



RIDGEVIEW  
ELEMENTARY

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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 ਉੱਲਾ 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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October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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UPCOMING DATES

- October 25<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day (No Classes for Students)
- October 30<sup>th</sup> RPAC Halloween Dance  
Primary 4:30 – 6:00pm / Intermediate 6:30 – 8:00pm  
See below for more information
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Parade 9:00am - Parent can view in the hallways
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Delayed Start for School at 10:30am
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Individual Photo Retakes

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – HALLOWEEN AT RIDGEVIEW

We are planning on holding our Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.

As we approach Halloween, we would encourage all students that even with a “spooky holiday,” we wanted to include a reminder to be safe and respectful at school. Costumes should be trauma-sensitive (given world events) and costumes based on race, culture, religion, gender, trauma, or those that include masks, gore, blood, and weapons are not appropriate. We encourage a good

sense of humour and creativity, and we have to remember that our youngest students are sensitive to overly gory and scary masks or fake weapons.

We will be parading inside and outside by the undercover areas. Parents can gather in the hallways to view the parade walk through or outside by the undercover areas (by the Grade 3 door as well as the kindergarten door). We will host an assembly afterwards for students only due to limited space. **Only Grade 6/7 Band parents and Grade 2 parents can attend the assembly to see their child perform.**

If a teacher is planning on additional Halloween events, they may reach out to the Room Parents for specifics. Teachers may also be messaging families directly if needed.

We hope everyone will have a safe Halloween evening and a reminder that the **next day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) is a delayed start at 10:30 am for all students.** This late arrival seems to work after a mid-week Halloween evening. There is no loss of instructional time – this is factored into the year schedule.

### **RIDGEVIEW SCARES HUNGER**

In an effort to support our local food banks and promote citizenship and empathy in our students, we are encouraging every student to bring in at least one food item to help us Scare Hunger away for Halloween! Each grade has been assigned a particular food category to donate so that we can collect a variety of the items that are most needed. See below the food items assigned to each Grade. We will also gratefully accept cash donations which will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards. Please bring donations to the box in your classroom **before Tuesday, October 29th**:

Kindergarten: Crackers and Granola Bars

Grade 1: Tea, Coffee, Hot Cocoa

Grade 2: Rice, Cereal, Oatmeal

Grade 3: Dried Pasta, Canned/Jarred Sauce

Division 7/8: Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Division 5/6: Canned Tuna/Salmon, Beans, Chickpeas

Division 3/4: Canned (or Tetra Pack) Soup, Chilis, Stews

Division 1/2: Peanut Butter, Jam & Honey

### **HALLOWEEN DANCE AT RIDGEVIEW SPONSORED BY RPAC**

We are excited to share news about our first **Ridgeview Halloween Dance** event on **October 30th**. The dance will feature a live DJ with snacks, and glow props available for purchase.

The event is divided into two time slots: **Kindergarten to Grade 4** students from 4:30-6:00pm, and **Grade 5 to Grade 7** students from 6:30-8:00pm. We encourage all students to attend with a parent or guardian. Tickets can be pre-purchased on [Munch a Lunch](#) for \$3 per attendee. This will help us better plan for the event.

There will be great deals on snack and glow prop coupons leading up to the event. Coupons are available for \$1 per coupon or \$4 for a pack of 5. However, the prices will be higher on the day of the event, with coupons costing \$1.50 each.

The pricing for the various items at the event is as follows:

- Drinks: 2 coupons
- Candy bags: 3 coupons
- Popcorn: 3 coupons
- Glow Props: 3 coupons

Thank you for your support in making this event a success. If you would like to volunteer on the day of the dance, please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/jioTtVG>  
Ridgeview PAC

## PLEASE – NO GUM AT SCHOOL

Parents – we need your help! Please do not send gum with your child to school. This is an expectation and has been communicated previously. It is highly distracting when we engage with students and we are finding gum attached to desks, water fountains and furniture as we have zero means to dispose of it. If we see a child chewing gum – we will ask them to put it in a paper towel and to bring home in their lunch, etc. (as we are pack lunch in/ pack lunch out). Thank you for your cooperation in advance with this small issue.

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

It is extremely important that student absences/late arrivals be reported to the school office BEFORE 9:00am 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.

Also, although we discourage the disruption of students being picked up during class time, we understand it is sometimes necessary. Should you require to pick your child up early, it is always best to email their teacher (and copy the office) in advance so that they are aware. Thank you for your cooperation.

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTO ORDERS / PHOTO RETAKES (GR K-7)

Students who had their photo taken earlier this month will have now come home with a photo proof which includes instructions on how to order photos should you choose to. Please note that the ordering deadline is TODAY, October 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child missed the original photo date or should you wish your child’s photo to be retaken, please be sure your child knows to have their photo taken on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER (GR K-7)

We have been so fortunate to have such amazing weather so far but more typical Fall weather is upon us. Please ensure your child is prepared to go outside in all weather conditions. It is also a very good idea to have a set of extra clothes (including socks/shoes) at school should your child get wet and/or muddy during the day. Hoodies and/or down jackets are great on cooler days – but not effective in the rain. Please make sure your child can stay dry in the rain, from jackets to footwear. Here is the “[West Coast Recess and Lunch at Ridgeview](#)” blog about going outside at school and the benefits that come with it.

## REGISTRATION FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN & IN-CATCHMENT ONLY GR 1-12 FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2020, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2025/26 is now open. Registration is also open for any **in-catchment** families with children going

into Grades 1-12. The online registration application can be found [here](#). **Please note out of catchment Grade 1-7 registrations are not accepted until January 15, 2025.**

**If your child is going into Grade 8** and your first-choice high school is the one that your school feeds into (Ridgeview's feeder high school is West Vancouver Secondary), you are not required to complete an online application (regardless of where you live). WVSS school counsellors will be visiting Ridgeview in early spring and distributing transfer/course selection forms at that time.

HOWEVER, if your first choice for secondary school is somewhere other than WVSS, you must complete an online application according to [admissions timelines](#) (Oct 15<sup>th</sup> for in-catchment / Jan 15<sup>th</sup> for out of catchment).

For more information about admissions dates, guidelines, and information, please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/> . Please carefully read the information regarding new documentation procedures before starting the application process.

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

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

## **HOT LUNCH**

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  
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**

### **NEW! HOW WE SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

We are changing how we share community news and events. Starting now, individual "Community Connections" will no longer be included in our school bulletins. Instead, all local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a [single link](#) that we'll update and share with you each week.

All school-specific information will continue to be featured in our regular ebulletin.