



RIDGEVIEW
ELEMENTARY

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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

**يرجى ترجمة هذا
معلومات هامة**

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

November 30th, 2023

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



UPCOMING DATES

December 4 th	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
December 6 th	Parent Information Session on Report Cards (Virtual) 6:30pm
December 8 th	First Term CSL/Reports Published to Family Portal
December 13 th	Grade 4/5 Winter Concert (see below)
December 14 th	Grade K-3 Winter Concert (see below)
Dec 25 th - Jan 5 th	School Closed for Winter Break

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – IT'S STARTING TO FEEL LIKE....

We are entering the festive season and feeling excited for the many fantastic opportunities that we have for our students. Here are a few joyful highlights:

- Our Grade 7 volleyball teams faced off against each other before school. Both teams won a game and the tie breaker came down to a disputable finish. Both teams were awesome.

The Grade 7 athletes were having a total blast and enjoyed the game. Thanks to their coaches for setting up this opportunity!

- We had parent volunteers decorate our school for Christmas today – and it feels like the holidays! Thank you!
- Ms. Morton and Mr. Lund (counsellor) are hosting “Stay In” Thursday for any Grade 4/5 students at recess to find a friend, a safe place to hang, to enjoy board games and Lego. So much fun!
- We are practicing for our Winter Concerts and really excited for all this hard work to pay off and showcase our performances – specifics around tickets will be sent to you early next week.
- Division 9 Grade 3's are hosting a Christmas Decoration Fundraiser for the Christmas Bureau on Wednesday, December 6th. Bring a toonie for a Christmas decoration!
- Division 3 and 4 recently held a Star Party on a beautiful night to look through high powered telescopes to see the moon, Saturn, Jupiter and to enjoy some hot chocolate. The stars aligned for this wonderful family experience organized by Ms. Sawyer and Ms. Gardner.

THE CARING CLOTHESLINE GLOVE, TOQUE & SOCK DRIVE

The Division 8 students led the school with the annual Caring Clothesline Glove, Toque and Sock Drive. The students coordinated the collections and made PA announcements to encourage donations. We collected 132 pairs of gloves, 394 pairs of socks and 138 toques. We are donating items to both the Lookout Housing and Health Society in North Vancouver and the North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau. We are proud of our students for making an effort to be kind and to think of others as the weather turns cold outside. Well done, Ridgeview!

WINTER/CHRISTMAS CONCERTS – SAVE THE DATE(S)

We have good news. The staff are excited to rally behind our music teacher and support a 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) – PARENT INFO NIGHT

Our Vice-Principal Lindsay Morton will be running an online parent session about report cards on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. If you are new to our school district, need support logging in online, or just want to learn about reports this is the session for you! Please save the date and watch for an email with a Microsoft teams link next week.

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). 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 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.**

NEXT MEETING:
FEBRUARY 7TH @ 7PM

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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

LET'S PLAY WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball at WV Rec Centre

Drop ins welcome!

Ages 5-12

All equipment and wheelchairs are provided.

Registration is [here](#)

WV REC CENTRE HAPPENINGS:

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities/camps>

Browse your recreation activities and programs here:

<https://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-programs-services/recreation-activities>

Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us:

<https://westvancouver.ca/newcomers>

PARENTING PROGRAM – “THE INCREDIBLE YEARS”

Hollyburn Family Services is offering “The Incredible Years” for parents of children aged 2-7. The program will focus on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children.

When: Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024 (Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18 to April 1, 2024)

Time: 6:15-8:15pm

Where: Online through Zoom

Cost: Free

Eligibility: Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae

Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): mvermeer@hollyburn.ca

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.