



RIDGEVIEW  
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 <p><b>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</b></p> <p><b>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS</b> Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p><b>重要資料</b> 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>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。</p> <p><b>알려드립니다</b> 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p><b>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG</b> Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p><b>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ</b> ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੰਕਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p><b>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON</b> Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p><b>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ</b> Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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UPCOMING DATES

- September 13<sup>th</sup> Meet My Principal @ 1:00pm in the gym for parents before...  
Meet My Teacher Grades 1-7 @ **2:00pm (Early Dismissal Gr. 1-7)**  
Kindergarten Meet My Teacher @ 11:40am
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Terry Fox Run @ 11:00 am (Outdoor Fields)
- September 20<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day – No classes for Students
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day
- September 30<sup>th</sup> Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-7) **12:00pm Early Dismissal**
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-7) **12:00pm Early Dismissal**
- October 7<sup>th</sup> NEW DATE – Individual/Class Photo Day

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL - WELCOME BACK DRAGONS!

All students at Ridgeview are settling into their new routines in their classrooms, making new connections with students and teachers, and enjoying school life. One of our main goals this year

is for all students to experience success, build confidence with Mathematics and Reading, and continue to create a sense of belonging for all.

We also are making sure our [Grade 7's are connected to our school community](#), have opportunities to engage in community service and have a sense of belonging that explores giving back. All grades participate with creating a positive community for our school in their own way with teacher guidance and leadership, but we do want our oldest students to stay connected and explore new ways to engage in school. The 7's are helping with morning announcements, with Antonio and Ozlo helping for the first two weeks, and we have a group of 7's from each division helping with lunch monitoring.

We also have Grade 6 students, Tara, Parmis, Adrina, and Arisa, helping lead the Terry Fox Run set for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am on the grass and gravel fields. The girls are making PA announcements and collecting donations. We are promoting to bring a Toonie for Terry to raise \$2 for every student (400 students at Ridgeview) for \$800 total for cancer research. Parents are welcome to come cheer us on – but at this point we cannot take photos as not all permission forms have been returned.

I want to wish everyone a successful year and we look forward to having every student experience success. I hope to see everyone here tomorrow – see below.

### **MEET THE PRINCIPAL @ 1:00 PM / MEET THE TEACHER @ 2:00 PM EVENTS**

All students in Grades 1 – 7 will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on September 13<sup>th</sup> for **Meet My Teacher Event**. Teachers will be hosting an open house style session starting at 2:00 pm for you to meet your child's new teacher as well as to see their new learning space. If you have more than one child, please ensure you leave enough time to visit all their new classrooms before 2:40. This opportunity will be communicated how to set up your child(ren) for success this year and highlight some of our plans.

If you are able, please attend the **Meet My Principal** (parents only with Mr. Zerbe and Vice Principal Ms. Morton) at **1:00 pm** for a high-level overview of our school organization, academic priorities, social emotional strategies, and tips for success at home. This session will be in the gym at 1:00 pm ahead of Meet My Teacher and Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm.

New Kindergarten students will meet their teacher at 11:40 am on this day. This is a great opportunity to see the classroom and the teacher. During this time teachers will be able to share some information with you. There is also a District Wide Kindergarten Picnic Event from 1:00 – 2:00 pm – invitations were sent out directly from West Vancouver Schools.

### **EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS FOR STUDENTS**

Our REVISED Code of Conduct will be in every student agenda (see below) which will be handed out tomorrow. There is a new aspect with the Code of Conduct in the agenda that we are asking families to review the Code of Conduct with your child, sign off the bottom, cut off and return to the teacher. We are hoping to ensure everyone knows what's expected to maintain a positive and safe learning environment. Admittedly, it is a wordy document but is a requirement by the Ministry of Education. I have shared some highlighted **Expected Behaviours** with students this week which will be our focus this term and would ask that you support the following:

## **HIGHLIGHTED EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS:**

### **HALLWAYS**

Teachers support transition  
Hands to self  
Always walking  
Be calm & in control

### **LANGUAGE**

No swearing  
Welcoming, Inclusive and Anti-Racist language  
Use English unless supporting translation

### **PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES**

Requires supervision  
Not on your person/turned off (airplane mode) in your backpack  
Cell phones, smart watches and laptops not for use before or after school (see the government's new policy below).  
Digital Footprint – be responsible  
Signed Tech User Agreement (form that will come home Grades 4-7)

### **RESPECT FOR STAFF**

Here to support you and part of our team  
Acknowledge them

### **RESPECT FOR OTHERS**

The Golden Rule – treat others as you want to be treated

### **RESPECT FOR YOURSELF**

Do your best  
Learn from your mistakes  
Be prepared and arrive on time

### **HATS/HOODIES**

Staff decision on when and where  
When you are wearing a hat or hoody - need to recognize you

### **GUM**

No chewing gum at school  
Do not bring gum to school

## **PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE USE – NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES**

All students in **PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS – NEW!** At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the

explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for elementary schools:

- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

### How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

1. **Familiarize Yourself:** Please take the time to read through the *Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices* (link and attach) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s). Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.
2. **Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child.
3. **Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
4. **Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling, Messenger or texting your child during school time unless it's an emergency. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support in advance.

### STUDENT INFORMATION / EMERGENCY FORMS (GR K-7)

All students have now received a package of contact/emergency forms that need immediate attention and returned to classroom teacher. Included in the forms package is the Student Verification Form which is the student information that is in our database. Parents / guardians are required to review this information and note any changes and signing before returning it. In order to keep our records current, we request that any changes in citizenship, custody, or residential information be supported by supporting documentation submitted to the school office. This would include respectively: a Canadian citizenship card or passport; legal custody agreement; a purchase / tenancy agreement and utility bill(s). Please contact the school office or Principal if you have any questions.

## WVS 2024 - 2025 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ONLINE FORMS (GR K-7)

All Ridgeview families are asked to sign off on the District's Policies and Procedures online form each year and for each child, and it can be accessed [HERE](#). Without completion of this form, students may be unable to participate fully in classroom and school activities (Google Classroom, Terry Fox Run). We ask you to complete this information as soon as possible. The form includes:

- District Policies
- District Network and Internet Appropriate Use
- Privately Owned Electronic Devices Appropriate Use
- Use of Website Applications Outside British Columbia – Parent Consent
- Community Activities Release – Parent Consent
- Consent of Release Permission
- BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Program
- Google Workspace for Education Consent

## TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

Join us on September 19th for our annual Terry Fox Run at Ridgeview! We're encouraging each student to bring a toonie to support this important cause and help us reach our fundraising goal of 800 dollars. Every toonie counts in the fight against cancer, and your participation will make a big difference. Let's come together as a community and honor Terry Fox's legacy of hope and determination! Students can bring a donation any day between now and September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## STUDENT ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS (GR K-7)

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.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (GR K-7)

Any payments to the school such as for agendas, lost library books or field trips are done online through [SchoolCash](#). Once registered, you will also be able to receive notifications whenever there is a new item for your child that requires payment, so you won't have to worry about missing deadlines. This account only needs to be set up once and it will follow your child year to year even through secondary school. All new families will receive their child(ren)'s pupil/student number and instructions on how to set up the account next week.

## STUDENT AGENDAS (GR 1-7)

Ridgeview students in Grades 1-7 are expected to use the Ridgeview student agenda to organize their homework and school activities. Calendar, timetable, policies and procedures and other important information is included within the student agenda. Our REVISED Code of Conduct must be read as a family, signed, cut off and returned to the classroom teacher. The agendas will be given to students (in Grades 1-7) this afternoon or tomorrow. Please go to [SchoolCash Online](#) to pay \$15 for this item. If you are a new family to Ridgeview, information about setting up your SchoolCash Online account will be sent out next week.

## INDIVIDUAL & CLASS PHOTO DAY – CHANGE OF DATE!

Mark your calendars - Individual Photo Day will now take place on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS (Gr K-7)

Staying active is really important. To support this, we encourage students and parents to engage in active transportation by coming to school by bicycle, scooter or walking. With families who live farther away, students can be dropped off a few blocks away so they can make their way to school while getting a little exercise. However, as a reminder, students should not be riding, scooting or skateboarding on school grounds between 8:15am and 3:30 pm.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:  
Nov 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM

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## WELCOME BACK TO HOT LUNCH! ORDERING NOW OPEN!

Ordering is done through [Munch a Lunch](#).

The school lunch program, run by parent volunteers, is one of the Ridgeview Advisory Council's (RPAC) biggest fundraisers. Last year over \$30,000 was raised! The funds from the lunch program are used for a variety of projects and programs that benefit our children. The program runs daily but you can order as little or as much as you want! For example, one item per week or lunch everyday!

We are excited to kick off the year with the same vendors and food days as 2024/2025:|

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

**Reminder- Utensils are not provided for Hot Lunch!** Please make sure to send cutlery with your child.

### Fall/Winter Hot Lunch Session- Important Dates:

Ordering Opening Day for Session #1: Friday, September 6th (Please check back if it is not open by 3 pm on Friday)

Ordering Closing Day for Session #1: Friday, December 13th, 2024  
First day of Hot Lunch for Session #1: Monday, September 16th, 2024  
Last day of Hot Lunch Session #1: Friday, January 17th, 2025

Ordering for Hot Lunch Session #2: opens: Monday, December 16th, 2024

### Ordering Deadline:

There's a **strict 8-day cut-off for ordering**. For example, to order for Monday, September 16th, 2024 orders should be submitted by Sunday, September 8th, 2024.

Please email [ridgeviewlunch@gmail.com](mailto:ridgeviewlunch@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**

Join us on the Ridgeview Dragon Facebook page for the latest RPAC information, news and fundraiser efforts! [Click here to join!](#)

# COMMUNITY

## **KUNG-FU KIDS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT RIDGEVIEW**

Looking for an afterschool program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-defence while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is resuming sessions this fall!

NEW this year: Kung-Fu Kids mentorship chat group with online video lessons and tip sheets for both parents and students to watch and train at home, anytime.

We have 2 programs available on Thursdays after school in the Ridgeview gymnasium starting on September 19 and ending November 28 (11 classes).

See attached flyer for more information and/or contact James Chang ([james@westcoastkungfu.ca](mailto:james@westcoastkungfu.ca)) for questions, or to register!

## **FALL PROGRAMS AT WEST VANCOUVER REC CENTRE**

**Indigenous Arts & Culture Workshop [this fall](#).**

**Small Group Music Classes: [Ukulele, Acoustic Guitar and Singing Classes are starting in September](#).**

**Language Program for Various Ages:**

[Give yourself a gift of language skills in French, Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, American Sign Language \(ASL\), Ukrainian and English as a Second/Third Language.](#)

**Click here for [PD Day Camps](#)**

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