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November 5th, 2026

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UPCOMING DATES

November 6th	Extended Deadline to Order Ridgeview Spirit Wear
November 10th	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 am
November 11th	Remembrance Day Holiday – **School Closed**
November 16-19th	Scholastic Book Fair
November 27th	Professional Development Day – **No School for Students**

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROUD PRINCIPAL- REMEMBRANCE DAY AT RIDGEVIEW

On Tuesday, November 10th at 11:00 am, our students will view and participate in an assembly emceed by our Grade 7 student leaders. There will be several student presentations including recognizing Indigenous Veterans Day (Nov. 8th), the Intermediate Choir will be singing The *Coast Salish Anthem* and an Indigenous song called *Kahkiyaw oskayak*, and the Grade 7 Band will be playing *O Canada* and *New World Symphony.* Division 7 will recite *In Flanders Fields* and Divisions 9 & 10 will sing/recite Remembrance Day Child/ Poppy Poppy before our Moment of Silence, to remember Canadian Soldiers who made the greatest sacrifice. Our

special guest expected for the assembly is veteran Sergeant Bill Woods, a local resident. If your child participates in cadets, girl guides, scouts etc., they are welcome to wear their uniform on November 10th for the assembly.

Poppies will be handed out to students after recess prior to our Remembrance Day assembly. **We are collecting money for poppies and students are encouraged to bring a donation.**

Please remember – there is no school on Wednesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day.

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

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from Monday, November 16th - Thursday, November 19th in our library.

For students, it's one of the most anticipated events of the school year - but we need volunteers to make it a success. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help student experience Bookjoy firsthand! And every purchase at the book fair directly benefits our school.

If you are available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please sign up on the schedule outside the library door. Opportunities to assist include:

- Helping shoppers at the book fair
- Checkout
- Crowd control

We look forward to hearing from you.
Gratefully, Mrs. Kennedy, Book Fair Host

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.

Other existing IYP programs for Upper Intermediates students:

Ignite Choir - Grade 5-7 https://westvancouverschools.ca/premier-programs/jdhc/

Robotics - Grade 7-8 https://westvancouverschools.ca/premier-programs/great-bots-of-fire/

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:
JAN 13 @ 7:00PM

RPAC

RPAC WEBSITE

HALLOWEEN THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers from Divisions 6 and 13 who helped decorate the school for Halloween. It looked so good! Thanks also to the parents who volunteered for the less glamorous job of taking down the decor. The RPAC and students appreciate your efforts!

RIDGEVIEW SPIRIT WEAR ORDERING DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased Ridgeview Spirit Wear! It is not too late to place an order for a cozy sweatshirt or long sleeve T Shirt. Stickers and socks make excellent stocking stuffers. The deadline is **this Friday November 6th**. Please see our website for size and price details.
https://ridgeviewpac.square.site/

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.

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

Lights Up Musical Theatre Afterschool Program at Ridgeview (Gr K-7)

At Lights Up Afterschool, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools' staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

WINTER SHOW: SCHOOL OF CAMP ROCK!

What happens when a rock and roll musician accidentally accepts a job teaching at a classical music camp? Join Lights Up this Winter in our original production of "School of Camp Rock" to find out! Combining the best elements of the hit movie "School of Rock" and the "Camp Rock" trilogy, students will sing, dance, act, and *"rock their faces off"* all term long. With a script created specifically for our afterschool students, we can't wait to welcome you to another amazing term full of fun!

Students will be supervised from dismissal. No need to pick up your child until 5pm!

Performance on the last day of classes for friends and family!

After School Wednesdays

JAN 13 - MAR 10 / 2:45PM - 5PM

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: $380* (*plus GST)

For more information or to register: https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/ridgeview-elementary/

Inclusive Art Exploration at Gleneagles Community Centre

Looking for a creative and welcoming community experience? Consider registering for the **Inclusive Art Exploration**, taking place at **Gleneagles Community Centre on November 18**. This registered program offers a supportive space for people of all ages and abilities to explore their creativity, connect with others, and enjoy hands-on art activities together.

We encourage interested families to visit the WVCC website for program details and registration information.

VCH Helping Your Child Adjust to Darker Mornings

Please see attached flyer from VCH for tips for sleep, health and safe school travel

West Vancouver Memorial Library

Have a look at what is happening at WVML: WVML November and December Schedule

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

Visit HERE 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/