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October 29th, 2026

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UPCOMING DATES

October 30th	Halloween Parade at 9:00 am for students – parents can observe. An Assembly will follow for students only due to space (Fire Code), except for Band/Choir parents.
November 4th	RPAC General Meeting (Virtual) 7:00pm (see attached Agenda)
November 6th	Extended Deadline to Order Ridgeview Spirit Wear
November 10th	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11th	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
November 16-19th	Scholastic Book Fair

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL- THANK YOU RPAC/ NOV. 4 GENERAL RPAC MEETING – ONLINE @ 7:00 PM

Thank you RPAC for hosting a Primary and Intermediate Halloween dance after school last night. It was a very successful event and I truly enjoyed seeing families engage in some spooky fun. Big

shout out to Theo in Grade 4 for winning the best costume – Issac from *The Binding of Issac* video game.

Please attend our first RPAC meeting coming up – we will have a special guest – Mr. Steve Rauh – the Principal at WVSS. Mr. Rauh will be providing an overview of the programs available at WVSS and highlighting the great opportunity available for secondary students. Ms. Roughley and I are also excited to share Ridgeview's developing new motto – *Learn Like A Dragon 2.0: Aspire, Build, Connect* – in which we will outline and promote an updated framework that will help define Ridgeview as a learning community. Please refer to the attached Agenda.

Here is the meeting link for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 4th:

RPAC General Microsoft Teams Meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/226545962895485?p=YqqRNg0jUX9b7qhawd
Meeting ID: 226 545 962 895 485
Passcode: zg2D6Yp3

Halloween Parade at Ridgeview (Gr K-7)

We are planning to hold our **Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30th at 9:00 am.**

As we approach Halloween, we encourage all students that even with a "spooky holiday", we wanted to include a reminder to be safe and respectful at school. Costumes should be trauma-sensitive (given world events) and that costumes based on race, culture, religion, gender, trauma, or those that include masks, gore, blood, and weapons are not appropriate. We encourage a good sense of humour and creativity, and we have to remember that our youngest students are sensitive to overly gory and scary masks and/or fake weapons.

We will be parading inside, and parents can gather in the hallways to view the parade walk through. We will host an assembly afterwards for students. Due to limited space, we are only welcoming parents of participating band or choir students.

If a teacher is planning additional Halloween events, they may reach out to the Room Parents for specifics. Teachers may also be messaging families directly if needed.

Fun and Safe Halloween Reminders

Halloween is just a week away! As students get ready for school celebrations and trick-or-treating, West Vancouver Schools reminds families to keep safety and respect for others part of the fun.

At school:

- Student costumes must allow for safe movement, participation in learning activities and independence during the school day.
- Please leave masks, costume weapons and excessive make up at home.
- Costume choices should be respectful and align with our school and District Codes of Conduct to help ensure Halloween is safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone

In the community:

- The WVPD has asked us to remind families to please reinforce respect for neighbours, private property and community spaces.
- We encourage children and youth to celebrate responsibly and demonstrate the kindness, courtesy, and respect that help make our community a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Thank you for helping students celebrate Halloween safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Ridgeview Scares Hunger – Thank You!

Thank you to our Ridgeview community whose food donations for our We Scare Hunger fundraiser will go directly to help those families on the North Shore. Division 7 Grade 4's led the campaign with PA announcements and for preparing for the food drive. Grade 7's helped load the Harvest Project van this afternoon to complete a remarkedly successful effort to help others. We are proud that we can make a difference in our local community!

Permanent Daylight Saving Time

With B.C. remaining on permanent daylight saving time, clocks will not turn back this Sunday, November 1, and winter sunrises will be later.

We would like to remind families to take extra care travelling to school during these darker mornings and support consistent sleep routines at home as the days grow shorter.

On Sunday, please take a moment to check your digital calendars, alarms and devices. Ensure you have the latest updates installed and confirm that upcoming calendar entries and scheduled times are displaying correctly.

Scholastic Book Fair is Back at Ridgeview! (Gr K-7)

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way. Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from Monday, November 16th to Thursday, November 19th at Ridgeview Library: Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more: https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/bookfair/preview-fair/

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!
Happy reading, Mrs. Kennedy

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 you require 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. During the end of day routines, we will not be able to accommodate early pick ups from 2:30-2:40pm unless we have been given previous notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Dress for the Weather (Gr K-7)

We have been so fortunate to have such amazing weather but more typical Fall weather is upon us. Please ensure your child is prepared to go outside in all weather conditions. It is also a very good idea to have a set of extra clothes (including socks/shoes) at school should your child 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.

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.

WVS New IYP Program – Cyber-Security and AI Explorers

West Vancouver Schools is excited to be running a new IYP program called "Cyber-Security and AI Explorers". Our pilot offering of this program is for West Vancouver School students who are currently in Grade 7 or 8. The program will begin on November 19th and will run on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 until March 11th, 2027. There will be no sessions during Winter Break. The cost for this is $300.00.

Sessions will take place in one of the computer labs at West Van Secondary. Students will be taught by West Vancouver Schools teaching staff and mentored by senior students in the district's CS/QC/AI class.

Students will explore concepts in Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Safety and Security through activities, labs and games. There may be an opportunity for an optional hackathon that students can choose to participate in.

For more information or questions, contact Ms. Wilson at cwilson@wvschools.ca
To register, please fill out this form.

West Vancouver Schools Admissions

Admissions for the **2027/2028 school year** began on **Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** for:

- All Kindergarten students
- All Grade 1-12 in-catchment students

Admissions for **Out-of-Catchment and Out-of-District students** open at **8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2027**.

For more information about admissions processes, dates, guidelines, and requirements, families should visit the West Vancouver Schools admissions webpage. Families are encouraged to carefully review the documentation requirements before beginning the application process

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: NOV 4TH @ 7:00PM | RPAC | RPAC WEBSITE

RIDGEVIEW SPIRIT WEAR ORDERING DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Spirit Wear order deadline extended. Please place your orders **before Friday, November 6th**. Whether you are looking for warm and cozy sweatshirts, sporty long sleeve Tshirts or stylish socks we have you covered. Check out the website for pictures and size information. https://ridgeviewpac.square.site/

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HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

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**.
Thank you for supporting Ridgeview through the Hot Lunch program!

COMMUNITY

HOW WE SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

All local programs, events, and resources can be found on the District website HERE.

DPAC PARENT SERIES

Join West Vancouver Schools, the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and community and educational experts for a three-part series exploring the opportunities and challenges of growing up in a digital world.

Session #2 Raising Thinkers in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Thursday, January 28, 2027 at 6:30pm in the Kay Meek Main Theatre

Session #3 Navigating Social Media, Gaming and Oline Life
Wednesday, April 14, 2027 at 6:30pm in the Kay Meek Studio Theatre

Tickets for these events can be found on your School Cash Online account. See attached flyer for more information.

SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU NAVIGATE THE CANADIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Impact North Shore's Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) host a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. The community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.

Check out the upcoming workshops and events:
https://impactnorthshore.ca/immigrant-service-centre/settlement-workers-in-schools/

RIDGEVIEW KIDS CLUB BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Ridgeview Kids Club is now open and running at Ridgeview.
For more information please visit: www.pjkidsclub.com or email: manager@pjkidsclub.com
Or call: 604-368-8577