



RIDGEVIEW
ELEMENTARY

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 <p>WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 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>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੰਘਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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September 5th, 2024

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UPCOMING DATES

- September 13th 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 19th Terry Fox Run
- September 20th Professional Development Day – No classes for Students
- September 24th Individual & Class Photo Day
- September 27th Orange Shirt Day
- September 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)
- October 2nd Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-7) **12:00pm Early Dismissal**
- October 3rd Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-7) **12:00pm Early Dismissal**

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK DRAGONS!

I hope everyone enjoyed this summer! We are so excited to welcome Ridgeview Dragons back to school! Staff have been back at school since last week learning and preparing for the year ahead. This week we have two schoolwide assemblies with the students to welcome them to Ridgeview,

get to know the staff and focus on the upcoming year. During these assemblies we review our expectations, create a sense of belonging, talk about how we can ensure all students experience success, promote upcoming special events, and prepare students for moving into new classes today. Your child(ren) will be excited to share the name of their new teacher(s) with you at the end of the school day. We know that this school year brings an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun along the way!

Also, as communicated previously with designing classrooms as well as reviewing parent requests (not guaranteed), our teaching staff have placed students with their best interest in mind for learning as a priority as well as their social emotional well-being (*please see our eBulletins from April 10 – May 17, 2024 for this information*). It takes some time for students to connect with their new classmates and teacher – typically a week so that they can experience the weekly schedule and routines. As class lists are finalized and classes are full – no changes will be made. Please encourage your child to have a growth mindset, note that change can be initially difficult, but from experience, students will settle into their new grade level and school year.

Please note that on Friday, September 13th at 2:00 pm – we have an early dismissal for you to meet your child’s new teachers and visit the classroom space – see below for more details. Parent teacher virtual interviews will also happen soon on October 2 and 3, 2024 – more information to come.

We have also had a lot of Ridgeview Staff changes. Please welcome:

Ms. Jessica Carroll – teaching Grade 6/7

Ms. Lauren de Swardt – teaching Grade 6/7

Ms. Susan Carsky – Learning Support Teacher

Ms. Jennifer Cipolla – Learning Support Teacher

Ms. Alejandrina Smith - new EA

Ms. Brenda Irving – new office staff/supervision

Ms. Amy Yang – new office staff/supervision

Mr. Manuel Meneses – new day custodian

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.

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 13th 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.

STUDENT INFORMATION / EMERGENCY FORMS (GR K-7)

All students will be receiving a package of contact/emergency forms that need immediate attention and are to be returned to classroom teachers by the date noted on the forms. 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

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please have a read of the attached important traffic safety information.

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 19th.

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). 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

Mark your calendars - Individual Photo Day will take place on **Tuesday, September 24th**.

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 6TH @ 7PM

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WELCOME BACK TO HOT LUNCH! ORDERING OPENS TOMORROW, SEP 6TH PLACE YOUR ORDER BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF DELIVERY STARTING SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2024.

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.

Watch for a flyer with more information coming out tomorrow. Please email ridgeviewlunch@gmail.com

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