



RIDGEVIEW
ELEMENTARY

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**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 7th, 2023

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[District Website](#)



UPCOMING DATES

December 8 th	First Term Learning Update 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)
December 19 th	Grade 6/7 Band Performance 2pm in the gym
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 VICE PRINCIPAL!

We have so many great things happening at Ridgeview this holiday season. Our Grade 1 student's have been raising money for the Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau. **Our families donated over \$700 for gifts!** Parents volunteered to wrap the gifts and will deliver the Christmas gifts to the Christmas Bureau on December 12th. Thank you to our students and families for supporting this important project. Our Grade 3 students in Division 9

also hosted a Christmas Bureau fundraiser all about gratitude. They held an ornament sale for the whole school and raised over \$100. [Check it out here!](#)

Alongside all of our great fundraising, Ridgeview has also decorated a tree down at Ambleside to support the [Dundarave Festival of Lights](#). Take a sea wall stroll with your family between Dundarave and Ambleside to check out all of the beautiful trees. [Take a look here.](#)

Can't wait to see you all at our Christmas Concerts next week! Have a great weekend.

THANK YOU RPAC!

Thank you to the RPAC for all your help this holiday season. We were so lucky to have had an amazing staff lunch today and enjoy the beautiful decorations all month long. Thank you for everything you do for Ridgeview!

WINTER/CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We have good news. The staff are excited to rally behind our music teacher and support putting on Winter Concerts this year.

- **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**

The Colours of Christmas Winter Concert for our 4 / 5 students will take place on December 13th. There will be two performances - a matinee performance at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm. All Grade 4/5 students will perform in both the matinee and evening concerts. There is a limit of 2 tickets per Gr 4/5 family and you may purchase 2 tickets (2 seats) for either the matinee performance OR the evening performance, or 1 ticket (1 seat) for each performance.

"It's Winter at Ridgeview, Charlie Brown!" for our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will take place on December 14th. There will be two performances - a matinee performance at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm. All Grade K-3 students will perform in both shows. There is a limit of 2 tickets per K-3 family and you may purchase 2 tickets (2 seats) for either the matinee performance OR the evening performance or 1 ticket (1 seat) for each performance.

Due to fire regulations, there are limited tickets available for each performance. There will be priority for parents first – then we may be able to release more tickets for extended family. Expect that the matinees will be open for grandparents and parents with young children. We have limited space in our small gym and a fire safety capacity maximum to follow. Students will be able to watch rehearsals during school.

Tickets are \$5 each. All monies collected will go to support the music program and help offset costs of the performance as well as for the North Shore Christmas Bureau. Tickets are open for ordering until Monday, December 11th at 8:00am.

Order your tickets through [School Cash Online](#).

<https://westvancouver.schoolcashonline.com/>

Tickets will be distributed to students on Tuesday, December 12th.

Thank you for your support!

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.

LEARNING UPDATE REPORTS

Learning Update reports (Report Cards) will be online and will be accessed through the provincial MyEd BC Family Portal the afternoon of December 8th. The Reports will be found on the right-hand side of the homepage under “Published Reports” as a PDF. A reminder that the reports remain on the portal until July 31st so please save/print for future reference. Paper copies of reports will not be going home.

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

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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

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.