



## 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.**

# February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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



## UPCOMING DATES

Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) 10am
Mar 8 – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nowruz Celebrations
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Second Term CSL/Reports Go Home
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break Vacation (School Reopens Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> )
Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday Holiday (School Closed)
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday Holiday (School Closed)
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day (Classes not in Session for Students)

## SCHOOL NEWS

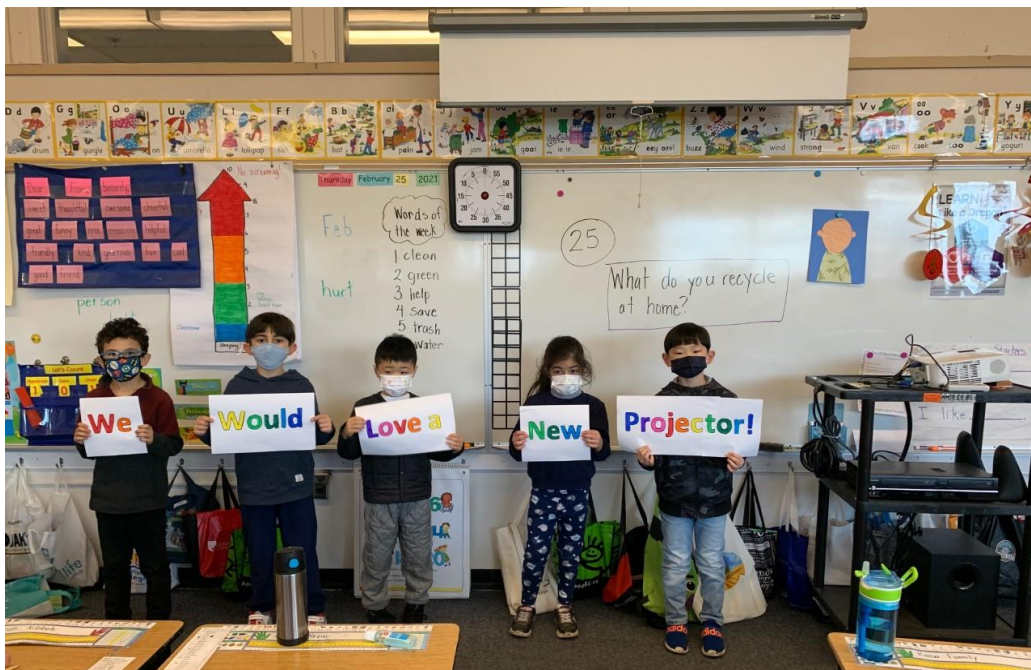
### PINK SHIRT DAY! (GR K-7)

Many children across the School District participated in a wonderful dance to recognize Pink Shirt Day. The School District engaged the dance company *Dancepl3y* to choreograph and virtually teach the dance, including custom instructional videos for students. The song students danced to was "Move

Your Feet" by Junior Senior. When at school, students watched instructional videos created by *Dancep/3y* which were very well done. Some of our students at Ridgeview gathered in cohorts – socially distanced – outside in the sun yesterday to show off their dance moves and to express their stand against bullying on Pink Shirt Day – enjoy our [Ridgeview Pink Shirt Dance \(Drone Video Mix\)](#) from yesterday.

## RPAC CHEQUE WRITING CAMPAIGN (GR K-7)

You can see in the attached RPAC Newsletter more about the Cheques Writing Campaign – to raise \$10,000 for technology improvements at Ridgeview. We want to make sure you know what we have in mind for these funds. As mentioned, we want every classroom to be able to project as we all know how important it is to connect in a Virtual world. Currently four classrooms do not have this capacity. Yesterday we filmed our Pink Shirt Dance – mostly with iPhone's. We want to be able to use better cameras and sound to capture moments like this. We borrowed Ms. Wilson's drone to capture the students dancing on Pink Shirt Day (see link above) and the dynamic video that we captured with our students in action from this angle is exciting. The uses for drone footage provides us with a new way to celebrate student/RPAC events and we hope to acquire this technology as well. We also have a new space that we are turning into our media room – from the green screen to podcasts. Our Grade 7's recently created podcasts for their interview of an ancient civilization ruler that allowed more student voices – and some voices that we may not always hear – but with this format – it showcased students learning in a dynamic way. Please consider a contribution – the campaign goes on for two more weeks!



## STUDENT WATER BOTTLES (GR K-7)

Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school with a water bottle each day as our water fountains remain closed due to COVID-19 protocols. There are bottle filling stations for the children to refill/fill their own water bottles to stay hydrated throughout the day. Thank you for your cooperation with ensuring your child remembers to bring this important item to school.

## NEXT SCHOOL YEAR – 2021/22 (GR K-6)

It is very important to inform us if you know your child(ren) will **NOT** be returning to Ridgeview in September for the 2020/21 school year. Please email Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)) as soon as possible as it is important for us to have accurate information regarding enrollment for the upcoming school year.

## 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](http://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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 30% 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](#).

### **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](mailto:silmoscato@hotmail.com)) and Lynn ([lynn403@hotmail.com](mailto: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://ridgeviewchess2021.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

### RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE OVER SPRING BREAK (GR 5-7)

Registration is now open (closes March 3<sup>rd</sup>). Live on Zoom! Learn how to take care of yourself and other with Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course all from the comfort and safety of home.

When: March 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> / 9:30am – 12:00pm

See attached flyer for more information and how to register.

### 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](mailto: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>