



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 ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲਠਾ 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.**

February 18th, 2021

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



UPCOMING DATES

Feb 16 – 19 th	Lunar New Year Celebrations
Feb 24 th	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 24 th	Family Mental Health & Wellness (Virtual) Workshop 7pm
Mar 5 th	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) 10am
Mar 12 th	Second Term CSL/Reports Go Home
Mar 15 th – 26 th	Spring Break Vacation (School Reopens Mar 29 th)

SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR! (Gr K-7)

This is the Year of the Ox - which symbolizes hardworking and honesty, strong and reliable. Ridgeview students have been focusing on the Lunar New Year in different ways this past week. We miss the community parent involvement – but have done our best to celebrate this important holiday during a pandemic. We have captured some of the moments of our students sharing, recognizing and celebrating the new year on a short video: [Ridgeview Lunar New Year 2021](#). We wish you prosperity and good health for 2021 – Happy New Year!

DROP OFF / PICK UP COVID PROTOCOLS

Our staggered drop off and pick up times is to reduce the numbers of people on the property at once. We have told the students that 4-Square handball is only to be played at lunch – not before or after school to avoid congestion as well as not to disturb other classes that are in session. It is important to note that the new revisions to our **Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings** also clearly state:

1. Page 22, Visitor Access/Community Use, Bullet #1: ***“Parents/caregivers and other visitors should maintain physical distance and avoid crowding while on school grounds, including outside.”***
2. Page 6, COVID-19 Safety Plan Reviews, Item #1: ***“Prevent crowding and gathering; pay particular attention to the start and end of the day...”***
3. Page 13, Physical Distancing, Bullet #5: ***“Staff and other adults should seek to reduce the number of close, face-to-face interactions with each other at all times, even if wearing a non-medical mask.”***

Please be mindful of our responsibilities around school property in being an active role model for our children. We know COVID is a deep concern at the moment. Please plan accordingly so we can all feel safe. Your support is much appreciated.

UPDATED DAILY HEALTH CHECK (GR K-7)

Please see the attached most recent Daily Health Check to be reviewed each morning before sending your child to school.

PINK SHIRT DAY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH (GR K-7)

Get ready for Pink Shirt day later in the month on February 24th. We want all of our students to wear pink to signify tolerance, acceptance and inclusion. [Pink Shirt Day](#) is a day promoting anti-bullying.

WEST VANCOUVER DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

Our RPAC representative, Ania Milczynska, wants to make sure Ridgeview parents know of this web page and resources available to parents. We always have the link above in the header of our eBulletin – but it’s worth checking out: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac/> .

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 Vice Principal visited Ridgeview and forms were distributed (due last Friday). 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):
MARCH 5TH 10AM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

THE RIDGEVIEW CHEQUE WRITING CAMPAIGN

[Click here to donate!](#) Consider a donation to help your RPAC reach their fundraising goal for 2021 of \$10,000!!! Only 20% of Ridgeview families have donated so far. Suggested donation of a minimum of \$50 is appreciated and totally optional. Show your awesome

generosity Ridgeview Parents! Your kids will thank you! To access the donation page: Go on your [SchoolCashOnline account](#).

RIDGEVIEW DRAGON SPORTWEAR IS BACK!

Ridgeview hoodies, T-shirts, track pants and shorts are available for purchase on [Munch a Lunch](#) (under fundraising) until February 23rd. Please note that the youth sizing fits small so be sure to order one size larger in youth. See attached RPAC Newsletter for more information.

FAMILY POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS (VIRTUAL) WORKSHOP

Join our very own Hayley Winter for a wonderful stress reduction and mindfulness (virtual) workshop on February 24th at 7pm. This is going to be an informative and educational evening for the whole family with an extended guided meditation. Hayley Winter, Certified Meditation Teacher (a grade 5 mom at our school) will be facilitating the workshop on Zoom. \$25 per family and 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.com](#).

PURDYS CHOCOLATES FOR EASTER!

Purdy's Chocolates will be available for purchase just in time for Easter! Order [HERE](#). More information to follow.

NEW FUNDRAISER COMING SOON:

Brand new fundraiser with MAKE IT SOW – veggie, flower, fruit seeds for your garden! Stay tuned for more information regarding this fantastic new fundraiser.

HOT LUNCH WINTER TERM – NEW ADDITION!

We have a new addition to the hot lunch menu! On Friday Pizza Day, Domino's is now offering "**Marbled Cookie Brownies**", either in 1 or 2 pieces. You can order on Munch a Lunch now!

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 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 Monday night to receive hot lunch the following Wednesday, by Tuesday night for the following Thursday, and by Wednesday night for the following Friday.
- 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)

VIRTUAL CHESS CLUB

Virtual Chess Club with Chess Master James Chan is back! Visit his new online zoom registration page at [ridgeviewchess2021.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca). Mention Ridgeview and Master James will donate 10% of your registration fees to the RPAC. Thank you Master James!

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

INVITATION TO “VIRTUAL UNVEILING” OF THE NEW WVSS TRACK

The District of West Vancouver and West Vancouver Schools will “virtually unveil” the new name of the track at West Vancouver Secondary School on February 23rd at 10:30am via streaming video. Visit [HERE](#) for more information and link.

PATHWAYS TO PARTICIPATION: IMMIGRANT LEADERS ON THE NORTH SHORE

Join the North Shore Immigration Inclusion Partnership & North Shore Multicultural Society to hear three inspiring panelists reflect on their experiences as immigrants in community leadership roles on the North Shore! Participants will also have a chance to discuss and share ways to overcome barriers to participation, build networks, and take steps toward exciting leadership opportunities.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Free Online Event through Zoom

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/139996245539>

This event is for North Shore immigrants interested in learning more about participating in community life as well as others in current leadership positions who are curious about how to increase racial and cultural diversity in their communities.

This event is organized by members of the NSIIP Immigrant Advisory Council and the NSIIP Civic Engagement working group – including representatives from *North Shore Community Resources*, the *District of West Vancouver*, the *City of North Vancouver*, *North Vancouver Museum and Archives (MONOVA)*, the *West Vancouver Memorial Library* and the *North Vancouver City Library*.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Apply now to welcome a student for the 2021/2022 school year. \$1,100 compensation per month.

Always wondered what it would be like to host an international student? Read how rewarding hosting is for Christine and her entire family:

“We are always blessed to have many wonderful students, seeing how our students grow from girls to young ladies is truly rewarding. We still got letters or messages from our students often. They aren’t only homestay students to us, they’re actually part of our family.

Our children and homestay students support and help each other in many ways - from learning different cultures to supporting each other’s learning at the schools. Our children became more open-minded, understanding and respecting people’s differences and life choices.

Working with West Vancouver International Program is an amazing experience. Staff are supportive, friendly, caring and helpful. Being an experienced homestay parent who worked with different homestay agents in past years, I honestly think hosting students is a positive experience, especially when you have great team to support you in many areas”

Christine

West Vancouver Schools host since 2014

Call Martina Brazeau for more information: 604.341.0501 or apply to host: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/international/for-families/>

WEST VANCOUVER OTTERS SWIM CLUB

The WV Otters have swim club programs available for children K-12 at the Aquatic Centre. For information on joining the West Vancouver Otters Swim Club please contact Laura Fleury at otters.registrar@gmail.com or visit the [WV Otters Website](#).



Registration is open for the spring season of West Vancouver Little League. Everyone is welcome - ages 5-16

<https://wvll.ca/registration/#regular-season>