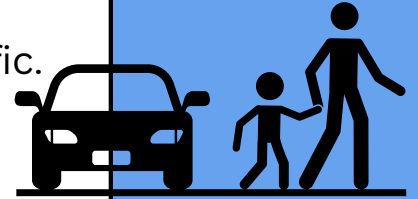
Greeting: Happy Easter to all who celebrate! May this time of renewal and hope bring joy, peace, and connection to your families and communities.

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

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Reminders

Let's all work together to keep our students safe! Please follow these rules to ensure smooth pick-ups and drop-offs for everyone:

- Do NOT double park. This creates congestion and traffic.
- If you need to park, use a parking space.
- Go slow! 10km/h.
- Do NOT park in the traffic circle. You can stop to do a very quick drop-off only.
- Pedestrians have priority at the crossing. Politely and patiently wait.
- Dismount and walk bicycles and e-scooters when entering the parking lot and on school sidewalks.
- Walk in designated areas (pathways, sidewalks, crosswalks).
- Be polite, courteous and respectful at all times.



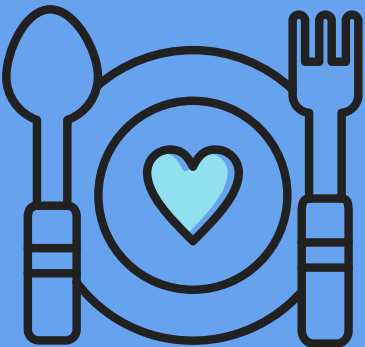
Thank you for your cooperation.

Universal Hot Lunch

The Richmond School District has given the go-ahead for all students to receive a hot lunch on the following upcoming dates:

- April 15;
- May 6 & 20;
- June 3 & 17

We encourage all families to participate. An email has been sent to all families to inform you of the ordering process. Please call the office if you need assistance with ordering.



Library Corner - Messages from Ms. Fedoruk



Upcoming Author Visit – Emily Seo

On Wednesday, April 8th, local author Emily Seo will be visiting Mitchell. Emily is a Japanese Canadian chemist turned children's book author who lives in Richmond, BC. Emily has written 3 books so far, and her main interests include writing and talking about science, nature, food, and culture, both fiction and nonfiction. We have been reading and reflecting on these books during our recent library classes. Emily will have books available for purchase and signing on the day of her presentation for interested families. Students are asked to bring exact change for book purchases. See details on next page.



A few reminders...



Dressing for the weather

Please remember to check the weather report before sending your child to school, and to send your children dressed appropriately. Spring tends to bring ever changing weather, so we need to be on the lookout. We have also started track practices, so intermediate students should have good sports shoes, a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat.

Snacks and lunches

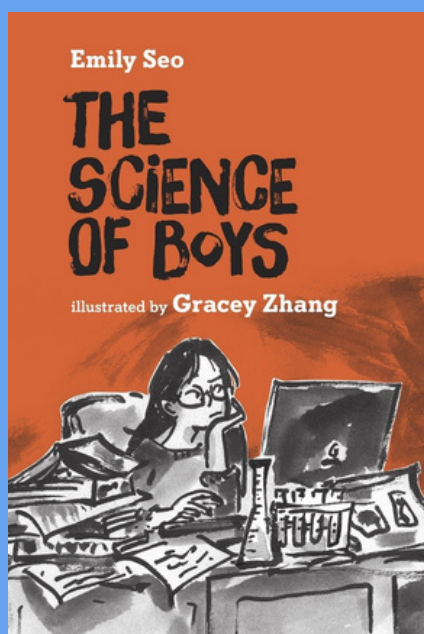
Please send nutritious, filling snacks and lunches for your children. We have seen an increase in our community fridge usage. We are reminding students and their families that food from our fridge is meant to supplement what is sent from home, not replace it.



Start of the day

This is a reminder that school starts at 8:45, and students should be ready to come in at 8:40. Students who are late must report to the office before going to class.

Emily Seo is a Japanese Canadian author and scientist with a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of British Columbia. Her experimentation with creative writing resulted in her debut novel, *The Science of Boys* followed by *Our World: Japan* and *The Perfect Sushi*. She currently lives in Richmond, BC, with her husband and two young children. For more information, please visit www.emilyseowrites.com or @emilyseowrites on IG.



The Science of Boys
Paperback: \$15
Hardcover: \$23



Our World: Japan
Board book: \$14



The Perfect Sushi
Paperback: \$14
Hardcover: \$22



Updated Procedures for Volunteers/Volunteer Drivers

All SD38 schools will now require all driver volunteers to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC). Other volunteers may be required by school administration to complete a CRC, depending on the nature of the volunteering activity, including chaperoning field trips. This is a simple procedure and can be completed online. It takes 5-10 minutes. Teachers will provide families with a QR code and our organization's code when families need to complete this.

We will also ask volunteers to provide the following information to the office:

- Completed volunteer form
- Copy of CRC completion confirmation email
- Copy of proof of insurance (for drivers only)
- Admin will continue to complete a driver's licence check (for drivers only)

CRC's are valid for 2 calendar years.

District volunteer forms are valid for one school year.

Parents/guardians with several children attending Mitchell only need to complete their CRC/volunteer form once.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement these important safety guidelines at Mitchell. We are very appreciative for all our volunteers and are looking forward to more fun field trips.

Ministry Learning Survey

During the months of January to April, School District #38 is participating in the 2026 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any time before May 1st, 2026, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section Direct Access – no logon number required select:
 - o **District: Richmond - SD38**
 - o **School: Mitchell Elementary**
 - o **Language: the language of your choice**
4. Complete the survey.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a confirmation message
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately



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 – 3:15. 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

This is a reminder to remain courteous and respectful in our parking lot.

Help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. Respect the 10km/h speed limit. 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.





MIOS Ticket Sales



All tickets for MIOS are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
All tickets for MIOS are General Seating.

Purchasing Instructions

Booking MIOS Gateway Theatre Online Tickets:

Click Link:

[https://www.gatewaytheatre.com
/events/music-in-our-schools-
2026/](https://www.gatewaytheatre.com/events/music-in-our-schools-2026/)

Scan QR Code:



Instructions:

- Select the correct show date for your school event
- Select "Buy Tickets"
- Enter how many tickets you wish to purchase
- If you do not have an account, you will be taken to a page asking for personal details, which you must fill out (name and phone number is all that's required)
- After you have made your purchase, you have the option to finish setting up your account with an online password
- Once you are in the account, you must choose a method of delivery
- Select "Receive my Tickets as e-Tickets" or "Collect my Tickets at the box office"

We hope to see you at

**Music In Our Schools
2026**



HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.**
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.**
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.**
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.**
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.**
- 6 Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.**

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct
is available online at:

sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct





Community Services Connectors Program



Are you a Richmond resident with a lower income looking for services or support?

Drop by the Living Room at **Ironwood Library**, enjoy a drink and a snack, and chat with a Community Services Connector.

When:

Every Sunday
From January 28 - May 26
2:00 - 4:00pm

Where:

Ironwood Library
8200-11688 Steveston Hwy,
Richmond, BC



For more information, visit: richmond.ca/CommunityResources