



RIDGEVIEW
ELEMENTARY

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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

ਬਿਰਤਾਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਿੱਚੋ ਬੱਲੇ ਰਿਸ ਦਾ ਓਲੰਪਾ 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.

September 4th, 2025

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



UPCOMING DATES

September 12 th	Meet My Principal @ 1:00pm in the gym for parents before... Meet My Teacher Grades 1-7 @ 2:00pm (2:00pm Early Dismissal for Gr. 1-7)
September 15 th	Kindergarten Meet My Teacher @ 11:40am
September 19 th	Individual / Class Photos
September 19 th	Terry Fox Run 11:00am
September 26 th	Professional Development Day – No classes for Students
September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
September 30 th	Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK DRAGONS!

I hope everyone enjoyed this summer! We are so excited to welcome Ridgeview Dragons back to school! Staff have been back at school since last week learning and preparing for the year ahead. This week we had a Welcome Back schoolwide assembly with the students to welcome them to

Ridgeview, get to know the staff, get to know the school rules, and focus on the upcoming year. During this assembly we review our expectations, create a sense of belonging, talk about how we can ensure all students experience success, promote upcoming special events, and prepare students for moving into new classes today. Your child(ren) will be excited to share the name of their new teacher(s) with you at the end of the school day. We know that this school year brings an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun along the way!

Also, as communicated previously with designing classrooms as well as reviewing parent requests (not guaranteed), our teaching staff have placed students with their best interest in mind for learning as a priority as well as their social emotional well-being (*please see our eBulletins from April 6th for this information*). It takes some time for students to connect with their new classmates and teacher – typically a week so that they can experience the weekly schedule and routines. As class lists are finalized and classes are full – no changes will be made. Please encourage your child to have a growth mindset, note that change can be initially difficult, but from experience, students will settle into their new grade level and school year.

Please note that on Friday, September 12th at 2:00 pm – we have an early dismissal for you to meet your child's new teachers and visit the classroom space – see below for more details. Parent teacher virtual interviews will also happen soon on October 1 and 2, 2025 – more information to come.

We have also had a lot of Ridgeview Staff changes this year. Please welcome our 2025-26 staff:

Division 1	Grade 6/7	Ms. Roughley (M,T) and Ms. Maukonen (W,Th,F)
Division 2	Grade 6/7	Ms. Airisto
Division 3	Grade 6/7	Ms. E. Sharma
Division 4	Grade 6/7	Ms. Johl
Division 5	Grade 5	Ms. Gardner (M-Th) and Ms. Kennedy (F)
Division 6	Grade 4/5	Ms. Pruner
Division 7	Grade 4	Ms. Dawson
Division 8	Grade 3/4	Ms. Meldrum
Division 9	Grade 3	Ms. Wanless
Division 10	Grade 2/3	Ms. Lambert
Division 11	Grade 2	Ms. Bundic
Division 12	Grade 1/2	Ms. Cathcart
Division 13	Grade 1	Ms. Sandor (M-W) and Ms. Eng (Th, F)
Division 14	Kindergarten	Ms. Campbell

Ms. Roughley	VP
Ms. S. Sharma	Music/Band
Ms. Kennedy	Teacher Librarian (M-Th)
Mr. Lund	Counsellor
Ms. Carsky	LST
Ms. Hadfield	LST/ELL
Ms. Irish	ELL
Ms. Prout	ELL (M-W, Fr)

Educational Assistants:
Mr. Phipps

Ms. Karen
Ms. Hana
Ms. Alix
Ms. Onate
Ms. O (Ontkean)
Ms. Nicastro
Ms. Woodhead

Office Staff:

Ms. Lytle
Ms. Irving
Ms. Karimabadi
Ms. Yang
Ms. Viswanathan

Custodians:

Mr. Jerome (Day)
Mr. June (Evening)

EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS FOR STUDENTS

Our REVISED Code of Conduct will be in every student agenda (see below) which will be handed out tomorrow. We are asking families to review the Code of Conduct with your child. We are hoping to ensure everyone knows what's expected to maintain a positive and safe learning environment. Admittedly, it is a wordy document but is a requirement by the Ministry of Education. I have shared some highlighted **Expected Behaviours** with students this week which will be our focus this term and would ask that you support the following:

HIGHLIGHTED EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS:

HALLWAYS

Teachers support transition
Hands to self
Always walking
Be calm & in control

LANGUAGE

No swearing
Welcoming, Inclusive and Anti-Racist language
Use English unless supporting translation

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Requires supervision
Not on your person/turned off (airplane mode) in your backpack
Cell phones, smart watches and laptops not for use before or after school (see the government's new policy below).
Digital Footprint – be responsible
Signed Tech User Agreement (form that will come home Grades 4-7)

RESPECT FOR STAFF

Here to support you and part of our team
Acknowledge them

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

The Golden Rule – treat others as you want to be treated

RESPECT FOR YOURSELF

Do your best

Learn from your mistakes

Be prepared and arrive on time

HATS/HOODIES

Staff decision on when and where

When you are wearing a hat or hoody - need to recognize you

GUM

No chewing gum at school

Do not bring gum to school

WASHROOMS

One at a time / Sign out with the teachers

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE USE – NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE EXPECTATIONS - At West Vancouver Schools, we understand that personal digital devices offer students valuable opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate, enhancing their learning experiences. We also recognize the importance of maintaining focused and safe learning environments for all students. Recently, provincial guidelines and legislation have further highlighted the need to minimize distractions, as digital devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student concentration, and disrupt the educational setting.

To support focused and safe learning environments, West Vancouver Schools is refining our approach to digital device use and will be uniformly applying personal digital device expectations across all schools. Starting this school year, personal digital devices will only be allowed with the explicit permission of a teacher or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and directly supports student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Here's what this means for elementary schools:

- **Elementary Schools:** Personal digital device expectations will apply throughout the entire school day, including before school, after school, and during break times. Cell phones will not be used at all during school hours.

How You Can Help:

To support these updated expectations, we ask parents and guardians to:

1. **Familiarize Yourself:** Please take the time to read through the [Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices](#) to fully understand the new district-wide expectations. Additionally, review any specific guidelines or expectations provided by your child's teacher(s).

Understanding both the general and specific expectations will help you support your child in following the new expectations effectively.

2. **Model Appropriate Use:** Demonstrate and discuss the importance of limiting device use at home, especially during family time or other important activities. Your behavior sets a powerful example for your child. Please refrain from using your cell phone while on school property.
3. **Encourage Balance:** Help your child find a healthy balance between screen time and other activities, such as reading, outdoor play, or family interactions. This will reinforce the focus on learning during school hours.
4. **Mindful Communication:** Please avoid calling, Messenger or texting your child during school time unless it's an emergency. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.

By working together, we can create a safer, more focused learning environment for all students. These small steps at home can make a big difference in reinforcing the positive changes we're implementing at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support in advance.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL @ 1:00 PM / MEET THE TEACHER @ 2:00 PM EVENTS

All students in Grades 1 – 7 will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on September 12th for **Meet My Teacher Event**. Teachers will be hosting an open house style session starting at 2:00 pm for you to meet your child's new teacher as well as to see their new learning space. If you have more than one child, please ensure you leave enough time to visit all their new classrooms before 2:40. This opportunity will be communicated how to set up your child(ren) for success this year and highlight some of our plans.

If you are able, please attend the **Meet My Principal** (parents only with Mr. Zerbe and Vice Principal Ms. Roughley) at **1:00 pm** for a high-level overview of our school organization, academic priorities, social emotional strategies, and tips for success at home. This session will be in the gym at 1:00 pm ahead of Meet My Teacher and **Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm**.

New Kindergarten students will meet their teacher at 11:40 am on this day. This is a great opportunity to see the classroom and the teacher. During this time teachers will be able to share some information with you.

STUDENT INFORMATION / FORMS (GR K-7)

To ensure a safe and successful start to the school year, we ask you to complete two important forms for each student in your household. Both forms must be submitted. Without them, your child's participation in activities throughout the school and classroom will be limited.

1. Student Verification Form (paper copy will be sent home tomorrow)

- Review the information we have on file for your child in MyEducationBC
- Make any changes directly on the form. Please make sure the new information is clear and easy to read. Additional space is available at the bottom if required.
- Sign and date the form, **even if no changes have been made**

- Return to your child's teacher by September 12th

IMPORTANT - Emergency Contact Section (NEW – will replace the previous pink forms)

- **Only contacts listed will be authorized to pick up your child in the event of an emergency**
- All emergency contacts must be 19+ years and aware of this role
- We recommend including at least one trusted contact who lives nearby
- In the event of a broad emergency, the school may implement a **controlled release of students** to ensure their safety and well-being. If this becomes necessary:
- Students will only be released to **parents/guardians or emergency contacts** listed on the form. If necessary, students may be released to **authorized medical personnel**
- **Accurate emergency contact information is essential for your child's safety.** Please ensure this section is accurate and up to date.

If you make any changes to the following information, you must provide supporting documents:

- Home address
- Parental responsibility
- Legal or medical alerts
- Citizenship

A list of acceptable documents is available at

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/admissions/required-documentation/> Staff may request additional documentation at their discretion.

Please upload documents electronically using the secure upload link here:

<https://efrms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/StudentDocuments>

If supporting documentation is not provided, changes will NOT be made in MyEducationBC, the official student information system used by school districts and the provincial government to maintain a student's permanent record.

2. Complete the Online Policies & Procedures Form (online)

<https://efrms.sd45.bc.ca/Account/Login?rr=Form/PandP>

Parents must complete a new Policies and Procedures form for **each child in their household every school year.**

Failure to submit this form will limit your child's participation in classroom and school activities.

The form covers:

- Basic student information
- Permissions for school activities and programs
- Permissions for technology and digital recourse use
- Release of limited personal information

Thank you for your attention to these important steps. By completing these two actions, you help us support a safe, responsive, and well-organized learning environment for all students.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FORMS

As in the past, in addition to the above forms, your child will be coming home with the following two paper forms:

1. Blue Form - Consent for Room Parent Email Communications

Please indicate on this form whether or not you wish to be included in an email distribution list that will be available to your child's Classroom Parent for the purpose of communicating class and school information only.

2. Yellow Form -Technology User Agreement

Students will have the privilege of using digital devices as part of their learning at Ridgeview. Please review this Agreement with your child, sign and return.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please have a read of the attached important traffic safety information.

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.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (Gr K-7)

Any payments to the school such as for agendas, lost library books or field trips are done online through [SchoolCash](#). Once registered, you will also be able to receive notifications whenever there is a new item for your child that requires payment, so you won't have to worry about missing deadlines. This account only needs to be set up once and it will follow your child year to year even through secondary school. All new families will receive their child(ren)'s pupil/student number and instructions on how to set up the account next week.

STUDENT AGENDAS (Gr 1-7)

Ridgeview students in Grades 1-7 are expected to use the Ridgeview student agenda to organize their homework and school activities. Calendar, timetable, policies and procedures and other important information is included within the student agenda. Also included is our Code of Conduct. Please read this with your child. The agendas will be given to students (in Grades 1-7) today. Please go to [SchoolCash Online](#) to pay \$17 for this item. If you are a new family to Ridgeview, information about setting up your SchoolCash Online account will be sent out next week.

INDIVIDUAL & CLASS PHOTO DAY

Mark your calendars – Individual/Class/Pamorama Photo Day will take place on **Tuesday, September 15th**.

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER – SEPTEMBER 19TH

Join us on September 19th for our annual Terry Fox Run at Ridgeview at 11:00 am! We're encouraging each student to bring a toonie to support this important cause and help us reach our fundraising goal of 800 dollars. Every toonie counts in the fight against cancer, and your participation will make a big difference. We will have a kick off assembly with a guest speaker from the Terry Fox Board on September 11th for students. Let's come together as a community and honor Terry Fox's legacy of hope and determination! Students can bring a donation any day between September 11th and September 19th.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS (Gr K-7)

Staying active is really important. To support this, we encourage students and parents to engage in active transportation by coming to school by bicycle, scooter or walking. With families who live farther away, students can be dropped off a few blocks away so they can make their way to school while getting a little exercise. However, as a reminder, students should not be riding, scooting or skateboarding on school grounds between 8:15am and 3:30 pm.

DISTRICT PAC PARENT PRESENTATION

Please join a parent evening with Dr. Graeme Mitchell-Harnessing Hope: Reframing How Our Children See the World

When: Tuesday, September 23rd

From: 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Kay Meek Theatre (1700 Mathers Ave)

For more information and to Register, please see attached flyer

OPTIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR FAMILIES

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:
Nov 12TH @ 7:00PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Please have a read of the attached RPAC introduction letter.

WELCOME BACK TO HOT LUNCH! ORDERING OPENS SEPT 9TH

Welcome Back to School! We are excited to kick off the 2025/2026 Hot Lunch Session! Tired of making lunches every day? We have got you covered!

Our Hot Lunch Program is not only convenient but is also one of the most important fundraisers for our school.

Thanks to our amazing team of volunteers, dedicated school staff, and supportive local vendors, **lunch is available daily.**

What's New This Year?

We are thrilled to welcome three new vendors:

- Aburi Market
- Parse
- Cornelia Fine Tacos

Do not worry, White Spot Wednesdays and Dominos Pizza Fridays are still on the menu!

Order What You Want When You Want

You can order as much or as little as you like, and the best part?

All proceeds go directly toward important PAC initiatives that benefit our students and school community.

Ordering Opens Monday, September 9th

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

Ordering Deadline: Orders must be placed **10 days in advance**.

Be sure to place your orders ASAP to ensure your child receives lunch on the first day of delivery! First day to receive lunches will be September 22nd (orders would need to be placed by September 12th to receive lunch on September 22nd).

Let's make it a great year, one lunch at a time!

Reminder- Utensils are not provided for Hot Lunch (and not provided by the office). Please make sure to send cutlery with your child.

If you have any questions, please contact us at ridgeviewlunch@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting Ridgeview through the Hot Lunch program!

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

HOW WE SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

KUNG-FU KIDS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT RIDGEVIEW

Looking for an afterschool 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 fall!

We have 2 programs available on Thursdays after school in the Ridgeview gymnasium starting on September 11th.

See attached flyer for more information and/or contact James Chang (james@westcoastkungfu.ca) for questions, or to register!

SPORTS EXPLORERS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT RIDGEVIEW

Sports Explorers Development allows athletes to build on their fundamental skills by focusing on sport specific skill development and tactical understanding. Athletes will refine techniques such as passing, dribbling, shooting, and defending.

Coaches introduce key concepts like teamwork, spacing, and communication, encouraging athletes to think critically and make decisions during active gameplay. This program prepares young athletes for higher levels of physical education and organized sport.

Registration Link: [https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/RidgeviewSED\(1-4\)Term1-2025](https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/RidgeviewSED(1-4)Term1-2025)

Location: Ridgeview Gym

Dates: Sept 15th - Dec 8th

Time: 2:45pm - 4:15pm (Mondays)

Grades: 1-4

Price: \$300 + GST (10 sessions)

****NO SESSION ON OCTOBER 13TH, NOVEMBER 10th & 24th, and DECEMBER 8th**** Please put these dates in your calendar