



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 ਉਲੰਘਾ 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>برجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p><b>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ</b> Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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UPCOMING DATES

- November 18<sup>th</sup> Traffic Safety Blitz 8:15-9:00am
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Deadline for Caring Clothesline Donations (see below)
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair! (see below)
- December 6<sup>th</sup> First Term Learning Update Reports Published to MyEd Family Portal

SCHOOL NEWS

**THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – GLOVE, TOQUE & SOCK DRIVE (GR K-7)**

With your help, our Grade 3 students are hoping to provide warm gloves, toques and socks to comfort members of our community that are less fortunate. Students are encouraged to bring their **NEW, ADULT-sized** donations to their classroom teacher, and we will add their names to the "Caring Clothesline" located on the display board at the main entrance to the school. Deadline for donations is **Friday, November 22nd**. Thank you for your support.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY (Gr K-7)

Traffic safety is very important to keep Ridgeview families and students safe and to reduce stress prior to the start of a school day. Let's start and end on a positive note! Please have a read of the important attached traffic safety information.

To assist with keeping our students safe, RPAC is organizing a **Traffic Safety Blitz on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-9:00am** and are looking for parent volunteers. Your participation will help make a difference. Together, let's ensure our children can arrive and depart safely each day. Please see attached notice for more information and how to sign up.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! (GR K-7)

On Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! The excitement is building. Each student will have an opportunity to preview the Fair and shop with their class during their regular Library time.

Please visit [HERE](#) for more information. Thank you for helping us raise funds to purchase more library materials for our students!

## LEARNING UPDATE REPORTS (Gr K-7)

Learning Update reports (Report Cards) will be online and will be accessed through the provincial MyEd BC Family Portal the afternoon of December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Reports will be found on the right-hand side of the homepage under "Published Reports" as a PDF. A reminder that the reports remain on the portal until July 31<sup>st</sup> so please download/save/print for future reference. Paper copies of reports will not be going home. We suggest that you try [logging into your account](#) now to ensure that you are ready and have access to it for when the reports are published. If you have forgotten your password, simply use your login and click on "forgot password", and you should receive another temporary one (check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it). All new families were sent information on how to set up your account (with your child's pupil number) last week on November 6<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that there are many resources and a FAQ section on the district site [HERE](#).

## FIELD HOCKEY SESSIONS AT RIDGEVIEW (GR K-7)

Next week, our students will be learning the "FUNdamentals" of field hockey during an indoor session with the West Vancouver Field Hockey Club. For more information on WVFHC, please visit [info@wvfhc.com](mailto:info@wvfhc.com).

## 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.

## LUNCH UTENSILS – REMEMBER TO PACK FROM HOME (Gr K-7)

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.**

## 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.

## DISTRICT WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES

As winter approaches, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. As such, I would like to provide you with some important information about the district's weather closure of schools procedures and announcements process.

The district aims to keep schools open on every regular instructional day, including those with snowfall. However, the final decision to send students to school resides with the parent or guardian since they are most familiar with the specific road and weather conditions around their home and community.

### Weather Closure of Schools (Outside School Hours)

Any decision to close schools for the safety of children will be made by the Superintendent. Parents, students, and staff will be informed of the Superintendent's decision via:

the school district website at [www.westvancouver.schools.ca](http://www.westvancouver.schools.ca) and a School Messenger email

We endeavour to communicate this information to parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. on the day of closure.

### Weather Closure of Schools (During School Hours)

If weather conditions create a concern for the safety of students returning home, the school principal can decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent.

The decision will be communicated to parents and students using the school's normal communication systems.

Student safety is our first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

As always, please refer to [this section of our website](#) for the latest information.

School closures may also appear on several local news sources including:

News 1130      <http://www.news1130.com/>

CKNW 98      <http://www.cknw.com/news/>

Global TV      <http://globalnews.ca/live/bc/>

CBC

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia>

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## 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:**  
FEB 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM

**RPAC**

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### 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

All local programs, events, and resources can be found [HERE](#).