



RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



WEST
VANCOUVER
SCHOOLS

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 ਬੱਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ 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.

February 2nd, 2023

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[District Website](#)



UPCOMING DATES

February 13 th	Saleema Noon Body Science Parent Information Night (Virtual)
February 17 th	Reading Break (School Closed)
February 20 th	Family Day Holiday (School Closed)
February 22 nd	Pink Shirt Day
February 22 nd	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) at 7pm

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

[Starting the week of February 13th, we will be 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 going. In working with the District's Bylaw team – we will have new signage that says "Drop & Go" before school as well as Pick Up & Go" after school and we will be doing a "blitz" to educate parents about the purpose of this space. School staff, WVPD and Community Officers will be present to encourage that this zone operates properly. If you as a parent, wish to join

us as a volunteer this week – please email Mr. Zerbe directly (wzerbe@wvschools.ca). We are giving you lots of time and a heads up that this is coming to give your family time to reconsider the morning routine, and to either park and walk in off Lawson, 13th or Kings or to be able to use this Pick Up/Drop Off/No Parking zone accordingly along Mathers Ave. Your cooperation is appreciated when it comes to student safety.

PLANNING FOR NOWRUZ

If any parents would like to meet with me **tomorrow morning, Friday, at 8:45 am in the library** after drop off to start the conversation around celebrating Nowruz at Ridgeview, I'd be happy to review the intent of cultural celebrations well as some of the logistics. I was aiming for next week but realized that the library is only open on Fridays for parent meetings and next week in Reading Break. So the idea for tomorrow is to start the conversation then set and another meeting to finesse the planning into detail. I'll bring in coffee and if you are interested and free, please join me.

SALEEMA NOON BODY SCIENCE – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Please mark your calendars that Saleema Noon will be holding a virtual parent information session (for all grades) to discuss and answer any questions regarding her Body Health Workshops on **Monday, February 13th at 6:30pm**. Saleema Noon Body Health Workshops for students (all grades) will take place during school on February 15th and 16th. Saleema's workshop presentation is an extension of the [Ministry of Educations Physical Health Curriculum](#). Thank you to RPAC for financially sponsoring this event. More information and a link to join the parent meeting will be sent to all parents closer to the date.

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) 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.

PRACTICE EMPATHY BOARD – LOOKING FOR STUDENT ARTWORK

One of our school's values is to practice empathy. We have a new bulletin board where each letter of empathy shares a way you can choose empathy. E - Encourage others. M - Make time for them. P - Put yourself in their place. A- Act with kindness. T - Think of how others feel. H -Helpful not hurtful. Y - You make a connection.

We are looking for student artwork to add to our board. Maybe a comic, drawing or piece of art. If you would like to add to our empathy board, students can bring their piece to the office.

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). 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 2nd, 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 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 <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>

KINDERGARTEN & IN-CATCHMENT GR 1-7 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 17th. 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

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RPAC GENERAL MEETING

Please note that there no general meeting in January. Next general meeting is February 22nd at 7pm. Link to join this virtual meeting will be made available closer to the time.

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

FREE PARENT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION – YOUTH & VAPING

When: Thursday, February 9th from 7-9pm

Where: Handsworth Secondary

For more information and/or to Register: Click [HERE](#)

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.