



RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION 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 ਬਿਲਾਅ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲਥਾ 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>برجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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March 2nd, 2023

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UPCOMING DATES

March 10 th	Nouruz Celebrations
	2 nd Term CSL/Reports Published
March 13 th – 24 th	Spring Break (School Closed)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD VICE PRINCIPAL – CELEBRATING THE GRADE 7 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Ms. Morton, our Vice Principal, was so proud to be the girls' basketball coach yesterday. [As a team we improved massively](#) and that lead us to the bronze medal final against Gleneagles. Our players put it all out on the court and were hustling hard all afternoon. They won games due to lifting each other up, hard work and perseverance.

Shout outs to Annie for her incredible defence, Gloria for making some amazing layups, Holly for her rebounding skills, Sophie for her 3 pointers, Makayla for working hard to stay with her check. Sandra for her support out on the court, Belen for taking risks and being brave, Irene for some great baskets, and Mandy for being the first back on defence and using fast cuts to get open.

We are wishing the Grade 7 boys basketball ball team good luck with their participation at their jamboree today at WVSS.

CELEBRATING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND NOURUZ

On Friday, March 10th we are celebrating our Term 2 school focus of being kind and empathic towards “others”. We will host our Sense of Belonging Assembly for students with short presentations and through song to recognize and celebrate the learning we have been paying attention to. During this assembly we will also be recognizing the Persian New Year, Nouruz, through student presentations, music and dance. Student buddy activities will be following mid-morning to enjoy making some crafts together that represent items you would find on the Haft sin table. Student will be given a small gift to commemorate Nouruz from our organizing parent committee.

Parents – at drop off we will have a dancer at 8:30 am with music to enjoy at drop off by the undercover area near the portables.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REVISED UPDATE

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

We have updated the “Pick Up/Drop Off/ No Parking Zone” with new signage 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!** 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) 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). 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.

2023 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 3 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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

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:
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HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – WINTER TERM

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

IGNITE YOUR PASSION (IYP): JUNIOR CHOIR OPEN FOR STUDENTS

West Vancouver Schools Ignite Your Passion program continues to offer choir for students. This upcoming 2023-2024 school year, the IYP Junior Choir is open to students Grades 5-7.

Does your child love to sing? If so and students are entering Grades 5, 6 or 7 for the 2023-2024 school year, this IYP Passion Junior Choir is an excellent extension for the music programs offered in our district's elementary schools. Singers will learn vocal techniques, how to sing in harmony, how to express themselves through music, how to begin to analyze a score and read music, how to be a singing actor, and so much more. For more information, please go to the district website at:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/ignite-your-passion/jdhc>

We look forward to receiving student registrations! Come on out and sing!

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 23rd 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 to register to attend

LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTERSCHOOL AT RIDGEVIEW

Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up After School. Your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

SPRING SHOW! THE LION KING

This Spring we will be putting on a version of the musical “The Lion King,” created for our after school students!

Students are supervised from the bell. No need to pick up your child until 4.45pm! Performance for parents on last day of classes!

After School Thursdays

April 6 – June 1 (9 sessions)

2.40-4.45PM Fee: \$345* (*plus GST)

More Information: <https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/ridgeview/>

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

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](#).