



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 ਉੱਲਥਾ 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

**یرجی ترجمه هذا
معلومات هامة**

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

February 15th, 2024

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



UPCOMING DATES

February 16 th	Reading Break – School Closed
February 19 th	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
February 23 rd	Nowruz Planning Meeting – 8:45am in the library

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL– LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND VALENTINES DAY

A huge shout out to our organizing committee who worked very hard to create an exciting, engaging and eventful Lunar New Year Celebration last week. All students participated in Kung Fu, made and ate dumplings and watched the Lion Parade Ceremony. Check out our Instagram post [here!](#)

The school was buzzing with excitement yesterday. Students brought and received Valentines to share with their classmates, played fun games with their buddy classes and brought so much joy to Ridgeview. Our Grade Seven's had a Valentines Day dance in the afternoon that was organized by our Grad Committee. A few of our Kindergarten and Grade One students helped in an ["Ask the Experts"](#) video created by West Vancouver Schools. A huge thank you to all our wonderful staff members who created a wonderful sense of joy and friendship within their classrooms.

NOWRUZ PLANNING MEETING

Mr. Zerbe would like to meet with parents who can help form a committee and help organize our school wishes to celebrate Nowruz on Friday, March 15th. He is asking any parents who are interested to join him **in the library next Friday, February 23rd at 8:45 am** after school drop off. He will review the parameters and feedback from staff to help guide what this day can look like to recognize Nowruz. Thanks in advance.

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.

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.**

DISTRICT PREMIER ACADEMIES 2024-25 – OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration! Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information. Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

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](#).

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

NEXT MEETING:
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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

PARENT SESSIONS ON YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Online Sessions: February 20, 22 or 28 from 6:00-7:30pm.

For More information and/or to register, please see attached flyer.

FROG BELLY RAT BONE AT KAY MEEK

Saturday April 6th at 3:00pm

Incorporating beautifully handcrafted puppets and an original pop/rock musical score. An Axis Theatre Production, featuring a musical adaptation from the book by Timothy Basil Ering.

Family Day Special on Tickets! Tickets only \$15 – offer valid Feb 16-Feb 20. Use Code FAM15. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).

ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE/GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spring Break camps – Music, Spanish or Korean Immersion, LEGO, Arts, Science/STEAM, Sports, Gymnastics, etc:

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

Spring Break Intensive Group Classes Also Available for All Ages: Beginner French Intensive & Music Theory Intensive

https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/westvanrec/activity/search?activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=intensive%20spring%20break&viewMode=list

Important Dates: Spring Program Registrations (April – June)

General registration for Spring opens on Wednesday, March 6

Skating, Gymnastics, and Swimming registrations open on Wednesday, March 13

Spring Learning Programs

Interested in indigenous beading or cedar weaving, learning Languages, STEAM, Chess, Lego?

Adult Beginner French classes available: After-School Kids' Farsi, Korean, Mandarin classes are also available.

Explore the Learning Program: www.westvancouver.ca/learning

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>

POP UP PLAY – TAKE A (STORY) WALK WITH US!

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join us on Saturday March 2, 2024 from 10-11am. Meet at the covered picnic area at John Lawson Park. We will walk together through the park, immerse ourselves in story, and use our senses to participate in a fun scavenger hunt.

Free, no registration required. See [HERE](#) For more information.

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).

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.