



## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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



## UPCOMING DATES

Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> TONIGHT	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) at 7:00pm (see details below)
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Celebration – Wear Red/Heart Theme
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Break – School Closed
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
Feb 16 – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lunar New Year Celebrations
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Pink Shirt Day</a>

## SCHOOL NEWS

### COVID MINISTRY UPDATES FOR K-12 GUIDELINES IN SCHOOLS

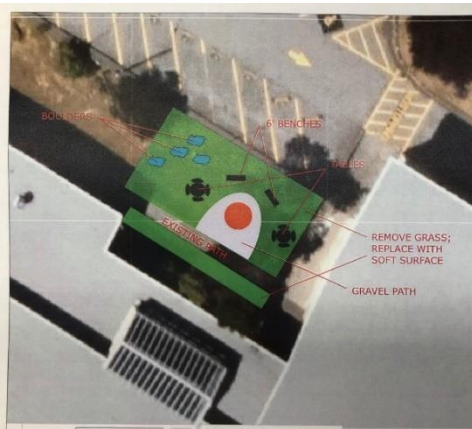
Today the Ministry announced new K-12 guidelines for schools. There was not much more added, but there are some key take-aways. Our District is still reviewing these key take-aways and there may be more information to come. Also to note is the new daily Health Check APP that can be accessed for you to use each morning with your child(ren) before arriving at school.

Please see this link for detailed information. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>

If you have any questions, please reach out me [wzerbe@wvschools.ca](mailto:wzerbe@wvschools.ca) or Mr. Parslow [cparslow@wvschools.ca](mailto:cparslow@wvschools.ca).

## SUPPORTING RIDGEVIEW – RPAC CHEQUE WRITING CAMPAIGN (GR K-7)

The RPAC begins a 5-week Cheque Writing Campaign to support specific technology upgrades and access in our school. Without the ability for major fundraisers due to COVID, this will be the RPAC major fundraiser of the year! The focus of this campaign is to ensure that technology access is equitable and up-to-date with synchronous and asynchronous learning. We are also creating more video and podcasts and need the equipment to support better quality production rather than just off Mr. Parslow's iPhone so we can share with you often. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed! The RPAC and the school are hoping to raise \$10 000 and requesting donations of \$50 if you're able to contribute. Please see the attached RPAC Newsletter.



## OUTDOOR LEARNING COMMONS/BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

We fund projects at Ridgeview through many sources. Connecting with the Graduating Class of 2020, a Grade 7 legacy monetary gift from last year's Grad Committee in addition to school funds, is helping create an outdoor learning space for classes by our front entrance. We hope to beautify this area and eventually expand this space to growing vegetables and/or native plant species around our new outdoor learning commons for everyone. Work begins during Spring Break.

## OUTDOOR/INDOOR STADIUM SEATING

The RPAC has recently contributed \$2800 for every division at Ridgeview to have a class set of stadium seating for all students. With seating carpet areas having been removed due to COVID and with Spring weather coming to move classes to the outdoors, these foam seat pads, with the Ridgeview logo, are perfect for getting comfortable on the floor or outside with their learning. Thank you RPAC!



## VALENTINE'S DAY – FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> (PRIOR TO READING BREAK) (GR K-7)

We are celebrating Valentine's Day at school in the class cohorts. We are promoting, kindness, connection and family as we approach Family Day Long weekend. Students are encouraged to wear Red/White/Pink on this day.

*Guidelines around food preparation and distribution have not changed since the fall – so much like at Hallowe'en, we are not able to distribute candy and treats between students, in classes, or on school property for Valentine's Day. We only have permission from our District for school wide RPAC vetted fundraisers or food vendors with much thought to avoid gatherings for distribution, handling of these items, etc.*

*We are going with paper cards for Valentine's Day as VCH's acknowledges that there has been no transmission of COVID through handling paper, books, etc. This needs to stay within the cohort to avoid unnecessary mixing.*

## LUNAR NEW YEAR – THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16-19<sup>TH</sup> (AFTER READING BREAK) (GR K-7)

We are recognizing the Lunar New Year – the Year of the Ox – that starts on February 12<sup>th</sup> during our Reading Break. Unfortunately, COVID is preventing us from welcoming in the community to help us plan for this holiday, but we are decorating the school and celebrating the characteristic traits of the Ox such as hardworking and honesty. Kindergarten to Grade 4 students are singing “Xin Nian Hao” and we will be recording some of these classes singing as well as interviewing students who wish to volunteer what this holiday means to them and capturing other classroom moments focusing on the new year – to send out a short video by this week’s end showcasing this holiday at Ridgeview. Here’s a [preview of David in Grade 2](#) helping us pronounce Happy New Year in Mandarin.

## PINK SHIRT DAY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> (GR K-7)

Get ready for Pink Shirt day later in the month on February 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](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 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 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM**

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

### **RPAC GENERAL MEETING - IT'S TONIGHT!!!**

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=%

### **\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\* LAUNCHING THE RIDGEVIEW CHEQUE WRITING CAMPAIGN**

[Click here to donate!](#) Consider a cash donation to help your RPAC to reach their fundraising goal of \$10,000!!! Go on your [SchoolCashOnline account](#) and contribute generously. Any donation of more than \$25 will automatically receive a tax receipt. Suggested donation of a minimum of \$50 is appreciated and totally optional. Show your awesome generosity! Your kids will thank you!

Please see attached Mandarin, Farsi and Korean Translations. Thanks to Maryam, Jina and Sharon for the translations!

## STAY TUNED FOR SOME EXCITING RPAC NEWS!

- Coming soon by popular demand, a second chance to order your Ridgeview Dragon Sportswear! Ordering will open next week!
- Our wonderful mom Hayley Winter will put on another Mindfulness Workshop on February 24th, mark your calendar for this magical and relaxing evening with your whole family. Awesome information and a guided meditation for all ages! Hayley is donating all her proceeds back to the RPAC! Thanks Hayley!
- Purdy's Chocolate will be available for purchase just in time for Easter! Lookout for the purchase link soon! We need a volunteer leader for this fundraiser!  
Email [genehassan@gmail.com](mailto:genehassan@gmail.com) if you would like to take on this easy 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

## **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](#).