



RIDGEVIEW  
ELEMENTARY

## RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



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.**

# March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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[District Website](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

- March 15<sup>th</sup> Purdys Orders Pick Up – Outside Gr 1 classrooms (8:40am-2:20pm)
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Nowruz Celebrations
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Second Term Learning Update/Reports Published
- March 16<sup>th</sup>–April 1st Spring Break – School Closed (reopens on April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL– SPRING TIME IS HERE!

As we conclude this term, I am filled with pride witnessing our school community come together to celebrate Nowruz, embracing the rich cultural tapestry of our school culture. Festivities like Lunar New Year and Nowruz not only showcased our diversity but also united us in joy and camaraderie. As we look forward to the spring break ahead, I encourage each family to enjoy moments outdoors with the

fantastic weather forecast, cherish quality time with loved ones, and nurture friendships. Let's take this opportunity to rejuvenate our spirits, engage in activities that uplift our bodies and minds, and return refreshed for the adventures that await in the new term. May this break be filled with laughter, warmth, and cherished memories for every member of our school family.

## **CELEBRATING NOWRUZ 2024 FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

In working with an organizing parent committee, Ridgeview is set to celebrate Nowruz 2024 tomorrow Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> all day. Our plans will start for families before school in our gym at 8:25 am (come for an early drop off and park) for a 10-minute performance of traditional music and dance to reign in Nowruz. Our Superintendent Kennedy will be joining us for this opening aspect of the day. At 8:40 am when the bell goes, students will go to class to begin a day of activities supported by parents and Grade 7 students. Each grade cohort will enjoy three stations in the library engaging in traditional aspects of Nowruz. At 12:55 pm we will have an assembly with an opening video explaining Nowruz and the Half-Sin table followed by a performance of traditional music. Students are welcome to wear traditional dress or Spring colours.

## **SECOND TERM LEARNING UPDATE (REPORT) - YOUR MYED FAMILY PORTAL**

Tomorrow, March 15<sup>th</sup>, your child's Learning Update (Report) will be published to the MyEd Family Portal as a PDF (**will be located on the right-hand side of the page under "Published Reports"**).

As the office will be closed for Spring Break after tomorrow, we suggest that you try [logging into your account](#) now to ensure that you are ready and have access to it for when the reports are published. If you have forgotten your password, simply use your login and click on "forgot password", and you should receive another temporary one (check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it).

All term reports for the 2023/24 school year will be posted on the Family Portal **until July 31, 2024**. Paper copies **will not** be sent home, so it is strongly recommended that you print and/or save your child's reports to your computer as a PDF if you want to maintain access to it for future reference.

A reminder that there are many resources and a FAQ section on the district site [HERE](#). Should you require further assistance, please email Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)), but please note that the office is closed during Spring Break (March 16 – April 1).

## **FAMILIES ARE ADVISED TO CHECK IMMUNIZATION RECORDS BEFORE SPRING BREAK TRAVEL**

With measles outbreaks being reported internationally and spring break on the horizon, the provincial health officer, BC Centre for Disease Control and public health officials are reminding people in British Columbia to check their vaccination records before travelling to ensure they are protected. More information can be found [here](#) with the local West Vancouver immunization clinic [here](#).

## **STUDENT ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS – SPRING BREAK VACATION**

If you are planning on leaving early for vacation for Spring Break or extending your vacation beyond spring break, please email Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)). School is closed from March 16-April 1 reopening on April 2.

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](mailto: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.

### **MOVING? CHANGING SCHOOLS?**

It is very important to inform us if you know your child(ren) will **NOT** be returning to Ridgeview in September for the 2024/25 school year. Please email Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)) as soon as possible as it is important for us to have accurate information regarding enrollment for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.**

### **2024 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS**

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2024.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs opens on **Monday, April 8 at 8:00 AM.**

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning on 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](#).

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 7PM**

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

## PURDYS FUNDRAISING

Purdys Fundraiser has officially come to a close. A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters. Your contributions make a big difference in supporting school programs and initiatives.

If you placed an order, do not forget to pick up your chocolates TOMORROW!

**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024

**Location:** Ridgeview Elementary School, right outside the Grade1 classrooms

**Pickup Times:** 8:40am and 2:20pm

Happy Easter!

## HOT LUNCH COORDINATORS NEEDED!

Ridgeview Hot Lunch Program is the RPAC's most significant fundraiser, generating an average of \$30,000 each year! The funds from the program are used for a variety of projects and programs that benefit our children. These are separate from the specific projects funded by the annual cheque writing campaign.

Thank you to all the families that have contributed to this fundraising program!

In recent years the program has been organized and solely managed by two devoted parents. Unfortunately this is the last school year our current volunteers will be managing the program.

**We are calling for new volunteers to run the 2024/2025 school year!**

**If you're interested in details or ready to join the school volunteers' family, please reach out to us at [rpacdragons@gmail.com](mailto:rpacdragons@gmail.com).**

## MAYFAIR – SAVE THE DATE!

It's a Mayfair year! Save the date for **Friday, May 10th** as Mayfair will be happening after school for an afternoon and evening of fun at Ridgeview. It's the largest school fair in the district that we host as a fundraiser, and includes rides, ponies, treats and more. More information will be coming out after spring break but for now, please save the date!

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – SPRING SESSION ORDERING NOW OPEN!

We're ready to kick off another session of the hot lunch program. [Munch-a-Lunch](#) opened for orders on Monday.

The first hot lunch date for spring session is Tuesday, April 2nd. To place an order for this date, you must do so on [Munch-a-Lunch](#) by **March 25th**. Please remember there is an 8 day cut-off to place or edit your order. Once that cut-off has passed, no changes can be made.

The vendor choices during the spring session include the following:

Monday- Domino's Pizza  
Tuesday- Presto Catering  
Wednesday- White Spot  
Thursday- Well Fed  
Friday- Domino's Pizza

The hot lunch program at Ridgeview is one of the RPAC's biggest fundraisers. The funds are used for a variety of programs and projects that benefit our kids. Thank you to all the families who have participated and continue to participate in this fundraising program.

**\*REMINDER- you need to pack reusable utensils from home as these are not provided with hot lunches.**

## COMMUNITY

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

Thank you to all parents who joined the very informative presentation on March 7<sup>th</sup> led by Dr. Diana Divecha on "Supporting Children's K - 12 Peer Relationships."

Dr. Divecha's insights and your thoughtful questions made the event both insightful and productive. As there wasn't sufficient time to address all submitted questions, Dr. Divecha has kindly offered to provide those answers, which we will share with you when they become available. <https://youtu.be/6EP5uogrYtU?si=uabQBlgHsRJeHN-w> - Please note that you can adjust the subtitles for playback in various languages.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> / 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](mailto:thamner@hollyburn.ca) or text/call 604-908-3673

## **ACTIVITIES AT YOUR WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE/GLENEAGLES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Spring Break 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](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](http://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>

## **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](mailto:LAnderson@wvschools.ca).