



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

बिना बरबरे बिसे बेज़ हिम दा छेला बरबार्ड ।

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.

# January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



## UPCOMING DATES

January 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>

Saleema Noon Body Science Student Sessions

January 30<sup>th</sup>

Professional Development Day – No School for Students

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year Ridgeview! Welcome back. We are excited for the new year, new learnings, and new experiences. We continue to work towards improvements in Literacy (our school academic goal) in the areas of reading for primary students and writing for intermediates. FSA's (Foundational Skills Assessment) for Grade 4 and 7 students will be returned to their families over the next few weeks to review student performance for this assessment from last Fall. Many students are making personal goals in their classrooms to create the mindset of bettering themselves in different areas.

The Grade 7's will be experiencing skiing in Whistler later this month and playing basketball, representing our school in athletics. Reading Link Challenge for Grade 4 and 5 students is underway, and teams are preparing to compete with their engagement in reading. Many intermediate classes are engaging in the Young Actors Project and honing their drama /acting skills in this strand in the arts.

Typically, this time of year, we focus on kindness with Pink Shirt Day approaching and will have the students participate in a school wide event building on a sense of belonging. In addition, there is a planning committee of parent volunteers to bring us another amazing Lunar New Year event on February 20<sup>th</sup> at Ridgeview. We will end Term 2 with a Nowruz celebration on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The RPAC continue to support the school and will be starting to plan for Mayfair shortly.

We are actively learning in all areas of academia, experiencing engaging school events, and striving towards a place of joy and happiness for our students at Ridgeview.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.

### 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. There was a virtual parent information session on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Student sessions ran today and again tomorrow during the school day. Thank you to RPAC for financially sponsoring these important workshops.

### THANK YOU FROM RPAC

The RPAC would like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers from Divisions 2, 8 and 13 for the school wide festive decorations!

### 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.

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

As more typical winter 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.**

## PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE REMINDERS

As we begin the new year, we are asking all students and families to recommit to reducing cell phone use and to the school district's Personal Digital Device expectations. Consistent routines after the break help students reengage quickly, keep instruction on track, and reduce distractions in shared spaces.

Expectations at a glance:

- 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.

Family actions that make a difference:

- Minimize adult cell phone use in and around school
- Refrain from sending your child texts or calls during the school day; contact the office for urgent needs only.
- Review the school district's guidelines for personal digital device expectations.
- Help your child understand that when schoolwork requires technology that they need to choose a laptop over a phone as it helps to reduce distractions and support learning.

For a one page overview of expectations, see our [Parent & Guardian Infographic](#).

Thank you for working with us to uphold these important expectations.

## WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

K-12 admission applications 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!

## **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](http://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

**NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:  
TBD IN FEBRUARY**

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

### **RPAC GENERAL MEETING RESCHEDULED**

The RPAC General Meeting originally scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled for a later date in February (exact date to be determined).

### **RIDGEVIEW HOT LUNCH – NEW TERM OPEN FOR ORDERING!**

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.**

#### **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](#).

## DPAC PARENT EVENING ON EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

This parent session is to learn how to help your child build academic success by exploring time management, task prioritization, long-term project planning and development of independent learning habits. See attached flyer for more information and/or to register.

When: Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Kay Meek Theatre (1700 Mathers Ave, WV)

Please register [HERE](#) / Cost: \$20

## 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](mailto: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)