



RIDGEVIEW
ELEMENTARY

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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

**برجی ترجمه هذا
معلومات هامة**

ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

December 5th, 2024

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



UPCOMING DATES

December 6 th	Lunar New Year Planning meeting @ 8:45 in the Library
December 12 th	First Term Learning Update Reports Published to Family Portal
December 17 th	Grade K-3 Winter Concert (see below)
December 19 th	Grade 4-7 Winter Concert (see below)
December 20 th	Grade 6/7 Band Performance 1:30pm in the gym
December 20 th	Last Day of School Before Winter Break – 12:00pm Early Dismissal
Dec 23 rd - Jan 3 rd	School Closed for Winter Break (School Reopens January 6 th)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL - THANK YOU RPAC!

Earlier this week, Division 8 partnered with our amazing RPAC volunteers to decorate the Ridgeview tree at the Dundarave Festival of Lights. The students added a heartfelt touch by writing their hopes and dreams for the future on beautifully crafted ornaments.

We've shared a few photos [here](#) to capture the magic of the moment. A big thank-you to Vania and Olha for leading this wonderful initiative and to the parents who helped the class make their way down to decorate the tree.

We are incredibly grateful to the RPAC for their ongoing support this holiday season. Today, we were treated to a fantastic staff appreciation luncheon, and the festive decorations throughout the month have brought so much joy to our school. Thank you for everything you do to make Ridgeview such a special community!

PLANNING FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR 2025 – YEAR OF THE SNAKE

Earlier this week, an email was sent inviting interested parents to help organize the Lunar New Year Event set for Friday, January 31/2025. We will be meeting tomorrow morning, Friday, December 6th, at 8:45 am in the Library.

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!

WINTER/CHRISTMAS 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

We have a few tickets for the evening performance available and many for the matinee. Tickets are now open to everyone and are first come first served at the office.

GRADE 6 & 7 BAND PERFORMANCE

We are working towards our Grade 6 & 7 band concert on Thursday, December 19th at 1:30 pm. Parents of these band students are welcome to join us in the gym for this assembly (no tickets required).

KUNG FU KIDS WINTER 2025

Looking for an after school program that helps your child develop speed, power, balance and coordination-- as well as gain practical skills in self-defense while having fun? Kung-Fu Kids is resuming sessions this winter!

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

Grades 3-7: 3:30pm-4:45pm (75 minutes) - We will begin with a general warm-up, proper stretching, body conditioning and fundamental self-defense 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

If interested please contact James Chang (james@westcoastkungfu.ca) for questions, or to pre-register! The actual Registration Link, and Zoom Info Session details will be sent out next week.

Sincerely,
James Chang, Chief Instructor
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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. 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.

If you are planning on extending the Winter 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.

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 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>

KINDERGARTEN & IN-CATCHMENT GR 1-7 REGISTRATION 2024-25

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

NEXT MEETING:
@ 7PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM 2024/25

Ordering is open on [Munch-a-Lunch](#)

Ordering Deadline:

There's a **strict 8-day cut-off for ordering.**

The school lunch program at Ridgeview is one of the RPAC's biggest fundraisers. Last year we raised \$30,000!

The funds from the lunch program are used for a variety of projects and programs that benefit our children. These are separate from the specific project(s) funded by the annual cheque writing campaign. Thank you to all the families that have contributed to this fundraising program!

This year we have a full line up of options for everyone to try:

Monday- Domino's Pizza
Tuesday- Presto Catering
Wednesday- White Spot
Thursday- Well Fed
Friday- Domino's Pizza

Reminder- Utensils are not provided for hot lunches. Please make sure to send the appropriate cutlery with your child.

COMMUNITY

HOW WE SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

All local programs, events, and resources will be found in one convenient location, accessible through a single link [HERE](#) (or can be found on the District website under “Calendars”).