

RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>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。</p> <p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸੇ ਬੱਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਦਾ ਉੱਲਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ।</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## UPCOMING DATES

February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Break (School Closed)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Holiday (School Closed)
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) at 7pm
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nouruz Celebrations
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term CSL/Reports Published Spring Break (School Closed)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – CELEBRATING EMPATHY & KINDNESS & PINK SHIRT DAY

This term, we have been **celebrating Empathy and Kindness**. We have [two interactive bulletin boards](#) for students to place up positive messages on Empathy or shout out for acts of kindness on the Kindness board.

Many classes celebrated **Valentine's Day** in an inclusive manner with many kind messages and cards being shared. Our [Grade 7's had a Valentine's Day Dance](#) thanks to our Grade 7 Parent Grad Committee who organized it – much joy, fun and kindness was had!

**Pink Shirt Day** is February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wear Pink! <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>.

To continue our annual tradition, we have once again partnered with the amazing DANCEPL3Y, world leader in developing physical literacy through dance. Melanie Levenberg, of DANCEPL3Y has kindly provided us with a new song **SURFACE PRESSURE** (from the Disney Movie, Encanto) by Jessica Darrow, along with a new dance routine to use with students K-12.

*Some classes will be participating with this school dance that will be practiced during PE or action breaks. We will be hosting our Flash Mob mid-day and will be filming it to share.*

## TRAFFIC SAFETY REVISED UPDATE

Check out this [Traffic Safety Video explain the Drop & Go/ Pick Up & Go area along Mathers Ave.](#)

This week, parent volunteers, WVPD and Mr. Zerbe /Ms. Morton have been out on Mathers Avenue in the Pick Up/Drop Off/ No Parking zone to remind parent drivers that this is an area to keep moving – not for parking your car to watch your child on the playground before school starts and not for waiting for the bell to let your child out when it rains. We have other areas around our school with ample ability to park and wait. This zone is meant to keep moving. **Please make sure your child knows to come directly to this area if you are using Mathers Ave. to pick up after school – this really helps!** In working with the District's Bylaw team – we now have **all new signage** that says “Drop & Go” before school as well as Pick Up & Go” on sandwich sign boards and banners along the fence. **We also have a new “No Drop Off” sign across the street to avoid having students dropped off there and crossing across a very busy road in the morning. ICBC will be here next week** to continue the “blitz” of making time in our day to slow down and think about our children – let's make coming to school a stress free and safe experience.

## MOVING? CHANGING SCHOOLS?

It is very important to inform us if you know your child(ren) will **NOT** be returning to Ridgeview in September for the 2023/24 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

## LUNCH UTENSILS – PACK FROM HOME

A reminder to **pack a reusable fork, spoon or chopsticks from home** should your child require a utensil to eat what they have for their lunch. **This includes if they are receiving hot lunch.** In order to reduce the amount of waste produced, utensils are not provided with hot lunch and we do not have utensils available in the office.

## IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

It is extremely important that student absences/late arrivals be reported to the school office prior to 9:00am by either leaving a voice message on the **‘Call Back’ phone line at 604-981-1252** or by emailing Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)). Please call or email **EACH day** your child is absent or if you know your child will be away for an extended period of time, please email Mrs. Lytle so that this information can be recorded on the Call Back ‘long term’ form. Also, if you will be extending your winter break holiday beyond January 2<sup>nd</sup>, please let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

## DISTRICT 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](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca) and a School Messenger email

We endeavor 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 systems.

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	<a href="http://www.news1130.com/">http://www.news1130.com/</a>
CKNW 98	<a href="http://www.cknw.com/news/">http://www.cknw.com/news/</a>
Global TV	<a href="http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/">http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/</a>
CBC	<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia</a>

## REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2018, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2023/24 opened on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now also open for any out of catchment/out of district Grade 1-7 applications. To apply, registration applications can be found [here](#).

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**FEB 22 @7PM**

**RPAC**

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## RPAC GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

The next general meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Link to join this virtual meeting is below. All are welcomed and encouraged to join. Please see the attached Agenda for this meeting as well as the Minutes from the last meeting (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>).

Zoom link: <https://langara.zoom.us/j/62447382574?pwd=QTZxMUF4eEo5K1ZKMEZrbGtLS0cydz09>

Meeting ID: 624 4738 2574

Passcode: 447292

## **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – WINTER TERM ORDERING IS OPEN**

The school lunch program at Ridgeview is one of the RPAC's biggest fundraisers. **Last year we raised over \$30,000!**

The funds from the lunch program are used for a variety of projects and programs that benefit our children. These are separate from the specific project(s) funded by the annual cheque writing campaign. Throughout the 2021/2022 school year the RPAC used the funds raised to support programs such as:

- Badminton classes, All grades
- Health sciences with Saleema Noon, All grades
- Hip hop classes, All grades
- First aid course for the Grade 6's
- Outdoor school for Grade 5, 6 & 7
- Ice cream socials, All grades
- Teacher appreciation lunch, All grades
- Classroom and library funding, All grades
- And many more programs and projects that benefited our children

Thank you to all the families that have contributed to this fundraising program and have continued to do so this school year!

The Winter term program will continue to offer the same vendors:

Monday- Domino's Pizza

Tuesday- Presto Catering

Wednesday- White Spot

Thursday- Presto Catering

Friday- Domino's Pizza

### **Winter Hot Lunch Session- Important Dates**

**Ordering opening day:** Friday, December 16

**Ordering closing day:** Thursday, March 2

**First day of hot lunch:** Wednesday, January 4

**Last day of hot lunch:** Friday, March 10

### **Ordering Deadline**

There's a strict **8-day cut-off** for ordering. For example, to order for Wednesday, January 4, orders should be submitted by Tuesday, December 27.

### **Payments, order changes, cancellations, and refunds:**

- We only accept credit card payments
- Orders should be paid in full at the time of ordering

- Cancellations or changes can be made on the system **BEFORE** cut-off
- Credits resulting from cancellations or changes can be used for future lunch dates or fundraisers, they are not automatically refunded to the method of payment

### Ordering Instructions:

Please visit <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Ridgeview> to place your orders.

- If you need to edit a lunch order after it has been placed, please refer to these instructions:
  - Go to: My Account > View My Orders > click 'Edit' next to the order
  - Follow the on-screen prompts (the system will put all FUTURE lunch dates/selections back into the 'shopping cart': items will appear on the right)
  - Go to the date/menu that needs a change > checkmark the item/s you wish to remove/click Remove > Add any new items if desired > when done, go to the very LAST menu > click Finished > Next > Submit.

(It's important to RE-SUBMIT your updated order in order for the child to continue receiving lunches).

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Join us on the Ridgeview Dragon Facebook page for the latest RPAC information, news and fundraiser efforts! [Click here to join.](#)

## COMMUNITY

### WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

The WVS Premier Sports Academies are accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Please note the following tryout dates for students going into Grade 8 to 12 this September. Students register online for the Basketball Academy (<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/basketball>) and Volleyball Academy (<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/volleyball>) and the Academy Office will provide further communication regarding the try outs.

#### VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY TRYOUTS

Wednesday March 29th 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary New Gym

Thursday March 30th 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary New Gym

#### BASKETBALL ACADEMY TRYOUTS

Tuesday April 4th (RTC 1 & 2) 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary Old Gym

Wednesday April 5th (Development) - 3:30 to 5:00 West Van Secondary Old Gym

### WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS WEBSITE LINKS TO ACADEMIES AND PROGRAMS

Please see the attached notice which includes a list of all the WVS Premier Academies and various programs with the links to more information.

### WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS BASEBALL ACADEMY

WVS Baseball Academy Open House is taking place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8pm. To register to attend or to find out more information, visit [HERE](#).

## WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS EARLY LEARNING EVENTS

There are many early learning events taking place across our district. Please see the schedule [HERE](#).

## WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS PHYSICAL LITERACY PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

Solutions to Combat the Mental & Physical Health Crisis in our Community

When: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 from 7-8pm

Where: West Vancouver Secondary Gymnasium

Cost: Free – Please email [tledingham@wvschools.ca](mailto:tledingham@wvschools.ca) to register to attend

## WEST VAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Spend your Spring playing West Van Little League baseball. Kids ages 5-16 are invited to play and all experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to develop new skills while having fun with old and new friends in the community. Registration is open [wvll.ca](http://wvll.ca)

## WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY WINTER PROGRAMS

WVML is offering lots of exciting programs for ages 5+ including Lunar New Year, Lantern Festival, coding + design, virtual Escape Rooms – the list goes on! We're also very happy to be back offering mostly in-person programs, too. **Everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.**

Visit [HERE](#) to find out more information.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Talking to Children and Youth about Decriminalization and Substance Use: [Resources for Parents/Guardian and Caregivers](#).