



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.

March 7th, 2024

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



UPCOMING DATES

March 10 th	Order Deadline for Purdys Chocolates
March 11 th	Hot Lunch Spring Term Opens for Ordering
March 15 th	Purdys Orders Pick Up
March 15 th	Nowruz Celebrations
March 15 th	Second Term Learning Update/Reports Published
March 16 th –April 1st	Spring Break – School Closed (reopens on April 2 nd)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL– CELEBRATING NOWRUZ 2024 FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

In working with an organizing parent committee, Ridgeview is set to celebrate Nowruz 2024 on Friday, March 15th 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. We are setting up a Half-Sin table on Monday and preparing our school to recognize Nowruz.

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

Next Friday, March 15th, 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 following next Friday, 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), 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). 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). 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.

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.**

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](#).

2024-25 BASEBALL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE MONDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 7PM

Where: West Vancouver Secondary – Room C302

Please join us for an information session on the West Van Schools Baseball Academy. Our coaches will provide detailed information on this outstanding program and will answer any questions that you may have. The Academy is an excellent way to incorporate technical and tactical training within the school timetable and helps to prepare students for team tryouts and post-secondary endeavors.

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:
APRIL 10TH 7PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

PURDYS FUNDRAISING

This year we're teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier to support various projects and programs organized for our children by the school. You can make an incredible impact while saving your time and enjoying some tasty Easter treats.

Just a quick reminder that we are halfway through our fundraiser. You still have a couple of days left to place your order! Here's what you'll need to do:

1. Just click the link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1953723-117533>
2. Enter campaign number: 75812 and fill out your information
3. Go to 'SHOP ONLINE' and order your chocolates!

The last day to submit your order is March 10th. We'll deliver all orders to school on March 15th, which is the last day before Spring break.

Even if you are not planning to buy chocolates from us, sharing this fundraiser link with everyone you know would mean the world to us! Happy chocolating!

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.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – SPRING SESSION ORDERING OPENS ON MONDAY!

We're ready to kick off another session of the hot lunch program. [Munch-a-Lunch](#) will open for orders on **Monday, March 11th**.

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

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

KAY MEEK THEATRE – PERCUSSIONANO 3 PERFORMANCE - \$10 OFF TICKETS

[Percussiano 3](#) is a veritable pageant for the eye and ear featuring the two hands of percussionist **Rod Thomas Squance** and the four hands of **Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann**. This exciting performance features works from Bernstein's West Side Story and Gustav Holst's The Planets.

Featuring over **30 percussion instruments and two Steinway grand pianos**, Percussiano 3 delivers all of the excitement of a percussion ensemble with a classical touch, presenting great masterpieces and unique transcriptions for percussion and piano. The Kay Meek Theatre is offering **\$10 tickets for West Vancouver Schools' students on March 10 at 3pm**. **Tickets** can be booked [online](#) or by calling our box office at 604-981-6335, using the promo code **PERC10**

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 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>

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.