



RIDGEVIEW
ELEMENTARY

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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 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.**

February 6th, 2025

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



UPCOMING DATES

February 12 th	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) with Guest Speaker on AI @7:00pm (see below)
February 13 th	Grade 7 Valentine's Day Dance (information sent to Gr 7 families)
February 14 th	Reading Break – School Closed
February 17 th	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
February 21 st	Nowruz Parent Planning Meeting at 8:45am in the library
February 24 th	Card Project Ordering Opens (see below)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL–CHEQUE WRITING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES FOR ONE MORE DAY!

Our RPAC, in collaboration with the school, is thrilled to announce the 2025 Cheque Writing Campaign, running from **January 23 – February 7th!** This year, we're on a mission to transform our school grounds by adding more seating areas for everyone to enjoy, as well as boosting our students' learning with additional resources and exciting opportunities.

We invite you to be a part of this effort to make our school even better. If you'd like to support this campaign and help us achieve our goal, please go to School Cash Online [HERE](#) and check out the attached letter for more information.

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH WE FOCUS ON KINDNESS AND RESPECT

This month we are reviewing behaviour expectations with students with two assemblies set for February 10th. Our focus is for students to choose the right choice/decision within a group, even if no adult is watching as well as hallway behaviour. We are also working on a school project to have every student write a message of kindness/respect on a heart that will be placed up on the gym wall as a mosaic for school events such as the Grade 7 Valentines Day Dance on February 13th. Staff will also be on the lookout for students to be kind and opportunities for us to catch students doing the right thing, being kind, helpful and respectful. We will be passing out **Caught Being Kind Cards** that we will post up on bulletin boards through the school. Lastly, Division 4 will be sharing the story regarding Pink Shirt Day over the PA as well as leading the school with a Pick Shirt Day Flash Mob set for 11:00 am on February 26th outside on the basketball court (weather depending).

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2025

Thank you to our parents involved for helping have two amazing assemblies – James, Erin, Shawn, Lucy, and Irene's family. The students learned about Lunar New Year and we had lots of positive feedback from the day.

NOWRUZ PARENT PLANNING MEETING

Our next cultural event we recognize is Nowruz – set for Friday, March 14th. I'd like to meet any parents wishing to help the school plan for the event. Please meet me (Mr. Zerbe) in the library on Friday, February 21st after drop off at 8:45 am.

THE CARD PROJECT IS BACK!

Our students have been busy creating beautiful art for this exciting RPAC fundraiser. There will be many products for purchase with your child's artwork! Ordering will open on February 24th at www.TheCardProject.ca (use code RV91). Please see attached flyer for more information.

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

A reminder to please 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. **Utensils are not provided with hot lunch and we do not have utensils available in the office.**

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). 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.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE (STUDENTS GOING INTO GR 6 NEXT YEAR)

Families who have a student currently in Grade 5 are invited to join Ecole Pauline Johnson's Late French Immersion Open House.

When: Tuesday, February 25th / 3:30-4:00pm

Where: Ecole Pauline Johnson (1150 22nd St, WV)

Contact: Tara Zielinski at 604-981-1225 / tzielinski@wvschools.ca

Please see [HERE](#) for more information on the WV Schools Late French Immersion Program.

IGNITE CHOIR

We are excited to announce that applications are now open for the Junior Ignite District Choir, a premier program offered by West Vancouver Schools for students in grades 5 through 7. This exceptional opportunity is designed for young students who have a passion for singing and wish to develop their vocal talents in a supportive and dynamic environment.

The Junior Ignite District Choir focuses on:

- **Vocal Training:** Enhancing students' singing abilities through professional instruction.
- **Musical Education:** Building a strong foundation in music theory and choral performance.
- **Community Engagement:** Providing opportunities to perform at various events, fostering a sense of community and teamwork.

We encourage all interested parents to visit our website for detailed information on program specifics, application procedures, and important dates: [Junior Ignite District Choir](#).

Don't miss this chance to inspire your child's musical journey. Apply now and let their voices shine!

SPORTS EXPLORERS SPRING/SUMMER CAMP

See below on some exciting information regarding our after school program Sports Explorers!

We're thrilled to announce that **Private Coaching Co (PCC)** has partnered with **SportsWeek** to bring the highest quality multi-sport camps in Canada to the North Shore! Together, we're combining our resources to ensure our expert level coaches (many of whom your athletes have worked with over the last couple of years) create unforgettable camp experiences for young athletes as we champion skill development, sportsmanship, and a lifelong love of physical activity.

Spring Break and Summer Camp Registration is NOW OPEN!

The unique multi-sport camps for kids between the ages of 5-12 years are founded by Physical Education teachers who work alongside our expert level coaches to ensure that your child thrives during their time with us. During last Summer, all 225 slots of SportsWeek Camps sold out during the summer of 2024 so be sure to secure your spot soon!

Ready to sign up? 🙌 [Visit the SportsWeek Registration Page](#)

We can't wait to see your kids on the field, court, or wherever their adventure takes them this Spring Break and Summer!

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>

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is open for all grades living in catchment, in district and out of district. The online registration application can be found [here](#).

NEXT MEETING:
FEB 12TH @ 7PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

FEBRUARY 12TH RPAC GENERAL MEETING ONLINE @ 7:00 PM

We are excited to have Ms. Cari Wilson, the Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology for our District (and former teacher at Ridgeview), be our guest at this meeting. She will explore how schools are getting ahead and using AI, when AI is appropriate, and the benefits of integrating technology with the learning. Ms. Wilson regularly post a blog for our District – here is her latest post: <https://thishattuesdaystechnologytips.wordpress.com/>. Please join us for this experience. The Zoom link for this meeting will be sent out closer to the date.

HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR THIS TERM NOW OPEN!

We are excited to announce that one Ridgeview's most profitable fundraisers is open for a new session of ordering! You can customize your participation by ordering as few or as many items or days as you wish.

Ordering is done through [Munch a Lunch](#).

All proceeds go toward supporting our school's PAC programs and activities.

Important Dates:

- Order Deadline (to receive lunch on January 20th): Sunday, January 12th
- First Delivery: Monday, January 20th

Do not miss out on this opportunity to support our school while enjoying a convenient lunch option.

Order today and thank you for your continued support!

Please email ridgeviewlunch@gmail.com with any questions.

The Hot Lunch Team

COMMUNITY

HOW WE SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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