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**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 ਉੱਲਾ 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

يرجى ترجمة هذا
معلومات هامة

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

November 28th, 2024

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



UPCOMING DATES

December 2 nd	Deadline for Ordering Purdy's Chocolates (see below for more information)
December 6 th	First Term Learning Update Reports Published to MyEd Family Portal
December 12 th	Primary Winter Concert - 1:30pm/6:30pm
December 17 th	Intermediate Winter Concert – 1:30pm/6:30pm
December 19 th	Grade 6/7 Band Performance – 1:30pm
December 20 th	Last Day Before Winter Break – 12:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL (School Reopens on January 6 th)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – THE CARING CLOTHESLINE

Thank you very much to all the families who donated gloves, toques and socks to comfort members of our community who are in need of warm clothing at this time of year. With your support, we were able to donate 158 pairs of gloves, 121 toques, and 384 pairs of socks!

As we transition into the festive winter holidays, I very much appreciate Division Nine's effort to give and gift back to those in need. The students made PA announcements and collected from classrooms. All donations were delivered to the North Shore Shelter & Housing Lookout Society.

Lastly, thank you to the parent volunteers who decorated our school for the Christmas season today – we noticed many new decorations and our school looks very festive!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! (GR K-7)

The Scholastic Book Fair came to a close this afternoon and we are happy to report that it was a huge success! Thank you very much for helping us raise funds to purchase more library materials for our students!

WINTER CONCERTS

The Ridgeview team is excited to rally behind our music teacher, Ms. Lambert, to bring you not just one, but several winter concerts! This takes a lot of effort on behalf of students and staff. To support these efforts, students need to attend **both** the matinee and evening concerts for the performances to be consistent in quality.

We will have a K - 3 Primary Winter Concert. Showtimes:

- Thursday, Dec. 12 @ 1:30 pm Matinee
- Thursday, Dec. 12 @ 6:30 pm Evening

We will have a Gr. 4 – 7 Intermediate Winter Concert. Showtimes:

- Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ 1:30 pm Matinee
- Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ 6:30 pm Evening

Tickets are limited due to a maximum capacity of 250 (fire code) for each concert. There will be two tickets issued per family. **The ticket preference survey opened on Monday and will close tomorrow, Friday, November 29th at 9:00 AM.** This is time stamped and will determine if we can accommodate your priority preference. Once a concert time fills up, you may be given tickets for your non-preference choice. Tickets will be sent home with students tomorrow (or Monday). If we have space remaining, grandparents can inquire at the office closer to the date.

We will also have a Gr. 6 & 7 Band Concert. Showtimes:

- Thursday, Dec. 19 @ 1:30 pm. No tickets – but open for Band parents only.

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 6th. 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 31st 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](#) TODAY to ensure that you can access your account so you are ready 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) on November 6th. A reminder that there are many resources and a FAQ section on the district site [HERE](#).

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER (GR K-7)

Ridgeview Purdy's Fundraiser is back - Just in time for Holiday Gift Giving!

To support grade 7 graduation events and celebrations! This is a great opportunity to purchase all your **friends, family or staff at work** a gift that just keeps giving!

Please note updated links and customer number to order for the Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

- Deadline to order December 2nd, and pickup is **December 13th** at Ridgeview. Please share the link below with family and friends to increase orders!!!!
- Step 1: Link to order: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1245962-119387>
- Step 2: If you have registered and ordered with Purdy's in the past, you need to click "SIGN IN" on the top right of the page. If it's your first time ordering, you need to go to "Register as a Supporter" and then fill out the registration form.
- Step 3: Once you are signed in/registered, you need to click "**Join a Campaign**" and **enter the customer number 77245**. This will automatically take you to the Ridgeview Purdy's webpage, and now you can start ordering!
- The Purdy's catalogue to preview items can be found here: <https://www.purdys.com/media/wysiwyg/GnF/Xmas2024/SFR-Xmas-2024-Digital-Catalogue.pdf>

Any questions, please email: Meghan - ridgeviewgrad2022@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the grade 7s at Ridgeview!

STUDENT ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY PICK UPS / WINTER HOLIDAYS

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). 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.

If you are planning on extending the winter holiday break by either leaving before December 20th or arriving after January 6th, please email Mrs. Lytle (slytle@wvschools.ca) as soon as possible so that we may record it for attendance purposes.

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.**

WINTER CLOTHING (GR K-7)

Appropriate clothing for winter includes clothing for **wet weather** – such as **rubber boots or “outside shoes”, “inside shoes,” rain jacket, spare socks, even a spare t-shirt and pants** – and **cold weather** – like **extra socks, sweater, toque, and mittens**. It is possible that your child will be at school during an earthquake or power outage and may, therefore, be in an unheated building (or even outside in the event of an earthquake) for a long period of time so warm clothing is essential. Students should be prepared to be outside every day.

SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES – OPT IN TO RECEIVE SMS (GR K-7)

School closures are communicated by our [District Website](#), radio (CBC, CKNW, etc.), and a direct district email to all parents, usually by 6 AM. We may also send text messages for urgent communications, and we encourage you to opt in. For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS, please text a “Y” or “Yes” to 978338 to ensure you are on the list. Thank you for staying tuned to email when weather has the potential to impact school operations.

DISTRICT WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES (GR K-7)

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 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>

Chris Kennedy
Superintendent of Schools
West Vancouver Schools

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 1-12 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 15th for in-catchment / Jan 15th 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 12TH @ 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 with any questions.

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

COMMUNITY

How We Share Community News and Events

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