



**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 ਬੋਲੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲਘਾ 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 18th, 2025

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



UPCOMING DATES

December 19th

Festive Spirit Wear Week – Tomorrow – Pajama Day!

December 19th

Last Day Before Winter Break **12:00 pm EARLY DISMISSAL**

Dec 22nd – Jan 2nd

School Closed for Winter Break (Reopens January 5th)

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – RIDGEVIEW CHOIR & BAND PERFORMANCE

Today we held a Grade 4/5 Choir and Grade 6/7 Band Performance with some Christmas carol sing-alongs in an assembly for all to enjoy and to wrap up the festive season at Ridgeview. The students all rose up to the occasion, and we enjoyed a holiday special performance today. Thank you to Ms. Sharma and Ms. Bundic for your work with the choir. Thank you, Ms. Sharma, for your talented guidance to support the Ridgeview band program.

On behalf of the Ridgeview staff, have a holly jolly Christmas and festive holidays!

FESTIVE SPIRIT WEAR THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK (Gr K-7)

We've been celebrating the final week before Winter Break with a series of fun spirit days. Tomorrow's theme – Pajama Day!

SALEEMA NOON BODY SCIENCE (Gr K-7)

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students in Kindergarten to Grade Seven. Please see the attached letter regarding the Body Science workshop.

There will be a virtual parent information session on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30 PM (via Zoom). The Zoom link to join the parent information session will be sent out separately. Student sessions will run on Thursday, January 8th and Friday, January 9th during the school day.

Should parents wish to have their child not participate **after attending the parent information session** in the new year – please inform your child's teacher.

WINTER HOLIDAYS / 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.

If you are planning on extending the winter holiday break by either leaving before December 19th or arriving after January 5th, please email Mrs. Lytle (slytle@wvschools.ca) as soon as possible so that we may record it for attendance purposes.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER/ PLAN FOR SAFE ROUTE HOME (Gr K-7)

As more typical Fall weather is upon us, please ensure your child is prepared to go outside in all weather conditions **when they leave the house in the morning**. We also strongly encourage every student to have a set of extra clothes (including socks/shoes) at school should they get wet and/or muddy during the day. Hoodies and/or down jackets are great on cooler days – but not effective in the rain. Please make sure your child can stay dry in the rain, from jackets to footwear. Here is the "[West Coast Recess and Lunch at Ridgeview](#)" blog about going outside at school and the benefits that come with it.

Now that the time change has occurred and we have less light at the end of the day, please ensure your child(ren) have a safe plan to get home. After 4 o'clock, it's becoming dark outside and students should be heading home sooner than they would when we had better weather and longer days. Please adjust your routine accordingly.

EARLY PICK UPS (Gr K-7)

To avoid disruptions during class time, we encourage families to schedule appointments outside of school hours, however, we understand it is occasionally unavoidable. Should it be necessary to pick your child up early on the odd occasion, **please be sure to email their teacher (and copy the office) in advance so the teacher is aware to help minimize disruption**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.**

OPT IN FOR DISTRICT EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGES

Thank you for your patience as we worked through the power outage on Monday morning. If you did not receive a text message (SMS) from the school district about the outage, and you would like to, please text a “Y” or “Yes” to 978338 to ensure you are on the list. These notifications are only used in the case of a *school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts*.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE REMINDERS

Over the first term, students and staff have worked hard to follow the West Vancouver Schools Personal Digital Device (PDD) expectations. Classrooms are more focused, transitions are smoother, and students tell us they can concentrate better without the pull of their phones. Thank you to families for reinforcing these habits at home.

As we return to school after the winter break, please help us keep this momentum going by reminding your children of the digital device expectations while at school.

What’s expected at school:

- Elementary (K–7): Cell phones are not used during the school day, including before and after school and at recess and lunch times. Laptops may be used to support learning during instructional time, only with explicit staff permission.
- Secondary (8–12): Cell phones and other digital devices should only be used during instructional time with explicit staff permission. Device use should be intentional, supervised, and tied to learning.

How families can help:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support schools by demonstrating these expectations whenever possible. This includes limiting adult cell phone use in and around school and refraining from contacting your child during school hours. For a one-page overview of expectations, see our Parent & Guardian Infographic.

DISTRICT WEATHER CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES (Gr K-7)

Winter weather increases the likelihood of school disruptions due to snowfall or power outages. The following information outlines the district’s procedures and announcement process for weather-related school closures.

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/guardian, as 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/guardians, 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 from the district.

Efforts are made to communicate this information to parents/guardians 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 may decide to dismiss school early after consulting with the Superintendent.

The decision will be communicated to parents/guardians and students using the school's normal communication systems.

Student safety is the first priority. Every effort will be made to keep schools open, but parents/guardians are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure.

For the latest information, refer to [this section of the website](#).

Please note that school closures may also appear on West Vancouver social media platforms and local news sources.

Chris Kennedy
Superintendent of Schools
West Vancouver Schools

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

If you, or anyone you know, has a child born in 2021, please note that registration for Kindergarten 2026/27 opened on October 15th. 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 1-7 registrations are not accepted until January 15, 2026 at 8:00am.**

If your child is going into Grade 8 and your first-choice secondary school is the one that your elementary school feeds into (Ridgeview's feeder secondary school is West Vancouver Secondary), you are not required to complete an online application (regardless of where you live). HOWEVER, if your first choice for secondary school is somewhere other than WVSS (ie Sentinel or Rockridge), 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.

RIDGEVIEW HOT LUNCH

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 is Now Open!

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

Ordering Deadline: Orders must be placed **8 days in advance.**

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**](mailto: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 [HERE](#).

KUNG-FU KIDS AFTER SCHOOL AT RIDGEVIEW

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 continuing sessions this winter!

REGISTER NOW: <https://forms.gle/EHgaCuHYy3pYMgJf7>

Classes are held every Wednesday after school in the Ridgeview gym. We have a Junior class (Grades K-2) and an Intermediate class (Grades 2-7). No experience necessary, but if your child has done any kind of martial arts in the past, we can do a free assessment to determine which class they should register for.

Please contact hello@westcoastkungfu.ca if you have any questions.

RIDGEVIEW SPORT EXPLORERS: DEVELOPMENT (Gr 1-5)

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. Sports include Pickleball, Ultimate Frisbee, Handball, Soccer, Volleyball, Golf, Hockey, and Basketball!

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.

****NO SESSION ON February 16th (Family Day Holiday)****

Where: Ridgeview Gymnasium

Dates: Mondays from January 12th - March 9th (8 sessions)

Cost: \$240 + GST

Time: 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Grades: 1-5

Link to register: [https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/RidgeviewSED\(1-4\)Term2-2026](https://privatecoachingco.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/RidgeviewSED(1-4)Term2-2026)