



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

يرجى ترجمة هذا

معلومات هامة

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

February 29th, 2024

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[District Website](#)



UPCOMING DATES

- March 15th Nowruz Celebrations (more information to come)
- March 15th Second Term CSL/Reports Published
- March 16th–April 1st Spring Break – School Closed (reopens on April 2nd)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL– PINK SHIRT DAY/ KINDNESS MONTH

Our focus for the month of February has been kindness. We have had many opportunities for students to engage with kindness and activities to foster it. We have a motivational board where students can put up their “random act of kindness” ticket when they have been helpful or others have been kind to them. We have created a pink t-shirt cut out for students to express what Pink

Shirt Day means or offer messages of hope, kindness, ways to resolve conflict and messages of positivity. Our Grade 6 students have been “dance leaders” and yesterday we held our [2024 Ridgeview Pink Shirt Day Flash Mob](#) (click link for the video) in the gym for students to participate in. Pink Shirt Day originated in Nova Scotia in 2007 when a Grade 9 student was bullied for wearing pink. A few students noticed and organized a protest and wore pink in support of their Grade 9 peer. <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca>

SMS/TEXT MESSAGES

If you would like to opt in to receive SMS/text messages (in addition to email) for emergency situations only (such as severe weather, power outages or safety alerts), please text a “Y” or “Yes” to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER / CHANGE OF CLOTHES AT SCHOOL (GR K-7)

We have had an increasing number of students coming in from recess or lunch wet and/or muddy. Please ensure your child is prepared for wet weather with proper outerwear and footwear. **Please also ensure they have an extra set of clothes (including socks/shoes) at school should they get wet and/or muddy during the school day.** We believe in a [West Coast Recess and Lunch](#) and we encourage students to be ready for all weather conditions.

LUNCH UTENSILS – 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

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.

2024 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

Save the date! Summer Learning registration opens on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please refer to the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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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RPAC

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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

DPAC PARENT EVENT - WE ARE ALL CONNECTED: HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN'S K-12 PEER RELATIONSHIPS

Please join us (virtually) for an evening with Diana Divecha to hear practical advice and the science behind how families and schools can foster supportive relationships at different ages.

When: March 7th / 7-8:30pm

In order to receive your link to the free virtual event, please register at dpac@wvschools.ca

CIRCLE OF SECURITY 8-WEEK PARENTING PROGRAM

Hollyburn Family Services is pleased to present this free 8-week parenting program which is based on decades of research about how secure parent/caregiver-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

When: Wednesdays from March 27th – May 15th / 6:00-8:00pm

Where: Hollyburn Family Services / 104-267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver

Eligibility: Must be the parent/caregiver of a child between the ages of 0-5 and living on the North Shore/Bowen Island

Limited space available

For more information or to sign up: Please contact Tomi Hamner by email at thamner@hollyburn.ca or text/call 604-908-3673

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>

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 childcare/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.