



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 ਬਿਲਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲਛਾ 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 9th, 2023

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UPCOMING DATES

March 10 th	Nouruz Celebrations
March 13 th – 24 th	2 nd Term CSL/Reports Published
April 3 rd – 6 th	Spring Break (School Closed)
	Sleep Week (see below)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – GRADE 7 BOYS BASKETBALL

Our [Grade 7 Boys participated at their Basketball Jamboree](#) last week and were able to finish third overall! There were some close games that may have seen the boys climb higher in the standings, but their perseverance and grit with a fantastic final effort to beat Irwin Park Panthers in the finals is reason to celebrate their team effort and determination. Many thanks to Coach Meldrum with his inspiration coaching and leadership to see our boys become stronger at basketball this term!

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 PA announcements, 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 will be able to watch some traditional dancing with music outside at drop off at 8:30 am by the undercover area adjacent to the portables. We also have a [beautiful Haft sin table set up by our entrance](#). Thank you to all the parents helping to recognize Nouruz at our school!

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 was here this 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.

PHYSICAL LITERACY

Our West Van Physical Literacy Experts ran Brain/Body workshops in all 14 schools with almost every classroom. In the link below they share information for parents and how to practice these very important skills at home. Check out the link below!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ow2w6e7yvMRo2XT6T19jJHvLpuSg9bQubGpX77CmoWQ/edit?usp=sharing>

SLEEP WEEK – APRIL 3-6

Save the date! Sleep week is happening district wide from April 3-6th. Upon return from Spring Break, teachers will receive a slide deck of resources and activities for each day of Sleep Week.

Here is more information on [sleep week](#).

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.

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 – SPRING SESSION UPDATE

We're ready to kick off another session of the hot lunch program. [MunchaLunch](#) will open for orders on Monday, March 6th.

The first hot lunch date for spring session is Monday, March 27th. To place an order for this date, you must do so on [MunchaLunch](#) by March 19th. Please remember there is an 8 day cut-off to place or edit your order. Once that cut-off has passed, no changes can be made.

General Information

The vendor choices during the spring session include the following:

Monday- Domino's Pizza

Tuesday- Presto Catering

Wednesday- White Spot

Thursday- Presto Catering

Friday- Domino's Pizza

The hot lunch program at Ridgeview is one of the RPAC's biggest fundraisers. The funds are used for a variety of programs and projects that benefit our kids. Thank you to all the families who have participated and continue to participate in this fundraising program.

***REMINDER- you need to pack reusable utensils from home as these are not provided with hot 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

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 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

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.