



RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS
Prière de les faire traduire.**

**重要資料
請找人為你翻譯**

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。

**알려드립니다
이것을 번역해 주십시오**

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ**

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੰਘਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ।**

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE
Busque alguien que le traduzca.**

**اطلاعات مهم و سودمند
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند**

**ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan**

**يرجى ترجمة هذا
معلومات هامة**

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.**

January 14th, 2021

[School Website](#)
[RPAC Facebook](#)
[District Website](#)



UPCOMING DATES

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| Jan 26 th | Family Meditation & Wellness Virtual Workshop 7:00pm |
| Jan 29 th | Professional Development Day – No Classes for Students (Gr K-7) |
| Feb 4 th | RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) at 7:00pm (see details below) |
| Feb 8 – 11 th | Lunar New Year Celebrations |
| Feb 11 th | Valentine’s Day Celebration – Wear Red/Heart Theme |
| Feb 12 th | Reading Break – School Closed |
| Feb 15 th | Family Day Holiday – School Closed |

SCHOOL NEWS

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We live in a diverse society here in the metro-Vancouver area and are fortunate to have all of this cultural richness. We are also seeing movements like Black/Indigenous Lives Matter or the Me Too movement in the media and on social media, etc. In elementary school, we do enter

these conversations at an age appropriate level and make connections to what is happening in society abroad, especially through a Canadian lens. We strive for inclusion at the school level and want equal opportunity for all of our students. We also love celebrating the diversity that is all around us.

I thought I'd share with you what's happening in our District as well as at Ridgeview when it comes to equity, diversity and inclusion.

Recently, the annual DPAC Liaison Meeting, with administrators and parents representing each schools' PAC, was held to listen to presentations from within our District focussed on Inclusion and Diversity in West Vancouver Schools. Discussions centred around Indigenous Education, SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) and Anti-Racism. It was a great session and we learned from all of the ideas and experiences that were shared in the breakout room conversations. Here are the links to the six presentations:

[Indigenous Education - Westcot](#)

[Indigenous Education - WVSS](#)

[SOGI - West Bay](#)

[SOGI - Sentinel](#)

[Anti-Racism Education - Hollyburn](#)

[Anti-Racism Education - Rockridge](#)

Black Shirt Day is this Friday, January 15th. More information at: <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/vancouver-anti-racism-advocates-calling-for-black-shirt-day>. While West Vancouver Schools are not formally participating in this new event, classroom discussion may occur and if your family wants to embrace this day, students are most welcome to wear black tomorrow. The date for Black Shirt day falls on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. [Black History Month](#) begins February 1st. Our teacher librarian uses biographies with the Grade 6 and 7 classes, with the focus that honours the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

Lunar New Year is Friday, February 12th. We are celebrating the Year of the Ox, a long with characteristics of the Ox; like hardworking, reliable and honest. This is an annual celebration that in the past, we typically like to plan with parents at Ridgeview and bring in activities or food for student to experience. However, due to COVID protocols, this year, we are celebrating in-house and scaled down. The office staff will be decorating the school with decorations we have in storage from past years. Our music teacher, Ms. Jackson is currently teaching "Xin Nian Hao ya," a simple New Year's greeting/song to Kindergarten – Grade 4 classes in music class. We are hoping to record some students with what this important holiday, the Year of the Ox, means to them; so we can share out a student perspective to the Ridgeview community. We will be celebrating during the week of February 8th – 11th.

Valentine's Day, February 14th, will be celebrated at school on the day prior to reading break, Thursday, February 11th. We are discouraging exchanging cards or treats due to COVID protocols– but students can come dressed to school in anything appropriate Valentine's Day colours/theme related.

[Pink Shirt Day](#) is on February 24th this year and we are encouraging all student to wear pink on this day. We are also having some classes participate in a West Vancouver School district wide virtual dance too.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER (GR K-7)

Winter weather is upon us. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for all weather conditions. Also, it is always a very good idea for all students to have an extra set of clothes/footwear at school to change into should they get wet and/or muddy.

FAMILY MEDITATION AND WELLNESS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP (GR K-7)

Want to bring more mindfulness to your life and learn practical tools to help relieve stress and anxiety? Join us for a fun family Mindfulness and Meditation evening Tuesday January 26th @ 7pm. This is going to be an informative and educational evening and something you can do with your whole family (great for all ages)! The workshop will be facilitated on Zoom by one of our Grade 5 parents Hayley Winter, who is a Certified Meditation Teacher. The cost is \$25 per family and 100% of the proceeds will be going directly to our RPAC, so this is a great way to bring more relaxation and presence to your life while also supporting our school! To register please visit [Munch-A-Lunch](#).

WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES

As winter approaches, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. As such, we 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. However, the final decision to send students to school resides with the parent or guardian since they are most familiar with the specific road and weather conditions around their home and community.

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; and
- a School Messenger email

We endeavour to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 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 system (School Messenger).

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 [this section of the district website](#) for the latest information.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

News 1130 <http://www.news1130.com/>

CKNW 98 <http://www.cknw.com/news/>

Global TV <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>

CBC <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>

2021/22 REGISTRATIONS – OUT OF CATCHMENT GR 1-12 OPENS TOMORROW

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.

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.

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):
FEB 4TH AT 7:00PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

RPAC GENERAL MEETING

The next RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) is on February 4th at 7:00pm.

Please join us for this Zoom Meeting at:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/61353789634?pwd=c29acnFmR2QzeWJEbUFydGNtOWs0QT09>

Meeting ID: 613 5378 9634

Passcode: 6w!BbR=%

HOT LUNCH WINTER TERM

The Hot Lunch Winter Term runs from Wednesday, January 6 to Friday, March 12. Hot lunch is the biggest fundraiser for our school and allows the PAC to offer all students an enriched experience as well as celebrate teachers and staff throughout the year. Ordering is flexible as it is continuously open, and you can cancel at any time (as long as it's within the 8-day cut-off period). We continue offering Foodie Kids on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and new for this term - Domino's Pizza on Fridays! To start ordering, please, [use this link](#).

IMPORTANT HOT LUNCH REMINDERS:

- orders should be placed by midnight on Tuesday to receive hot lunch the following week
- orders are not complete unless paid in full; please, complete your credit card payment immediately after placing the order to make sure your child receives his/her lunch as expected
- check your email the day before your child receiving lunch for a reminder from Munchalunch. If not in your Inbox, check your Spam/Junk folder, or log into your account to ensure you have completed the payment.

If you have any questions, please contact our PAC hot lunch coordinators, Silvina (silmoscato@hotmail.com) and Lynn (lynn403@hotmail.com)

WELLFED STUDIO ONGOING FUNDRAISER

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

Need labels for your kids' stuff? This is an ongoing fundraiser for our school and great products too! The labels stay on clothes through laundry and stays on water bottles and lunch kits through all dishwasher cycles! [Click here to order!](#) Labels are delivered straight to your house!

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

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>