



# RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY

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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Reminder that next Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development Day. No classes for students.

## **MULTI-CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

Parents and students are very excited for our fast approaching Multi-Cultural Celebration. This event will take place on **Thursday, February 7th** during the school day and will highlight the importance of the diversity within the Ridgeview school community. Celebrating our differences will help to support acceptance of one another. The event aims to be interactive and informative. All Kindergarten through Grade 7 students will attend throughout the school day.

We still require parent support to create a robust celebration. We would like all world regions represented.

To date, we have parent organizers for Asia, South America, North America, the Middle East and Oceania.

We still require representation from Africa, Europe, Central America and the Caribbean. Parents wanting to help to pull together a display for countries within these regions are asked to contact Principal Mrs. Brady as soon as possible.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our organization meeting this week. Your enthusiasm and support are appreciated. If parent volunteers and/or organizers have any questions or require support in any way, please contact Principal Mrs. Brady ([vbrady@wvschools.ca](mailto:vbrady@wvschools.ca)).

## **CUP OF LEGO**

The Ridgeview Library is building a LEGO center for our MakerSpace. Thank you to all the students who have already donated some LEGO. We are still collecting LEGO and we are hoping each Ridgeview household could donate a cup of LEGO from your home collection. If you are interested, please bring your cup of LEGO in a sandwich bag to the school office and your name will be entered in a draw to win a prize! Check out the LEGO drive bulletin board located outside the office to see the contributions at each grade level. Thank you for helping us build our LEGO center.

## **SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE**

Parents are reminded that the staff parking lot is designated for staff only before, during and immediately afterschool. Exceptions are when parents are picking up a sick child, or families who have a special parking pass. In these cases, please observe the special designated signs in the parking lot.

Once again, we ask parents to review the designated drop off/pick up and parking spaces around the school. Brochures illustrating these spaces are available on the brochure rack across from the office. Please drive slowly and cautiously and observe the posted speed around the school. Parents, please take great care to always consider safety over convenience when driving.

Parents are reminded that it is okay to approach another parent if you have reasonable concern that the parent is not being mindful of parking, drop off or pick up, or safety expectations. Alternatively, unsafe driving behaviours can be reported to WV Bylaw Enforcement at 604-925-7152. Securing the license of a vehicle involved is important when reporting to Bylaw officials.

Your support is needed to keep our children safe! Thank you for your assistance.

## **HOT LUNCH WINTER SESSION**

Hot Lunch ordering is open for the Winter session! Please, go to [Munchalunch](#) to proceed as usual. Ordering will remain so until Tuesday, March 5. First day of Hot Lunch was Monday, January 7 and last day will be Friday, March 15. We continue with weekly rotating menus from Monday to Friday to avoid having to make a selection every day. **Orders need to be placed 10 days in advance.** When ordering, make sure to delete the following dates (full day field trips) if your child will be affected: January 29 - Grade 4 Winter Sports Field Trip, February 6 - Grade 5 Winter Sports Field Trip, February 14 - Grades 6/7 Winter Sports Field Trip.

**Important: Foodie Kids is not providing disposable plastic cutlery any more.** We would like to support this effort to reduce the amount of plastic in the environment by requesting that each student signing up for the hot lunch program carries a set of cutlery from home.

Last, but not least, we can't run the program without the help of parent volunteers. Please, contact us if you think you could spare some time (less than an hour) and it doesn't have to be every day, once a week or every other week works! We take the opportunity to say thank you to those who made the Fall session work so well.

If you have any questions, you can reach us at [silmoscato@hotmail.com](mailto:silmoscato@hotmail.com) and [marjancanada@hotmail.com](mailto:marjancanada@hotmail.com)

## **WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES**

As winter is here, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. As such, I would like to provide you with some important information about the district's weather closure of schools procedures and announcements process. The district aims to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, including those with snowfall.

### ***Weather Closure of Schools (Outside School Hours):***

Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via:

- the school district website at [www.westvancouver.schools.ca](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca); and
- a Synrevoice email

We endeavour to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6 a.m. on the day of closure.

### ***Weather Closure of Schools (During School Hours):***

If weather conditions create a concern for the safety of students returning home, the school principal can decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent. The decision will be communicated to parents and students using the school's normal communication systems.

Student safety is our first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

As always, please refer to our website at: <http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca> for the latest information.

## **2018/19 KINDERGARTEN AND IN-CATCHMENT GRADES 1-7 REGISTRATION**

If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2014, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2019/20 is now open! Registration is open for any in-catchment families with children going into Grades 1-7. The online registration application can be found [here](#). **Registration for Grades 1-7 for all other families (in district out of catchment and out of district) begins January 15, 2019.** If your child is already attending Ridgeview, you do not need to reapply for the next school year.

If your child is currently in Grade 7 and your first choice high school is West Vancouver Secondary School, you are not required to complete an online application (regardless of where they live). West Vancouver Secondary School counsellors will be visiting Ridgeview in late winter/early spring and will be distributing transfer forms at that time.

HOWEVER, if your first choice for secondary school is somewhere other than West Vancouver Secondary School, you must complete an online application according to the student registration timelines. **Please note:** No out of catchment or out of district applications for secondary schools are accepted until January 15<sup>th</sup>. Timelines are below:

- October 15, 2018 - March 1, 2019  
All Kindergarten applicants (catchment, district and out of district) and all students residing in catchment for entry into Grades 1-12.
- January 15, 2019 - February 1, 2019  
District and Out of District applicants may apply online for Grades 1 – 12.

## **COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **ARTMANIA**

After school art program held at Ridgeview for students in Grades K-6

February 5 – March 12, 3:10 – 4:10pm

Fee: \$185 plus GST (includes all materials)

To register – go to [www.artmaniabc.ca](http://www.artmaniabc.ca)

### **IN THE NAME OF YOUR DAUGHTER FILM SCREENING AND FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, February 3, 2019

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Grosvenor Theatre - Kay Meek Arts Centre 1700 Mathers Ave, WV

Be inspired by some of the world's bravest girls at the BC Premiere of *In The Name of Your Daughter*. This documentary tells the story of girls whose voices have never been heard before; Tanzanian girls as young as eight who are risking their lives to defy their destiny and follow the dreams. <https://kaymeek.com/events/in-the-name-of-your-daughter>

### **BOOK CLUB SOCIAL**

February 7, March 7, April 11, May 9 and June 13 from 1:00 – 2:30pm

Properties Family Hub, Chartwell Elementary School (portable classroom)

Explore your passion for books while discussing interesting titles with new friends at the Properties Family Hub. Facilitated by a librarian, these sessions will provide you with the opportunity to engage and compelling ideas and themes, while also connecting with people who have similar interests.

To register, visit or call the Information Desk at WVML 604-925-7403 / [westvanlibrary.ca](http://westvanlibrary.ca)

### **WVS PREMIER ACADEMY PROGRAM EVENING INFORMATION SESSIONS**

West Vancouver Schools will be holding evening information sessions for the various Premier Academy programs offered for secondary students in the district. Visit [here](#) for more information.

### **AFTER SCHOOL TABLE TENNIS**

WVS popular *After school TABLE TENNIS program* Term 2 will start again on **Wednesday January 16, 2019** from 3:30pm-4:30pm at Ridgeview Elementary School Gym. Table Tennis is a SPORT FOR LIFE, students have fun while learning new ball and racquet skills. Register early as these classes fill out fast and space is limited. For more information or to register, please click [HERE](#).

### **SUNSHINE FUN MANDARIN CHINESE CLUB AT RIDGEVIEW – GRADES K-6**

Join the Sunshine Fun Mandarin Chinese Club at Ridgeview Elementary School. Classes will run for 8 sessions starting Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm. Cost of the program is \$160 per student (all materials included). Please make cheques payable to *Jian Xiang*. Registration forms can be found outside the office. For more information, please contact [jian\\_xiang2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jian_xiang2003@yahoo.com) or 604-780-0258.

### **RIDGEVIEW CHESS CLUB – GRADES 3 & Up**

Join the Ridgeview Chess Club this winter starting Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> for 7 lunch hour sessions. The Chess Club is run by a Chess Master once a week during lunch. The students take their lunch to the chess club to play chess, solve puzzles and learn new strategies. All levels of players welcome from Grade 3 and up. Cost per student is \$45 payable to Luc Poitras. Registration forms can be found outside the office. For more information please contact Luc at 778-846-0496 or [wjchess@hotmail.com](mailto:wjchess@hotmail.com)

### **SUNDAY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB - FOR GRADE 1 AND UP**

Held at the West Vancouver Community Centre

Starting **Sunday January 27, 2019** for 6 Sundays (4:50PM to 6:00PM)

The Chess Club is run by a National Chess Master. All levels of players are welcome from Grade 1 and up.

Students play chess, solve puzzles and learn new strategies.

The cost per student is \$45 or \$10 drop-in.

More information at [wcjcb.blogspot.ca](http://wcjcb.blogspot.ca) / 778.846.0496 (Luc Poitras) / [wjchess@hotmail.com](mailto:wjchess@hotmail.com)

### **DREAMING OF A GREAT SLEEP FOR YOUR FAMILY?**

Hosted by the West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council, learn more about promoting healthy sleep hygiene for your family. Join us to hear from two authorities on the importance of sleep.

WHEN: Wednesday February 27, 2019 at 7:00pm

WHERE: Grosvenor Theatre, Kay Meek Centre

Tickets are \$10 WVS Families. [www.kaymeekcentre.com](http://www.kaymeekcentre.com)

### **WEST VAN RUN 2019**

As has become tradition, the school district is inviting students (and their parents) to participate in the West Van Run happening **March 2 and 3, 2019**. Students and parents have the option to join in the event at a discounted rate by registering here: <http://www.westvanrun.com/schools>

Don't forget to wear school and/or district colours and show up early for the group photo.

*Valerie Brady*

Principal

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