



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 ਉਲਛਾ 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.

January 25th, 2024

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



UPCOMING DATES

January 29 th	Professional Development Day (no classes for students)
February 7 th	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) 7:00pm
February 9 th	Lunar New Year Celebrations (more information to follow)
February 16 th	Reading Break – School Closed
February 19 th	Family Day Holiday – School Closed

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – RPAC CHEQUE WRITING CAMPAIGN

The RPAC, in conjunction with the school, are running our third Lunar New Year Cheque Writing Campaign! This occurs during our Lunar New Year celebrations. This year, 2024 is the year of the Dragon! The campaign will support the school with big ticket items that enhance learning experiences for our students. Specifically, our goal is to raise up to \$20,000 for technology upgrades such as replacing failing projectors with [View Boards](#) as well as

modernizing the furniture in common learning areas for all students. Our Cheque Writing Campaign (make donations on-line) fundraiser is open to all families to make the difference. This is an optional fundraiser and a great way to participate and support our school. Donations over \$25 will receive a receipt.

[RPAC Cheque Writing Campaign 2024 Link to Donate](#)

Please see the attached letters in English, Chinese and Farsi for more details.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER (GR K-7)

With winter weather in full swing, please ensure your child is prepared with proper outerwear and footwear. It is also a very good idea to have a set of extra clothes (including socks/shoes) at school should your child get wet and/or muddy during the school day.

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.

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>

REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2019, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2024/25 has been open since October. Registration is also now open for all grades (including out of catchment and out of district applications). The online registration application can be found [here](#).

NEXT MEETING:
FEBRUARY 7TH @ 7PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

RPAC GENERAL MEETING

The next RPAC General Meeting will take place (virtually) on February 7th at 7:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join! Link to be provided.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM 2023/24 – WINTER TERM OPEN FOR ORDERING

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

Please remember there is a **strict 8 day cut-off** to place or edit your order. Once that cut-off has passed, no changes can be made.

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.

COMMUNITY

NEURODIVERSITY AND DANCE CLASSES

My name is Miss Tammy and I teach neuro-affirmative dance classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45pm at the Vanleena Dance Academy, 1457 Marine Drive, our West Vancouver location. All interested families are invited to contact me directly at dance@vanleena.com to learn more about the program (we also offer a free trial class).

EARLY YEARS FAIR

Saturday, January 27th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the West Vancouver Community Centre (Atrium). Engage in fun, free activities and discovery early years programs and childcare opportunities. See attached flyer for more information.

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
West Coast Kung-Fu Academy
james@westcoastkungfu.ca
westcoastkungfu.ca

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.