



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 ਉਲੇਠਾ 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.**

# April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## UPCOMING DATES

April 10 <sup>th</sup>	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) 7pm
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Student Led Conferences – 1:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mayfair! Watch for more information

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL– SPRING IS HERE!

Spring is here and we are excited for all the learning and events that will be happening! We will be sending additional emails regarding certain events like Student Led Conferences, Track, RPAC Mayfair, and Sports Day as the times approaches. Before we get ahead of ourselves, I want to take the time to personally thank all the parents who worked so hard to offer our school an amazing Nowruz experience on the Friday prior to the break! Please see these two posts on “X” (formally Twitter):

- [Morning performance of dance and music for parents and students](#)
- [Ridgeview students enjoying Nowruz](#)

## STUDENT PLACEMENT INPUT REQUEST FOR 2024/2025 (Gr K- 6)

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided by a team, which includes the School Based Resource Team, a child's current teacher, non-enrolling teachers, support staff and the administrators. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

The driving factor that determines organization in the public school system is based on enrollment. West Vancouver School District's priority is space at each grade where possible for students to have an opportunity to attend their catchment school and/or priority choice. This is the reason Ridgeview has moved towards "multi-age classes" (otherwise known as split classes or combined classes) as have other schools in West Vancouver Schools.

**Parents – please consider only making a request if there are extenuating circumstances OR** to share information you feel should be considered when placing their child for the next school year.

To make a request – **please fully read the attached letter** which outline information and guidelines for making a request with the Input Form. Please submit any **Input Forms** to Mr. Zerbe ([wzerbe@wvschools.ca](mailto:wzerbe@wvschools.ca)) and "cc" your child's current classroom teacher.

**Input Forms are due no later than May 17<sup>th</sup> – late requests cannot be honoured.**

## 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.

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> - 1PM EARLY DISMISSAL

Our student-led conferences will take place at Ridgeview on April 24th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Conference-style reporting is an important exchange of information between home and school. Student-led conferences are a way for you to participate in the reporting process with your child. By attending, you can gain insight to learning and assessment, heighten your awareness of your child's abilities and learn ways to support future growth. **You will receive an email link next week to book your time(s).** Please sign up for a time to conference with your child and make arrangements for siblings so you can focus on your child when they present to you in the classroom.

## GRADE 6 AND 7 BAND REGISTRATIONS IS OPEN FOR 2024-2025

Registration for elementary concert band is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Band is an optional program offered to Grade 6 and 7 students where they learn an instrument to play as a group. When you are ready to register, go to the [District Elementary Band Program page](#).

## MAYFAIR – SAVE THE DATE!

Mayfair is happening this year on Friday, May 10th after school, so please save the date. It is the district's largest school fair and a fundraiser that will involve rides, ponies, and treats for all students. There will also be a silent auction and we are hoping families can contribute something to the auction. Please see attached information for further details on this. More information on Mayfair will be sent out soon!

## 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](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.

## 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 is now open. Elementary registration closes on May 10. Secondary registration closes on June 14.

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

## **RPAC GENERAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE**

The next RPAC General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Agenda and link to join will be sent out early next week.

## **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).**

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

Our Spring session of the hot lunch program is now open on [Munch-a-Lunch](#).

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

## **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

## **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).