



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 ਉਲੰਮਾ 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.

May 3rd, 2024

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



UPCOMING DATES

May 10 th	Mayfair! See below for more information
May 16 th	Emergency Student Release Drill
May 17 th	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
May 20 th	Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL– PRIMARY KILOMETRE CLUB / INTERMEDIATE TRACK & FIELD

Our [primary students started Kilometre Club this week](#) – every Tuesday and Thursday – as organized by the primary teachers. K-3 students run a loop to collect Popsicle sticks to begin tracking how far they have run as well as the collective group's distance. We are passing out ribbons to those

that participate and help to encourage them to go as far as they can go! We have had lots of parents watching and cheering them on and it's been a very positive experience. Kilometre Club is every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 8:10 am on the gravel filed weather permitting (not on rainy days).

We also are beginning Track and Field for interested Grade 4-7 students with practices on Wednesday morning starting next week. Ms. Morton, along with teacher coaches, held a meeting in the gym this week to explain the running and field events and students were given a notice to take home and return ASAP. Students can still sign up if they want a notice from the office. The deal is that if students come to the practices, they will be able to compete in these events, representing our school.

MAYFAIR – MAY 10TH AFTER SCHOOL – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Mayfair is next Friday May 10th!!!! www.RidgeviewMayfair.com

Have you got your tickets yet on [Munch-a-Lunch](#)? Pre-sales extended until May 7th. Ticket lines are long on the day of the fair so we highly recommend getting your tickets early online, and they will be delivered to your child's classroom on the day of the fair. Also, you can sponsor a ride through [Munch-a-Lunch](#) to help with the school's fundraising goal. The fair will run regardless of weather, and no refunds. All information regarding rides, ticket sales, and fair map can be found at www.RidgeviewMayfair.com

We still need your help, so contact your room parent for volunteering, and this link will show what stations are still needing some help: <https://volunteersignup.org/4J4E8>

1. Tombola bags were sent home, and need to be returned to the school filled by May 8th for the class competition.
2. Silent auction bidding runs online May 5th to May 10th.
(<https://www.32auctions.com/ridgeviewmayfair2024?r=1&t=all>)
3. Cakes are needed May 9th/10th for the Cake Walk activity at the fair.
4. Volunteer sign-up link (<https://volunteersignup.org/4J4E8>).

Thank you for your support!

STUDENT EMERGENCY RELEASE DRILL – MAY 16TH

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 16th, 2024, the staff and students of Ridgeview Elementary will participate in one of our annual simulated earthquake drills. This gives us an opportunity to practice part of our school's emergency preparedness plan.

The *Student Release Centre / Parent and Student Reunion Area* will be established near the portable/undercover area. You (or your designated alternate who is listed on your child's Release form) are asked to report to the east undercover area at the assigned times (see below). We suggest you walk to the school, as you would after an earthquake. Please DO NOT park in the school parking lot or bring your dog. **Important: Remember your photo ID (such as your Driver's License).**

We are asking that you pick up your student/alternate students at a **Staggered Pick-Up Time** based on grades. This eliminates 400+ people waiting in a line and simulates a more realistic scenario. If you are picking up more than one child, you are welcome to pick them up at the same time. If you are picking up a student that is not your child, you **must be listed as an alternate on the child's Student Release form.**

Staggered Pick-Up Times	Grades	K - 2	1:30 pm
	Grades	3 - 4	1:50 pm
	Grades	5 – 7	2:10 pm

The following procedures will take place:

1. There will be forms on tables to be filled out for **each** child you will be picking up prior to lining up at the release tables.
2. **Have your photo ID such as a BC Driver's License.**
Line up at one of the following table locations identified by last name listed alphabetically:
A-D, E-K, L-Q or R-Z.
3. Show your photo ID, state child(ren)'s name, teacher and grade. Receivers of the information will check your child(ren)'s Student Release Form.
4. Parent/Alternate will be given a sticker to wear, identifying student(s) for release. A 'runner' will then go collect the student(s) and bring the student(s) to the parent or alternate waiting in the Reunion/Reception Area.
5. Parent/Alternate will need to wait in the Reunion/Reception Area. Staying in this designated area ensures a 'controlled release' and maximizes the safety of all students.

NOTE: All remaining children will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time of 2:40 pm.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS 2024-25

School Supply Lists are now available on the [Creative Children](#) website and can also be found on our [school website](#) under "School News and Publications"

The supply lists reflect what teachers anticipate your child will need and are individual to each grade. You will see on the list that "Part A" supplies" are purchased as a complete package. Some lists may have a "Part B". Please note these items are still required by the teacher but may be ordered individually as families may choose to reuse some of these items from year to year.

Creative Children has put together convenient and cost-effective packages and ordering the supplies through Creative Children also benefits your child as this is a RPAC fundraiser (which you will find under "Part C – Optional Items" can be added should you choose). Please note that Part B and/or C items must be ordered at the same time as the Part A package. You are unable to go back to the website and order Part B or C items separately.

Should you choose to order school supplies through Creative Children, **all ordering is done online through [Creative Children](#)** (choose our School name in the drop down and the grade your child will be entering in September).

To receive FREE SHIPPING to the school: Orders must be submitted no later than June 10th. Packs ordered before June 10th will arrive at the school before June year end dismissal to take home. Packs ordered after June 10th will be subject to a shipping fee (\$11). Should you choose not to order the supplies through Creative Children, please use the list as a guide to purchase the items on your own from a store.

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) and "cc" your child's current classroom teacher.

Input Forms are due no later than May 17th – 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) 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.

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](#).

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.

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 information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

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 - AGM:
JUNE 14 @8:45AM IN LIBRARY

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

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 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

WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

The WVML Late April / May 2024 e-newsletter for kids, families and educators is here! We still have lots going on, even with the weather taking a beautiful turn. Please click on the link to see all the events: <https://wvmlbc.patronpoint.com/email/preview/200>

As always: everything is free, open to all and no library card is required.

PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES #1 - WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Simple Solutions for building durable kids.

When: Saturday, May 4th from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: West Vancouver Community Centre

Who: Parents & guardians of children (ages birth to 6 years)

To register for this workshop, please email asweeney@wvschools.ca

PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES #2 - EXPLORING THE WORLD AROUND US

Communication & Literacies

When: Wednesday, May 29th from 6:00-8:00pm

Where: West Vancouver Community Centre

Who: Parents & guardians of children (ages birth to 6 years)

To register for this workshop, please email asweeney@wvschools.ca

CELEBRATING THE WEST VANCOUVER PLACE FOR SPORT AND HARRY JEROME OVAL AN EVENING WITH VALERIE JEROME AT THE KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE

Please join us for a discussion with author, educator, Olympian and advocate Valerie

Jerome. **Wednesday, May 22nd at 730 pm Kay Meek Theatre.** Your complimentary tickets can be reserved here <https://kaymeek.com/events/valerie-0522>

BC YOUTH WEEK

BC Youth Week is a celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun, interaction, and celebration intended to build a strong connection between young people and their communities and to profile the accomplishments and diversity of youth. Please go www.westvancouver.ca/youthweek to see all the different events that we have planned!

WVS PRESENT GRAD ART SHOW

An annual mixed media exhibition by graduating students from Collingwood, Mulgrave, Rockridge, Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary.

Open Reception – Thursday, May 9th from 6-8pm

Location: [Ferry Building Gallery](#) (1414 Argyle Ave, WV)

KUNG-FU KIDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT RIDGEVIEW

Kung-Fu Kids Spring 2024 Session @ Ridgeview (Thursdays)

Our spring class is now in session -- spots still available, late sign-ups are okay!

Still looking for an after-school program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-fence while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is resuming sessions this spring! We have 2 programs available on Thursdays:

Grades K-2: 2:45pm-3:25pm (40 minutes) - Using music, games, storytelling, and kung-fu patterns (basic kicking and punching) to learn about balance, coordination, reaction, and timing to develop better focus, listening, and gross motor function skills.

Fee: \$15/class + GST (Thursdays, April 11 - June 20, total 11 classes).

6 spots available

Grades 3-7: 3:30pm-4:45pm (75 minutes) - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defence techniques in kicking, striking, blocking, and stances/footwork. The main goal is to develop speed, accuracy and power. We will use various modern conditioning and sports equipment, as well as safety gear such as mats, striking pads and kicking shields. Level 1 Grade testing and certification is available, but optional.

Fee: \$20/class + GST (Thursdays, April 11 - June 20, total 11 classes).
6 spots available

If interested please contact James Chang (james@westcoastkungfu.ca) for questions, or to register!

GRADE K-3 MULTI-SPORT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT RIDGEVIEW

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!

Dates: Mondays April 29th - June 24th (8 sessions)

Times: 2:40 - 4:10

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$240 + GST

REGISTER HERE: [Sign Up Here!](#)

ACTIVITIES AT WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE/GLENEAGLES CENTRE

Spring Term General Recreation Programs have begun:

Adult American Sign Language (NEW!), Beginner French, Indigenous Arts & Culture, Science, Chess, etc: www.westvancouver.ca/learning

Music for Various Ages: <http://www.westvancouver.ca/music>

Pro-D Day Camps (May 17): [Visit here.](#)

Important Dates:

Summer Camp Registrations Open on Wednesday, May 1st.

www.westvancouver.ca/camps

Other Summer program Registrations open on Wednesday, June 19th.

Browse all 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:

www.westvancouver.ca/newcomers

COMMUNITY – SUMMER CAMPS

WEST VANCOUVER BASKETBALL CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

The WVBC is proud to be offering its 16th year of summer camps this July and August. This year, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 8 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will

be held at West Van Secondary School and will be led by former Canadian Men's National Team player and WVS Teacher/ Basketball Academy Head Coach Greg Meldrum. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

AMANDA'S SUMMER OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (AGES 6-12)

Get ready for a summer filled with adventure, fun, and new friendships! We're excited to invite your children to join us for our outdoor summer camp experience. The camp is designed to provide a safe and enriching environment where kids can explore, learn, and create lasting memories. Camps run Mon-Fri from 8:30am-4:30pm. For more information and/or to register, please email amandasummeradventures@gmail.com.