



RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੰਕਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>برجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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December 3rd, 2020

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[District Website](#)

UPCOMING DATES

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| Nov 23 rd – Dec 4 th | Virtual Scholastic Book Fair |
| Dec 4 th | Pick up Purdys, and Plant Fundraiser Orders-2:30-3:30pm
Lower Parking Lot at Ridgeview |
| Dec 7 th | Summerland Estate Winery Fundraiser Deadline |
| Dec 8 th | RPAC Virtual General Meeting at 7pm |
| Dec 8 th | Christmas Cookie Fundraiser Deadline (at midnight) |
| Dec 11 th | First Term CSL/Reports Distributed |
| Dec 17 th | Virtual Christmas Concert (will be sent out to families after school) |
| Dec 18 th | Jolly Jingle Day (Christmas Spirit Wear-Santa hats / Xmas PJs etc.) |
| Dec 18 th | Last day before Winter Break – Staggered Early Dismissals |
| Dec 21 st – Jan 1 st | Winter Break (School Reopens January 4 th) |

SCHOOL NEWS

ALL THINGS DECEMBER 2020 (GR K-7)

This is an unusual December and the led up to the holidays. However you may celebrate it, we are attempting to spread some Christmas cheer with our community this year to keep our spirits bright.

Next week, we recording and filming our **Virtual Christmas Concert**. Classroom teachers will be communicating via email OR in your child's planner what to wear for their part of the performance. We want our production to be an 'elementary homegrown' style of performance – meaning we are not asking you to go buy fancy clothes and shoes especially during a pandemic. We are having a school wide (in classrooms) watch party on December 17th – and then we will send out the link. Many of you know, Ms. Soderling – our music and band teacher, is off on Maternity Leave and is expecting very soon! For our Virtual Christmas Concert, Ms. Stephanie Jackson, our interim music and band teacher, is undertaking this task. However we can support her is appreciated – please note what day(s) your child(ren) is being filmed and what to wear.

Also next week, we are creating **Christmas cards** and writing positive messages inside each one from our students for our senior citizens in West Vancouver. We are working with [365 Give](#) to ensure that these cards are delivered to the **West Vancouver Senior's Centre**, as well as with decorations students have made, by Friday, December 11th.

We had some Grade 1 parent volunteers put up our **Ridgeview Christmas Tree in Dundarave Village** – out in front of the Beach House. A special thanks to Vania Pecchia for organizing parent volunteers for this. Also a special thank you to Klaus Doerfert, who created a fire breathing dragon out of sheet metal that is lighting up the top of the tree. I have had many compliments via email about this – even from WVS Trustees walking the waterfront!

Yesterday, I had the joy of delivering 'cold packages' straight from the North Pole mail service (a Mrs. Claus department) to the grade 1 classes. Each class received a **Christmas Elf!** The students will have to be on the watch with this visitor!

On December 16th, the RPAC and the administration is **acknowledging our staff** efforts during 2020. The school is providing personalized lunches for staff and the RPAC is providing a little goodie bag of "treats" for staff to take home. Room parents are also asking for donations for teacher specific gifts as well during this time.



On Friday, December 18th, our last day of school, we are celebrating **Jolly Jingle Day** – wear anything Christmas (school appropriate), anything that jingles, Santa hats, red & green etc. Remember we have staggered early dismissal on this day.

1:10pm for Grades K, 2 and 4

1:20pm for Grades 1, 3 and 5

1:30 for Grades 6 and 7

VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (GR K-7) – ENDS TOMORROW DEC 4TH!

Our school's Scholastic Virtual Book Fair started on Monday and will close tomorrow, Friday, December 4th.

Let's continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home.

Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5148725>

BEFORE SCHOOL ARRIVAL / AFTER SCHOOL DEPARTURE

The recent increase in the COVID-19 case count across the province is concerning for all of us. To keep our loved ones healthy and safe, and to keep our essential services, and especially schools, in operation, we must continue to practice the behaviours and follow the guidance and orders as shared by Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry.

Last week, Dr. Henry announced that the restrictions that had been in place for the Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health regions would be extended province-wide until December 7, 2020. British Columbians are being asked to **significantly reduce all social interactions, avoid non-essential travel and be vigilant about social distancing, hand washing, and keeping sick children home.**

I know with good weather, we tend to see many families on our school grounds after school visiting and watching their children play. In keeping with current Public Health Orders, I respectfully request that parents and guardians **“drop and go”** when bringing children to school, if safe to do so. Similarly, please **depart the school grounds as quickly as possible after school** or advise your 'old enough to walk' children to **go straight home.**

These are “strange days indeed” when I find myself asking you all to go home as soon as possible. As Dr. Henry says, school is a reflection of the community. We must all model social distancing and adhere to Health Orders by not gathering to ensure reduced spread of the virus. I hope you understand that this request is coming from a place of caring during this challenging time.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up to date on what is happening at the school by following us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter by clicking on the icons

You can also follow Mr. Zerbe and Mr. Parslow on Twitter, [@warrenzerbe](#), and [@cparslow](#) to stay in touch and find valuable articles on education, parenting, technology and other interesting bits of information!



2021/22 KINDERGARTEN AND IN-CATCHMENT GRADES 1-7 REGISTRATION

Do you or someone you know have a child born in 2016? Now is the time to register them for Kindergarten! Admissions applications for the 2021-2022 school year are available on our website [here](#). You can also find more Kindergarten information on our website [here](#).

ALL Kindergarten students may submit an online application now. Students who will be entering Grades 1-12 and live IN-CATCHMENT may also apply.

Out-of-catchment and out-of-district applications for students entering Grades 1 – 12 in 2021-2022 will be available at 8am on January 15, 2021.

In order to comply with health and safety guidelines, parents and visitors should not enter schools without an appointment, so all supporting documents are being accepted electronically this year.

To complete your application, after you submit the online form, you must send good-quality electronic copies of all required documentation to your first choice school only.

Early French Immersion Kindergarten applications are subject to a placement lottery. For a child to be included in the lottery, applications must be complete before 3pm on Monday, November 30, 2021.

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 you 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 (i.e. Sentinel or Rockridge), 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, 2021.

For more details, visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/apply-now>

NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL):
DEC 8TH @ 7PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

Please see attached RPAC Newsletter for further information on any of the following items:

RPAC MEETING DECEMBER 8TH @7PM

Mark your calendars and consider attending the RPAC Meeting to get first hand information and updates from our principal and the RPAC. We make financial decisions during those meetings that enhance and impact your kids' education. We have a request from our school to purchase "stadium seats" for all students to sit outside without getting

wet. The cost is approximately \$2,800. This will get voted on at the meeting. [Click here for the Zoom Link](#)

SUMMERLAND WINERY FUNDRAISER IS OPEN!

Looking for a corporate gift? Looking for some cheers during the holidays? [Click here](#) to support our Summerland Winery Fundraiser. Buy your red and white wine for the holidays by the bottle or by the case! Summerland Winery will give 20% of ALL sales back to our RPAC! Thank you!

GRADE 7 GRADS BAKE SALE

Last chance to order your Christmas cookies. If you ordered the Halloween cookies, you know they are delicious! This fundraiser is in support of the Grade 7 Grad Fundraiser efforts. Please contribute generously. [Click here to order](#) on Munchalunch You have until December 9th. Thank you!

HOT LUNCH IS BACK!

Had enough of making sandwiches? Hot Lunch is Back!!! Ordering is open! [Follow this link](#) to register for a new account and/or place your orders now!

WELL FED STUDIO ONGOING FUNDRAISER

Festive holiday meals are here! We have partnered up with WellFed, all prepared meals, ready to order, ready for your freezer and contactless FREE delivery to your home! With each of your orders, WellFed will send 15% of the proceeds to our Ridgeview PAC. [Click here to order!](#)

MABLES LABELS ONGOING FUNDRAISER

Consider supporting this fundraiser, it will be yummy for your family and it will benefit all our kids at school! [Click here to order!](#)

CHRISTMAS PLANT SALES & PURDYS PICK UP

All plant sales and Purdys orders will be ready for pick up at 2:30pm in the East Lower Parking lot of the school this Friday December 4th. Thanks for your support!

RIDGEVIEW MANDARIN CLUB

[Email Jian_xiang2003@yahoo.com](mailto:Jian_xiang2003@yahoo.com) to sign up!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Join us on Ridgeview Dragon Facebook page for the latest RPAC information, news and fundraiser efforts! [Click here to join!](#) Lots going on these days! Stay on top of all the holiday cheers and help us build our Ridgeview Parent Community!

COMMUNITY

FEED A VULNERABLE SENIOR IN NEED

The West Vancouver Senior's Activity Centre (SAC) has received a matching grant from the West Vancouver Foundation. The Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Fund will match all donations up to \$100,000 to the SAC's Food Security Program for vulnerable seniors.

Matching **donations must be made before December 31, 2020**. For more information or to donate visit westvancouver.ca/feedtheneed or call 604-925-7280.

WVML FREE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS (Gr K-7)

West Vancouver Memorial Library is offering free virtual programs for students and families now through the end of the year. It is open to all and no library card is required. Here is the link: <https://wvmlbc.patronpoint.com/email/preview/35>