



RIDGEVIEW  
ELEMENTARY

## RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN



**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**

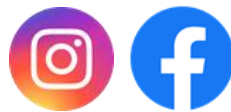
**ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON  
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi  
maintindihan**

**يرجى ترجمة هذا  
معلومات هامة**

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ  
Переведите это, пожалуйста.**

# March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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



## UPCOMING DATES

March 9 - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising Kick-Off
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Update #2 (Reports) Posted on MyEd Family Portal
March 16-27 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break (School Closed) – Reopens March 30 <sup>th</sup>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday Holiday (School Closed)
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday Holiday (School Closed)
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) 7:00pm
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Rope for Heart Event

## SCHOOL NEWS

### THE PROUD PRINCIPAL – HAPPY SPRING BREAK

As we wrap up Term 2, we want to wish everyone a Happy Spring Break! With so much happening in the world, our job is to continue creating a safe and enjoyable space for students to learn, play, and engage socially. We are excited for what April, May, and June will bring to Ridgeview, as these months are action-packed with learning and experiences.

Our music teacher, Ms. S. Sharma, is preparing students for a Variety Show on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a parent showing that afternoon at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 1, so please save the date! Track and field begin for our Grade 4–7 students in midApril as we train for the field events (May 27 and 28 at Westcot), as well as the district track meet held at the new WVSS track on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Back by popular demand is the Primary Kilometer Club (Grades K–3), where students challenge themselves to run a distance they have set out to achieve by running laps on our school field. This will take place at 8:10 am on two mornings/week starting in April. It's a great way to start the day, and we often have a large group of parents enjoying their morning coffee while cheering on the students.

We are also holding our Welcome to Kindergarten event for registered incoming Kindergarten students for September 2026 on May 29<sup>th</sup> in the library. Our teachers and RPAC ensure that our upcoming Dragons will be all set for their first year of school (more information will be sent directly to families with a registered Kindergarten student for September 2026).

June is always busy, and you can expect to see a week of RPAC-supported Kung Fu classes for all students, the Grade 6/7 band performance, Sports Day, and the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony and event.

For now, rest up and enjoy some healthy living. When we return, we will bring joy to learning and engage our students in many meaningful ways.

## **SECOND TERM LEARNING UPDATE (REPORT) - MYED FAMILY PORTAL (GR K-7)**

In the afternoon this Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, your child's Learning Update (Report) will be published to the MyEd Family Portal as a PDF **(it will be located on the right-hand side of the page under "Published Reports" as a PDF)**.

A reminder that all reports for the 2025/26 school year remain on the portal **only until August 31, 2026**, so please be sure to download/save/print for future reference. Paper copies of reports will not be going home.

If you have not done so already, we suggest that you try [logging into your account](#) now to ensure that you are ready and have access to it for when the reports are published. If you have forgotten your password, simply use your login and click on "forgot password", and you should receive another temporary one (check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it). A reminder that there are many resources (including videos) and a FAQ section on the district website [HERE](#).

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

We're excited to announce that our school is hosting Jump Rope for Heart on April 10, 2026! This event supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation, helping fund life-saving research and education on heart health.

We kicked off this event on Monday, March 9! Students should have come home with a postcard that links to our [fundraising page](#). Donations can be made online, making it easy for family and friends to contribute. Every dollar makes a difference!

Jump Rope for Heart is not just about fundraising; it's also about having fun, getting active, and learning how to keep our hearts healthy. Let's jump together for a great cause!

Students are invited to wear red on April 10 in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

## **STUDENT ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS / SPRING BREAK (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.

**With Spring Break approaching**, please email Mrs. Lytle if you will be extending the break and your child(ren) will be leaving early before the break (before March 13<sup>th</sup>) or later than our return date of March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **MOVING? CHANGING SCHOOLS? (Gr K-6)**

If you know your child(ren) will **NOT** be returning to Ridgeview in September for the 2026/27 school year and have not already informed the office, please email Mrs. Lytle ([slytle@wvschools.ca](mailto:slytle@wvschools.ca)) as soon as possible as it is important for us to have accurate information regarding enrollment for the upcoming school year.

## **REMINDER - NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

We have requested in the past that parents kindly respect that many children have varying levels of anxiety and fear about dogs. Even when dogs are leashed, some children are intimidated and cannot walk past them. Some of these dogs may become anxious themselves, and bark at the children.

As per the West Vancouver District policy/bylaws, "dogs are not allowed on beaches, sports fields, school facilities, playgrounds and other municipal facilities". We must insist that we follow District policy/bylaws. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES (INCLUDING CELL PHONES) REMINDER (Gr K-12)**

West Vancouver Schools continues to focus on keeping learning spaces calm, focused, and supportive for students. Clear and consistent expectations around cell phones and other personal digital devices help reduce distractions and support student well-being throughout the school day. Below is a reminder of what device use looks like at school.

### **At school, this means:**

#### **Elementary (K-7)**

- Cell phones are not used at any point during the school day, including before and after school, recess, or lunch
- Laptops may be used only during instructional time and only when directed by staff

#### **Secondary (Grades 8-12)**

- Cell phones and personal digital devices are used during instructional time only when explicitly permitted by staff
- Any device use is purposeful, supervised, and directly connected to learning

**How families can support consistency:**

- Avoid texting or calling students during school hours
- Model limited cell phone use when on school grounds
- Reinforce expectations at home so students receive the same message from school and family

A one-page [Parent & Guardian Personal Digital Device Infographic](#) is available for a clear summary of expectations.

## 2026 SUMMER LEARNING WITH WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS (GR K-11)

Are you interested in Summer Learning opportunities for your child? West Vancouver Schools is proud to offer a comprehensive set of refreshed and engaging courses for students entering Grades 1–12.

Programs will be offered at:

- Ridgeview Elementary
- Irwin Park Elementary
- West Vancouver Secondary School

Registration Opens Next Month

Registration for Summer Learning begins April 8–10, 2026, with staggered openings by grade:

- **April 8 at 8:00 AM:** Current Grade 11 + **Grades K–6**
- April 9 at 8:00 AM: Current Grade 10
- **April 10 at 8:00 AM:** **Current Grades 7–9**

Important Registration Notes

- Registration for current WVS students occurs through [SchoolCash Online](#).
- Only one course per student may be selected.
- A \$100 deposit is required and is tied to attendance requirements.
- Placement is determined by the timestamp of submission and deposit payment.

More information about courses, locations, attendance expectations, and registration can be found at: [🔗 https://westvancouver.ca/summer-learning/](https://westvancouver.ca/summer-learning/)

## JUNIOR IGNITE DISTRICT CHOIR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! (GR 5-7)

Do you have a child in **Grades 5–7** who loves to sing? The **Junior Ignite District Choir** offers students a wonderful opportunity to expand their vocal skills, explore diverse choral music, and grow as young musicians in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Led by **Mrs. Suzanne Fulton**, West Vancouver Schools' Choir Program Director, students receive high-quality instruction in:

- Healthy vocal technique
- Musicianship and ear training
- Singing in harmony
- Exposure to a wide range of choral repertoire

This district program is ideal for young singers who are motivated, cooperative learners and eager to deepen their musical experience beyond their school choir.

### Program Details

- **Who:** Students in Grades 5–7
- **When:** Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00 PM
- **Where:** West Vancouver Secondary School – South Campus, Cafeteria Building, Room 64
- **Cost:** \$70/month for 10 months (\$700/year)
- **Includes:** Professional instruction, accompaniment, high-quality repertoire, uniforms, and team-building activities

### How to Register

Applications for the **2026–2027 school year are now open!**

👉 **Register here:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/premier-programs/jdhc/> [westvancouver.schools.ca](https://westvancouver.schools.ca/)

## 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.**

## 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.

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

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.

## **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:**  
**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> / 7:00PM**

**RPAC**

[RPAC Facebook](#)

## **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 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](#).

## WEST VANCOUVER BASKETBALL CLUB SPRING PROGRAM

The WVBC Spring Basketball Program begins April 7th and there are still some spaces available. This spring, the WVBC will be offering sessions for players in Grades 2-9. All sessions will be held at West Van Secondary. To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

## WEST COAST KING-FU ACADEMY

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 spring! There are 2 programs on Thursdays after school in the Ridgeview gym starting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please see attached flyer for more information.

[HERE](#) to Register:

Questions: Please contact James Chang at [james@westcoastkungfu.ca](mailto:james@westcoastkungfu.ca)

## 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)