



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**

**ਵਿਕਲਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਮਿਸੇ 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**  
**mainindihan**

**برجی ترجمه هذا**

**معلومات هامة**

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ**  
**Переведите это, пожалуйста.**

# February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



## UPCOMING DATES

February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lunar New Year Events
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Norouz Parent Planning Meeting @ 8:45 am in the Library
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual @ 7:00 pm)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD VICE PRINCIPAL –

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Family Day weekend and had the opportunity to relax and spend time together.

We are excited to recognize Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 25 at Ridgeview. This day serves as an important reminder of our shared commitment to kindness, friendship, and empathy within our school community. We encourage all Dragons to wear pink as a visible symbol of support for inclusion and respect.

Students will participate in a special Mix-It-Up Lunch, where they will enjoy their lunch in a multi-age setting alongside peers from different classes. Guiding questions will help spark conversation, foster new connections, and create a welcoming space for students to get to know one another.

We would also like to celebrate the incredible achievements of Canadian athletes at this year's Winter Olympics. The excitement surrounding the events has been inspiring, and it has been wonderful to see the creative ways classrooms have engaged students through meaningful cross-curricular connections to the Games.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a caring, connected, and spirited Ridgeview community.

### LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM MINISTER LISA BEARE

Please have a read of the attached important letter from Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR 2026

We have been working with a small committee to recognize the Lunar New Year – the Year of the Horse.

We will have two assemblies on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Our primary assembly will be at 9:15 am while the intermediate assembly will be at 10:45 am. Our parent organizers have assisted and arranged for a group of students to learn to drum and perform the lion dance to recognize this significant cultural event. In addition, there will be a face-changing dancer, Tibetan dancers, a fashion show, a Kung Fu demonstration, and more. We will have limited space for parents to join us in the back of the gym.

### 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! Stay tuned for more information on when and how to order.

### 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](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.

### **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:**  
**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> / 7:00PM**

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

### **RPAC GENERAL MEETING**

The next RPAC (virtual) General Meeting will take place February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom. Link to join the meeting will be shared closer to the time.

### **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**.

### **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](#).

### **WVML DIGITAL RESOURCES**

Please find the WVML January/February e-newsletter for kids, families and educators [here](#). They have lots going on, including a brand new digital resource for French language practice for kids ages 4-11, Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival celebrations and programming on School's Out days.

### **CAPILANO UNIVERSITY ACCESS PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSION - MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Capilano University is hosting a [virtual information session](#) on Thursday, March 5 at 4 p.m. for students and their families to learn more two Access programs designed to support students with learning differences: [Discover Employability](#) and [Education and Employment Access](#). Both programs are full-time at the Capilano University North Vancouver main campus and start in September 2026.

*While this information session is primarily designed for secondary age students and their families, Grade 6-7 families who are interested are also welcome to attend to learn more about future pathways, growth opportunities, and transition-to-adult life planning.*

### **WEST VAN RUN! MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>**

We invite students and families to take part in this fun, community run and enjoy special discounted registration. Parents and students can register for \$45 using the code **WVSCHOOLS**, and children can join the Kids 1K for \$15 using the code **WVKIDS**. These codes can also be used by other family members who would like to participate.

Whether you prefer walking, jogging, or running, this event welcomes all ages and abilities. It's a great way for families to be active together and supports our shared commitment to health and well-being across West Vancouver Schools.

Register here - <https://www.westvanrun.com/schools>

### **WEST VAN FOOTBALL CLUB – SPRING ADAPTIVE SOCCER PROGRAM (AGES 5-16)**

Our Adaptive soccer program is designed especially for neurodiverse players who are eager to explore the game of soccer in a fun, welcoming, and supportive environment.

Starting April 9<sup>th</sup> - 10 week program on Thursdays from 3:45 – 4:45pm

Visit [HERE](#) to Register (free jersey included with registration fee)