



## RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

 <p><b>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</b></p> <p><b>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS</b> Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p><b>重要資料</b> 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><b>알려드립니다</b> 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p><b>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG</b> Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p><b>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ</b> ਬਿਲਾਪ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਿੱਚੋ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p><b>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON</b> Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p><b>برجی ترجمه هذا</b> <b>معلومات هامة</b></p> <p><b>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ</b> Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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# January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## UPCOMING DATES

January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saleema Noon Body Science Parent Information Night (Virtual)
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Break (School Closed)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Holiday (School Closed)
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) at 7pm

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR!

Today we celebrated the Lunar New Year – The Year of The Rabbit. Our parent volunteers helped to organize with the school a Lion Dance parade (from [waking up the lion](#), [visiting every classroom](#), to the finale in the foyer), as well as [Kung Fu](#) sessions and [buddy classes visiting the library](#) to participate in Chinese cultural activities. Please click on the highlighted links that will take you to pictures and videos of our amazing day. A small gift was given to each child – a gold rabbit coin – to commemorate the day – delivered by the lion during the parade. [Thank you to our parent organizing team](#) who worked hard with a short timeline to help bring joy, happiness, and prosperity to our school today!

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Saleema Noon Body Health Workshops for students (all grades) will take place during school on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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

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 <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 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**

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### **RPAC GENERAL MEETING**

Please note that there no general meeting in January. Next general meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.