



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

ਬਿਹਾਨ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਿੱਚੋ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੇਖਾ 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 10th, 2026

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UPCOMING DATES

September 15 th	Individual / Class Photos
September 18 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 24 th	Kindergarten Meet My Teacher @ 11:40am Terry Fox Run 11:00am
September 25 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 reviewed our expectations, create a sense of belonging, 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 and May 2026 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 18th 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. Also on September 18th, Mr. Zerbe will hold a **Meet the Principal session at 1:00 pm** ahead of the **Meet the Teacher event at 2:00 pm**. Parent teacher virtual interviews will also happen soon on October 7 and 8, 2026 (**with a 12:00pm early dismissal**) – more information to come.

We have also had a few Ridgeview Staff changes this year. Please welcome our 2026-27 staff:

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

Ms. S. Sharma	Music/Band
Ms. Kennedy	Teacher Librarian (M-Th)
Mr. Lund	Counsellor
Ms. Carsky	LST
Ms. Ellis	LST (M, T, Th, Fr AM)
Ms. Prout	ELL (M-W, Fr)
Ms. de la Torre	ELL

Educational Assistants:

Mr. Phipps
Ms. Karen

Ms. Hana
Ms. Alix
Ms. Charlie
Ms. O (Ontkian)
Ms. Nicastro

Office Staff:

Ms. Lytle
Ms. Irving
Ms. Karimabadi
Ms. Yang
Ms. Aghahani

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 (PDD) 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.

What Families Can Continue to Do

Here are some ways families can help reinforce these expectations at home:

- **Encourage Balanced Screen Time:** Promote activities like reading, outdoor play, and family time.
- **Model Consistency:** Show your support by modeling mindful and appropriate device use.
- **Support School Communication:** Avoid contacting your child during instructional time. Non-urgent messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.
- **Stay Engaged:** Revisit the Parent/Guardian Guide to Personal Digital Devices to refresh your understanding of the expectations and discuss them with your child.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support. Let's keep building on the success of this initiative and continue supporting safe, focused learning for all.

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 18th 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.

IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION / FORMS (Gr K-7)

To ensure a safe and successful start to the school year, we ask that you complete two important forms for each student in your household. These forms enable your child's full participation in school activities and ensure we have accurate, up-to-date information in case of an emergency.

Both forms must be submitted.

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

- Review the student information verification form carefully, as it contains all the personal contact, medical, and emergency information we have on file for your child in the District's student information system, MyEducationBC
- Any updates or changes to the information on the form should be written directly on the form. Please make sure the new information is written in a manner that is clear and easy to read. Additional space is available at the bottom or on the back if required.
- **Sign and date the form, even if no changes have been made**
- Return to your child's teacher

If you make any changes to the following information, you must also 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://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/StudentDocuments>

Please note that 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.

Emergency Contact Section

The Emergency Contact section of this form lists **all the contacts that are 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 that this section is accurate and up to date.

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

[2026–2027 Online Policies & Procedures Form - Ridgeview](#)

Parents/guardians must also 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 this [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 \$20 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 RUN FUNDRAISER – SEPTEMBER 24TH

Ridgeview will be supporting Terry's Marathon of Hope by hosting our own Terry Fox Run on **Thursday, September 24th, 2026**. The run will begin at **11:00 AM**.

Ridgeview students and families are invited to bring in Toonies for Terry to raise money for Cancer research on September 24. Alternatively, you can also donate online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/139012>

On **Thursday, September 24th**, all students will run or walk around the Ridgeview grounds. The event will happen rain or shine, so please encourage your child to dress appropriately. We ask that everyone **wear RED and WHITE** to show support for the cause.

If you are available to cheer the runners on (or maybe run yourself!), you are more than welcome to attend!

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.

Please also see the attached e-transport information provided by West Vancouver Police.

SMS TEXT MESSAGING

For parents/guardians who would like to be notified of a school emergency such as power outages, severe weather or safety alerts via SMS - Please text a "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list.

FEEDING FUTURES INITIATIVE

As part of the Ministry of Education and Childcare [Feeding Futures initiative](#), the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

EARLY LITERACY SCREENING (Gr K – 3)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has updated their information on early literacy. For more information please use the [link](#)

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:
@ 7:00PM

RPAC

[RPAC Facebook](#)

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome Back, Ridgeview Families! Welcome to a new school year! We're excited for another year of fun, connection and community at Ridgeview. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming RPAC events and welcoming new and returning families.

If you have any questions or suggestions for RPAC, please feel free to email us at rpacdragons@gmail.com.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

— Your RPAC Team

WELCOME BACK TO HOT LUNCH! ORDERING OPENS SEPT 13TH

Don't forget! Hot Lunch ordering opens this Sunday for delivery on Monday, September 21st.

Be sure to place your order by the deadline so your child doesn't miss out!

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

RIDGEVIEW SPIRIT WEAR T-SHIRTS

Show your Dragon spirit! Our Ridgeview spirit wear T-shirts are available to order and are perfect for Cross Country and Spirit Fridays.

Ordering through RPAC website [HERE](#).

Get yours while supplies last!

COMMUNITY

HOW WE SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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