



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

برجی ترجمه هذا
معلومات هامة

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

December 14th, 2023

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



UPCOMING DATES

December 19 th	Grade 6/7 Band Performance 2pm in the gym
December 21 st	Holiday Theme Dress Up Day – Wear PJs, Santa Hat, Reindeer Headband, Christmas Sweater etc.
December 22 nd	Last Day of School Before Winter Break – 12:00pm Early Dismissal
Dec 25 th - Jan 5 th	School Closed for Winter Break

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL - PERFORMING WINTER/CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We have been hard at work as staff support our first-year music teacher, Ms. Lambert, to carry out her vision of hosting two winter concert productions this year. Yesterday we held our [Grade 4/5 performances "The Colours of Christmas"](#) that began with a land acknowledgment. Then our cast of actors (Santa, Elves, and Fashionistas), led by our lead performers, Nicholas (Santa), and Tara (Fashionista), set the stage for Santa's many wardrobe changes. The classes joined in and the songs were catchy and merry.

Today we are running our [K-3 primary concerts "It's Winter at Ridgeview, Charlie Brown!"](#) which puts a modern twist on an old classic with Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy and gang trying to help Charlie Brown find joy this year. Rainbow (Charlie Brown) and Vera (Lucy) led the cast through the storyline while primary classes joined in to sing two songs each.

Both of our Winter/Christmas concerts ended with a finale at the end!

This has been in the making since September, and we really want to not only thank Ms. Lambert for her inspiration and enthusiasm but recognize most of the staff supporting her lead – especially Ms. Meldrum and Ms. Wanless with their artistic talent and ability to put together a live performance. Thank you!

GRADE 6 & 7 BAND PERFORMANCE

We are working towards our Grade 6 & 7 band concert on Tuesday, December 19th at 2:00 pm. Parents of these band students are welcome to join us in the gym for this assembly.

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. **Also, if you will be leaving early Winter Break and/or returning late from Winter Break, please email Mrs. Lytle to let us know.**

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.**

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

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – WHITE SPOT UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 13TH LUNCHES

On December 13th White Spot had a mix up with our school order and it resulted in some children having specific menu items substituted, and some receiving their lunch late.

The wonderful school office staff ensured every child who had placed an order received a hot lunch. They were able to go through the order list and ensure the majority of students received the correct lunch items, however there were some students who had their order substituted with another hot lunch item from White Spot's menu.

Though every child received a lunch in the end, we are unable to track individually who may have had their order substituted at this time. White Spot has offered to give each child that placed an order for the 13th a coupon for a free pirate pak on their next visit to White Spot. They are very sorry for the confusion, and this was the best way we could ensure there was some sort of compensation for this error. White Spot is typically excellent with their order delivery, but we have connected with their team to try and ensure this doesn't happen again in future.

Next week White Spot will be sending along the coupons with our next order. Those who ordered lunch on December 13th can receive a coupon to take home with them.

Sincerely,

Victoria & Irene
Hot Lunch Coordinators
ridgeviewlunch@gmail.co

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

KUNG-FU KIDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT RIDGEVIEW (JANUARY 2024)!

Looking for an after-school program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-defence while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is

finally here on Thursdays after school at Ridgeview (in the gym) starting in January! We have 2 programs available on Thursdays:

Grades K-2: 2:45pm-3:25pm (40 minutes) - Using music, games, storytelling, and kung-fu patterns (basic kicking and punching) to learn about balance, coordination, reaction, and timing to develop better focus, listening, and gross motor function skills.

Fee: \$15/class (Thursdays, January 11 - March 7, total 9 classes).

10 spots available

Grades 3-7: 3:30pm-4:45pm (75 minutes) - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defence techniques in kicking, striking, blocking, and stances/footwork. The main goal is to develop speed, accuracy and power. We will use various modern conditioning and sports equipment, as well as safety gear such as mats, striking pads and kicking shields.

Level 1 Grade testing and certification is available, but optional.

Fee: \$20/class (Thursdays, January 11-March 7, total 9 classes).

10 spots available

If interested please contact James Chang (james@westcoastkungfu.ca) for questions, or to register!

James Chang, Instructor
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WEST VANCOUVER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Spring baseball for ages 5-16

We have girls only programs this year!

<https://wvll.ca/registration/>

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.