



RIDGEVIEW  
ELEMENTARY

## RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



WEST  
VANCOUVER  
SCHOOLS

**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 ਉਲੰਘਾ 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.**

# December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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



## UPCOMING DATES

December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Purdy Orders Pick Up
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4-7 Winter Concert (1:30pm / 6:30pm)
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6/7 Band Performance 2pm in the gym
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Theme Dress Up Day – Wear PJs, Santa Hat, Reindeer Headband, Christmas Sweater etc.
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School Before Winter Break – <b>12:00pm Early Dismissal</b>
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Closed for Winter Break (School Reopens January 6 <sup>th</sup> )

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL - THE K-3 PRIMARY WINTER CONCERT

We have had an amazing Primary Matinee with our K-3 performers, and we are looking forward to tonight's 6:30 pm showing – please bring your tickets. Doors open at 6:00 pm for adults. When you arrive, your child will go to their classroom. Grade Two's will be supervised in the library. Please arrange for childcare for younger students. There is a grand finale at the end so

please ensure you stay for the duration of the show. We do not have the capacity to assist or arrange for an early departure with your child during this performance.

Thank you so much for attending and supporting your child in music!

[See the "X" post for our Matinee concert.](#)

## GRADE 6 & 7 BAND PERFORMANCE

We are preparing for the Grade 6 & 7 band concert on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Parents of these band students are welcome to join us in the gym for this assembly.

## 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.

**Also, if you will be leaving early Winter Break and/or returning late from Winter Break, please email Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)) to let us know.**

## THANK YOU BARMIKA ENTERPRISES

We want to say thank you to a Ridgeview family who heads up <https://www.barmika.ca/> (Barmika Enterprises) who generously offered high quality desk LED lights to staff to use in classrooms as a New Year's Gift. There have a great range of lights for students and adults – and we appreciate the gift that many of our staff opted in for. Please check out the above link to their website if you like to purchase one.

## INTERMEDIATE CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAKE SALE!

Support Ridgeview Elementary School Grade 7 Grad Events – see the poster attached!

### Event Details

**When:** Tuesday, December 17 Times:

- 1:00-1:30 PM (before the matinee concert)
- 6:00-6:30 PM (before the evening concert)

**Where:** Outside Ridgeview Gym

Treats for Sale: A variety of delicious baked goods will be available, including:

- Cookies
- Rice Krispies squares
- Cupcakes
- Donuts
- Brownies

**Prices: Items will range from \$1–\$5.**

Payment Options - We accept:

- Cash

- Debit & Credit (via Square)

### **Purpose**

All proceeds will go toward supporting Grade 7 graduation events, helping to create a memorable milestone for our students!

Thank You for Your Support!

## **KUNG-FU KIDS WINTER 2025**

Registration Link (Winter 2025) is now LIVE: <https://forms.gle/yPEExkss7q3LPGAC6>

Looking for an after school 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 Winter Term!

**WHATS INCLUDED:** 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. All students will get a free red silk sash as their uniform and will be taught how to tie one securely, to be worn during class & at performances.

**WHATS NEW:** Our academy has rolled out a report card and grading system so students and parents know their progress and can set goals on how to 'Level Up' their skills. We also have a points reward program that students earn for completing physical literacy and kung-fu challenges each week. They can then use the points to redeem prizes such as custom stickers, sports gear, and even movie passes! Note: The bigger the prize, the harder the challenges to be earned over one or more sessions.

### **We have 2 programs available on Thursdays:**

Grades K-2: 2:45pm-3:25pm (40 minutes) - Using music, games, storytelling, and essential kung-fu patterns (basic kicks, blocks and punches) to learn about balance, coordination, reaction, and timing to develop better focus, listening, and gross motor function skills. Kids will also learn about respect, communication & understanding among their peers. Certification and graduation will be held on the last day of class. Fee: \$16/class + GST (10 classes is \$168.00)

Grades 3-7: 3:30pm-4:45pm (75 minutes) - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defence techniques in kicking, striking, blocking, and stances/footwork. The main goal is to develop speed, accuracy and power. We will use various modern conditioning and sports equipment, as well as safety gear such as mats, striking pads and kicking shields. Skills and knowledge testing and certification will be conducted on the last day of class. Fee: \$21/class + GST (10 classes is \$220.50)

Ridgeview Elementary (Thursdays) - 10 Sessions - January 9, 16, 23, 30 - February 6, 13, 20, 27 - March 6, 13

If interested please contact James Chang ([james@westcoastkungfu.ca](mailto:james@westcoastkungfu.ca)) for questions or to sign-up for a Zoom Information session.

Sincerely,  
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"Encourage. Inspire. Grow."

## SUPPORTING PJ (ECOLE PAULINE JOHNSON) SCHOOL

Last Thursday École Pauline Johnson suffered a kitchen fire incident that has caused a shift in their holiday plans for their annual Santa's Workshop event. The school gym and kitchen are currently out of commission for the time being, which means that they are not able to hold this big event there this year. Unfortunately, there was a sizable amount of donations that got damaged during the incident, and from a health and safety perspective, they are not able to have our children use these items as part of the Santa's Workshop. With all the challenges facing this event, a group of strong-willed parents were determined to save Christmas for all and have devised an alternative plan to still keep the Santa's Workshop tradition alive at PJ this year. It's truly a Christmas miracle in the making, but to ensure its success, we are asking for any possible community help.

Starting from now until December 17, PJ is asking for help with this miracle by increasing any/all donations. They need anywhere between 400-500 more items minimum to even be able to run this event successfully. If you have items in your home (gently used) that you could drop off at PJ, please place your donations at the front office of the school at any time. Please no books, clothing or any baby items accepted as the children don't typically select these items as gifts for their family.

## WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**K-12 registration for both in-district and out-of-district students opens on January 15!** If you have students in your family or network who are looking to join our district, please help spread the word about this important date.

West Vancouver Schools offer a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community that values excellence in education. Our schools take pride in creating meaningful learning experiences and providing opportunities that support the growth, well-being, and success of every student.

To learn more about registration expectations and processes, please visit our admissions page: **[West Vancouver Schools Admissions](#)**

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our vibrant and supportive school community!

## PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS

As we reflect on the first four months of the school year, we're proud to recognize the progress we've made together in implementing our Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Thanks to the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff, we've seen a significant improvement in how digital devices are used in our schools. This has fostered more focused and engaged learning environments, aligning with our shared goal of supporting student success.

This success would not have been possible without everyone's ongoing support and commitment. While we celebrate these strides, it's important that we remain consistent in maintaining these expectations and continue to remind and support students to ensure this positive momentum is sustained.

### **Why We're Doing This**

The purpose of these expectations is to minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities. Digital devices, when used appropriately, are powerful tools for collaboration, creativity, and communication. However, ensuring they don't interrupt instructional time or disrupt the learning environment remains a priority.

### **What You Can Continue to Do**

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

1. **Celebrate Progress** -Acknowledge your child's efforts in adhering to the guidelines and discuss how this has positively impacted their focus and learning.
2. **Reinforce Healthy Habits** - Continue encouraging a balanced approach to device use at home by promoting activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
3. **Model Consistency** - Show your support by modeling mindful device use when on the school grounds or in the school building AND during shared family time.
4. **Support School Communication** - Please avoid contacting your child during instructional time, this includes communication through phones and smartwatches. Remind them that non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
5. **Stay Engaged** - Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support in making this initiative a success.

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

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.**

### **DISTRICT WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES**

As winter approaches, the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages increases. As such, we 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 the district 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>

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM**

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM 2024/25**

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.

## COMMUNITY

### How We Share Community News and Events

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