



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

برجی ترجمه هذا
معلومات هامة

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

January 21st, 2021

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



UPCOMING DATES

Jan 26 th	Family Meditation & Wellness Zoom 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
Feb 24 th	Pink Shirt Day

SCHOOL NEWS

BUILDING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman’s inaugural poem [“The Hill We Climb”](#) yesterday gave me the chills and her subsequent interviews on CNN for example were so impressive. This is a

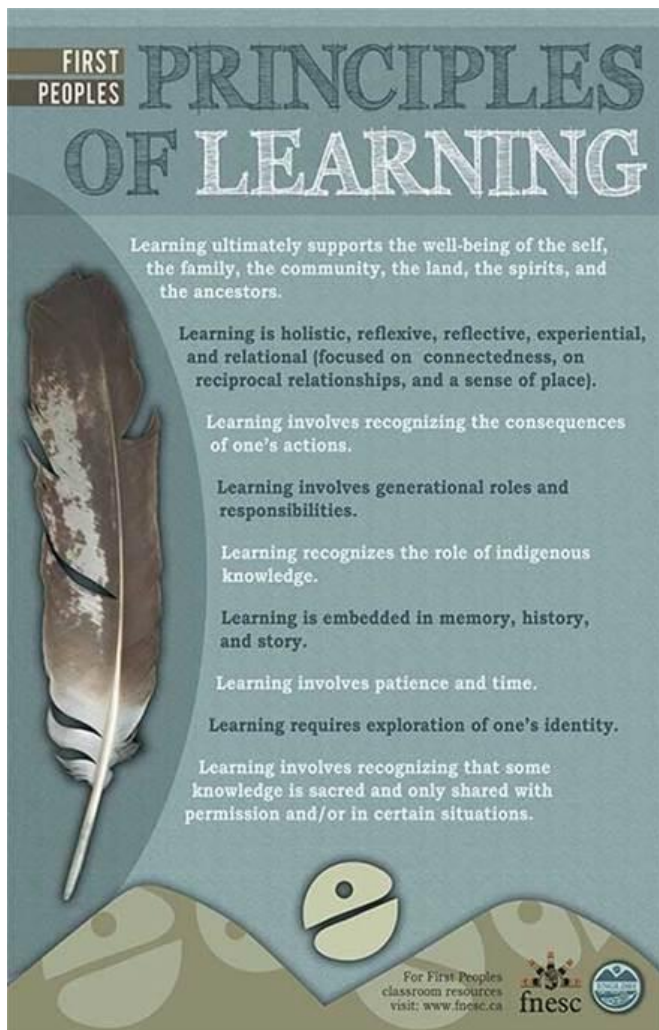
young black woman living in a country and world that is tumultuous and divisive but perhaps there is hope for unity with the change in politics down south. Everyone knows the challenges of stereotypes, racism, inclusion and inequality, and perhaps this is more magnified in the States, but Canada has its own challenges. While we are fortunate to be in a country with the Charter of Rights, or at least feel that Canada is more progressive or liberal, we still find ourselves very much engaged with what it means to be Canadian. It the differences that we need to share and embrace to truly understand one another.

With so many social justice movements shedding light on their cause and with our own cultural diversity in the Vancouver area, our Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Kennedy, is working with staff to develop a new collection of books for all ages to appropriately engage students through story about this broad and important subject matter. We recent bought a series of intermediate books/novels that address “complex world problems” (see image) that range from world migration due to political strife or environmental changes, to residential schools, to seeking equality and what this means for everyone. We are about to order \$1000 worth of books, with a more primary focus, centring on boys and girls from various backgrounds and sharing their success story as an artist, poet, business person, architect, etc.



One of the First People's Principles of Learning (see image below) is “*learning is embedded in memory, history and story.*” We use this principle to gain understanding of the Indigenous plight – but we can apply this principle to many stories that bring us together to build tolerance and

understanding. We want our physical library to be relevant, current, connect what is being taught in the classroom and to create a sense of belonging for all of our students.



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

Do you ever feel like you are constantly running from the minute you wake up, that there aren't enough hours in the day or that you or your family members feel stressed or anxious? Learn tools to bring more mindfulness to your family's life, while creating a greater sense of peace and calm. The Meditation and Mindfulness workshop is scheduled for next **Tuesday, January 26th @ 7pm**. This is going to be an informative and educational evening, starting off with parent education, then we will close out the evening by bringing the children in (if they wish) for a collective guided meditation. Hayley Winter, Certified Meditation Teacher (a grade 5 mom at our school) will be facilitating the workshop. 100% of the proceeds will be going directly to our RPAC. 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](#).

LATE ARRIVALS (GR K-7)

We have noticed an increase in late arrivals. Please be mindful that It is very important for students to arrive on time. However, if a student does arrive late, they should report to the main entrance front doors to line up. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom door if your

child is late as it will be locked. One of our office staff will be at the front door at 9:00 am and again at 9:15 am to admit late students, supervise hand washing and have them check into the office for a late slip. If your child is arriving late after 9:15 am, parents/guardians must accompany them to the front door and call the office at 604-981-1250 for access. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES

As winter weather 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

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](#).

Out-of-catchment and out-of-district applications for students entering Grades 1 – 12 in 2021-2022 opened 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 – now open. 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!

VIRTUAL CHESS CLUB

Virtual Chess Club with Chess Master James Chan is back! Visit his new online zoom registration page at ridgeviewchess2021.eventbrite.ca

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

WVS PARENT EVENING – THE ASKABLE ADULT – SUPPORTING NEURODIVERSE LEARNERS IN NAVIGATING PUBERTY

Please join us for an evening workshop **Thursday, January 28th at 6:30pm** via MSTeams. \$25/family. To find out more information and/or to register please click [HERE](#).