



RIDGEVIEW  
ELEMENTARY

## 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 ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ 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.

# November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

[School Website](#)  
[RPAC Facebook](#)  
[District Website](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lunar New Year 2024 Planning Meeting 8:55am in the library
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Immunization Clinic (gym)
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for Ordering Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Glove, Toque & Sock Drive
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day – <b>No School for Students</b>
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	First Term CSL/Reports Published to Family Portal (New families – expect an email soon on how to set up this account)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE CARING CLOTHESLINE - GLOVE, TOQUE & SOCK DRIVE

With your help, our Grade 4/5 students are hoping to provide warm gloves, toques and socks to comfort members of our community that are less fortunate. Students are encouraged to bring their **NEW, ADULT-sized** donations to their classroom teacher and we will add their names to

the "[Caring Clothesline](#)" located on the display board at the main entrance to the school. **Deadline for donations is Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your support.

## LUNAR NEW YEAR 2024 PLANNING – THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Tomorrow at 8:55 am, after drop off, Mr. Zerbe is hosting a parent planning meeting to start thinking about the Lunar New Year celebration at Ridgeview which will take place on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you are interested, please join us – we are meeting in the Library.

## PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Ridgeview Purdy's Fundraiser is back - Just in time for Holiday Gift Giving!

To support grade 7 grad events and a grade 7 legacy gift to Ridgeview

- Deadline to order is **November 21st**, and pickup is December 5th at Ridgeview. Please share the below link with family and friends to increase orders.

- Step 1: Link to order: [HERE](#)

- Step 2: If you have registered and ordered with Purdy's in the past, you need to click "SIGN IN" on the top right of the page. If it's your first time ordering, you need to go to "Register as a Supporter" and then fill out the registration form.

- Step 3: Once you are signed in/registered, you need to click "Join a Campaign" and **enter the campaign number 41002**. This will automatically take you to the Ridgeview Purdy's webpage, and now you can start ordering!

- The Purdy's catalogue to preview items can be found [HERE](#)

Any questions, please email [julie@thecamerons.ca](mailto:julie@thecamerons.ca). Thank you for supporting the grade 7's at Ridgeview!

## WINTER/CHRISTMAS CONCERTS – SAVE THE DATE(S)

We have good news. The staff are excited to rally behind our music teacher and support matinee and evening *Charlie Brown Winter/Christmas* Concerts this year. Save the Date(s):

- **December 13 – Grade 4/5 Concert. Matinee @ 1:30 pm. Evening concert @ 6:30 pm**
- **December 14 – K-3 Concert. Matinee @ 1:30 pm. Evening concert @ 6:30 pm**

Tickets will be issued for the concerts – more information to come. There will be priority for parents first – then we may be able to release more tickets for extended family for the matinee. Expect that the matinees will be open for grandparents and parents with young children. Evening concerts will be two tickets/seats per family without young children. We have limited space in our small gym and a fire safety capacity maximum to follow. This organization will work to accommodate our families. Students will be able to watch rehearsals during school. More information to follow. For now, please save the date!

## NEW REPORT CARD (LEARNING UPDATE) FOR 23/24

As communicated last Spring, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has implemented a new Learning Update Policy which defines and provides direction for the ways our school will be communicating your child's learning. The goal of the Learning Updates is to provide personalized, descriptive feedback to effectively communicate with students, parents, and

caregivers about where students are in their learning, next steps, and how families and teachers can work together to support student growth.

The provincial Reporting Policy mandates that students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 will be assessed using the [four-point proficiency scale](#) and students in Grade 10 through Grade 12 courses will be assessed using letter grades and percentages. Each term, students at all levels will be sharing self-reflections and making goals around British Columbia's Core Competencies – Communication Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal and Social Skills.

Teachers will be communicating and reporting throughout the year in the following formats:

- 3 Formal Written Learning Updates (2 Mid-year Learning Updates, and 1 Summary of Learning)
- 2 Informal Learning Updates (ex. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Student-Family-Teacher Conference, Interim Report)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, responsible for creating reporting requirements, has provided reporting information for parents and caregivers in the following languages: [English](#), [French](#), [Chinese \(Simplified and Traditional\)](#), [Tagalog](#), [Farsi](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#).

## **WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS FEEDING FUTURES INITIATIVE**

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect and confidentiality.

## **LUNCH UTENSILS (GR K-7) – REMEMBER TO 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.**

## **STUDENT ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS (GR K-7)**

It is extremely important that student absences/late arrivals be reported to the school office prior to 8:40am by 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 each day your child is absent or if you know your child will be away for an extended period of time (such as holidays), please email the office so that this information can be recorded on the Call Back 'long term' form. 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 endeavour 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 2024-25

If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2019, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2024/25 is now open. Registration is also open for any **in-catchment** families with children going into Grades 1-7. The online registration application can be found [here](#). **Please note out of catchment Grade 1-7 registrations and out of district applications for secondary schools are not accepted until January 15, 2024.**

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM 2023/24

The school lunch program at Ridgeview is one of the RPAC's biggest fundraisers. Last year we raised \$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. Thank you to all the families that have contributed to this fundraising program!

This year we have a full line up of options for everyone to try:

Monday- Domino's Pizza  
Tuesday- Presto Catering  
Wednesday- White Spot  
Thursday- Well Fed  
Friday- Domino's Pizza

We have a new vendor this year. Well Fed has joined our line-up and offers a variety of hot and cold lunch options as well as snacks, baked goods and beverages. Some hot items will be rotating week to week, so make sure to check out more than just one of the Thursday menus.

**Reminder- Utensils are not provided for hot lunches.** Please make sure to send the appropriate cutlery with your child.

### Fall Hot Lunch Session- Important Dates:

Ordering is open on [Munch-a-Lunch](#)

Ordering closing day: Wednesday, December 13

Last day of hot lunch: Thursday, December 21

### Ordering Deadline:

There's a **strict 8-day cut-off for ordering.**

## COMMUNITY

### JUST B4 PRESCHOOL: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER 2024

West Vancouver Schools is launching a '[Just B4' preschool early learning program](#) at the Properties Family Hub (at Chartwell Elementary). The program is geared to children who are not currently registered in a full time child care/preschool setting – it would be a perfect stepping stone of independence for any child entering Kindergarten in September 2024. For more information or to register, please email Laine Anderson (District Vice Principal of Early Learning and Childcare) at [LAnderson@wvschools.ca](mailto:LAnderson@wvschools.ca).