



MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3800 #5 Rd, Richmond BC V6X 2T7



Phone 604-668-6225 | Early Warning 604-668-6229

Website: mitchell.sd38.bc.ca

Principal/Directrice: Mme V. Carrière - Vice Principal/Directrice Adjointe: Ms.T. Norman

Newsletter 23 - April 10, 2026

Happy Friday, Firebirds! This short week has been jam-packed with events and activities at Mitchell! We had a compost party, a trip to Victoria, Comic Convention, PAC Meeting and an earthquake drill, on top of track practices! I would like to thank our parent volunteers who have been going on fieldtrips, helping with hot lunches and participating in class activities. Your presence and participation is invaluable!

Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

April 14 - Vaisakhi

**April 28 - Jeremy Fisher Concert
and PAC sponsored lunch for all!**

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

May 12 - PAC AGM at 6PM in Library

**May 13 - Math Night at Mitchell (4
to 6 PM) all are encouraged to join!**

May 15 & 18 - NO SCHOOL

Spring Celebrations

April 14 is Vaisakhi. This important day commemorates the founding of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1699 and is also celebrated as a spring harvest festival. Vaisakhi is often celebrated with prayers, community gatherings, and acts of service.

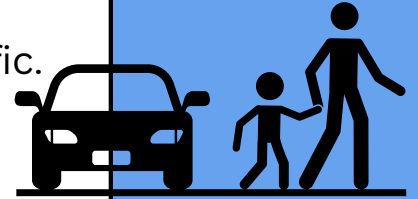
Warm greetings to the Sikh students, staff, and families celebrating Vaisakhi. May this day bring joy, reflection, and community spirit.

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.



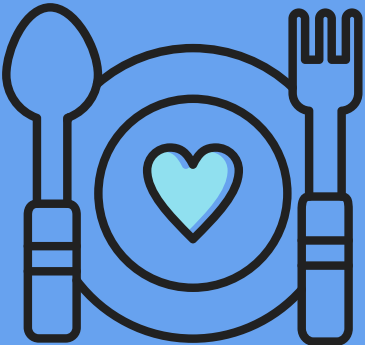
Thank you for your cooperation.

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.





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.

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



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.

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






MOVIE NIGHT


Tous Toqués!





A National Canadian Film Day Event 🇨🇦



 **WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15**
McRoberts Secondary School

 **DOORS OPEN:
5:00 PM**

 **MOVIE STARTS:
5:45 PM**

 **PIZZA SERVED FROM
5:00 PM**

PIZZA: \$3 PER SLICE

REGISTER NOW!



Register here:
forms.gle/5u4qJ25T3hEd5eFj9



No food or drinks inside the **theatre**.



Volunteers welcome!



CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH RICHMOND CHAPTER