

April 7, 2022

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CALENDAR UPDATE			
April 4	Summer Learning Registration opened: <u>Summer Learning Website</u>		
April 8	Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad (YELL) program application deadline		
April 12 - 14	Rockridge Theatre Company Presents: <i>On Stage in 10</i> - see details below		
April 15 - 18	Good Friday / Easter Monday - School Closed		
April 25-29	Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA10) and make-up assessment		
April 30	Summer Learning Job Posting International Programs application deadline		
UPCOMING EVENTS			
May 4-6	Grade 8 Camp Summit - Squamish		
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR			

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Happy Thursday to our Rockridge families! As we move into our second week of April we have so many exciting events taking place. We are looking forward to our theatre company's presentation, our upcoming rugby games, golf tournaments, Mt bike races, ultimate frisbee competition, volleyball, music concert, grad events and so many more things. Thank you to our students, athletes, musicians and most of all our staff for making these amazing things happen.

We will be having our FESL celebration of learning coming up in May where we share the success of our goals and achievements of our three-year planning for learning. I will share more details and an invitation for those who are interested and able to attend our sharing. Next week our Grade 12s will be completing the Student Learning Survey for the Ministry of Education providing feedback on their learning experiences. Parents are also invited to share their feelings and opinions about learning by clicking on the link that you will find further in the bulletin. Finally, I would like to wish all of our Raven's a wonderful, safe and relaxing weekend!

Please Note: Due to the trenching construction taking place on Headland Drive we are encouraging students that can walk to school, to do so to avoid the congestion and stress that the added school traffic brings. If you can arrange carpooling or drop off locations other than the front of the school that will also help. We will be reduced to single lane traffic and crews will be busy directly in front of our school for the near future. Thank you in advance!

Graham

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

# Rockridge Theatre Company Presents: On Stage in 10 - See poster attached

A series of 10-minute plays, written, directed and produced by Rockridge students. April 12, 13, 14. 7pm @ Rockridge. A collection of unique and creative shows featuring talking pigeons, vampires, supernatural powers and friendship! Purchase tickets through the links below:

Buy tickets for **April 12** here Buy tickets for **April 13** here Buy tickets for **April 14** here

## **Student Learning Survey 2021/2022**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

This month the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Here is the link to the survey. Please complete it by April 29th -http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\_survey. Scroll down to the Direct access section and select "45 West Vancouver" and "Rockridge".

### Camp Summit for Grade 8s - May 4-6, 2022

Students have received permission forms in their Period 1 class. Please complete and submit forms by April 15th and return them to their period 1 teachers. Payment will be made through School cash online. For more information about the trip, please go through these <u>slides</u> or watch this <u>video</u> with the camp director. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Towers <u>itowers@wvschools.ca</u>

### Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA10) and make up assessment - April 25-29, 2022

The GLA10 has been rescheduled for April 25-29. The schedule has been shared with students on the grad class of 2024 google classroom.

- If students have any conflicts they must reach out to Ms. Towers ASAP to reschedule.
- Grade 11s and 12s that <u>missed</u> the GLA10 last year or GLA 12 in November will rewrite at this time. Ms. Towers will send a separate email to those students/families.
- Students that would like to <u>redo</u> a previous assessment GLA10, GNA 10 or GLA 12 can reach out to Ms. Towers to sign-up.

#### **Lost & Found**

Over spring break the lost and found items from the bin were laundered and are now on display in the front lobby. If you noticed anything missing over the break, remind your RR student to stop by and collect any items that belong to them. There are a few jackets, t-shirts, hoodies, pants and shorts. Anything left after the **Easter weekend will be packaged and donated to a local charity**.

#### SchoolCash Online - Student Fees

Parents should have received a reminder to access SchoolCash online to access the student fee statements for the year and make payment. If you have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we

need to provide you with a PIN number to be used only the first time you log in, when you will be prompted to register and create a login and password for future access. Please email <a href="mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca">rockridge@wvschools.ca</a> with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you have not yet registered. We thank you for keeping your account current.

# **Thanks to Our Spring Coaches**

Thanks so much for all of the support, time and dedication you have shown to our students, here are our teams and coaches!

Junior	Rugby	Mr. Zambon, Kevin Catliff, Dave Adshade, Ian Kennedy
Senior	Rugby	Parents: Janet Hicks and Karen Saunders, Sue McGuire, Anson Adshade, Sam Clothier, Wayne Goelst. Vancouver Rowing club: Riley Martin and Mitch Stainer
	Girls rugby	Mr. Armstrong
Junior	Girls soccer	Ms. Weitzel and Jena Johl
Senior	Girls soccer	Ms. Jung, Ms. Peterson
Junior	Ultimate	Ms. Van Doorninck, Mr. Thicke
Senior	Ultimate	Ms. Langlois, Deidre Smith
	Badminton	Mr. Cecil Ko
	Golf	Mr. Taguchi and Mr. Thomson
senior	Ice hockey	Mr. Kim
	Mountain Bike	Ms. Ahoy, Mr. Ahmelich
Junior	Boys Volleyball	Ms. Lambie

### **GRAD 2022!**

We are now in the planning stages of our year-end Graduation events! Mark your calendar for:

• Semi-Formal @ Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier on Wednesday, April 20th 6-10pm

- O Tickets for grads & dates only (\$125) now on sale through school cash online
- Permission forms REQUIRED for all attendees (please pick up from the table in the cafeteria).
- Commencement @ the Orpheum on Tuesday, May 31st, 6:00pm 9:00pm
  - Please pay the commencement fee through school cash online.
  - Tickets for families and friends \$20 each (will go on sale in May)
- Banquet @ the Bayshore on Saturday, June 4th, 6pm approx. 11pm
  - Tickets for grads, families and dates (\$145) will go on sale April 25, 2022 through school cash online
  - O Table assignment will take place via a google form starting May 9, 2022 (tickets for all parties sharing a table must be paid for before table assignment can be completed)
- Watch your email for all the details of our year-end grad events coming soon!

**Note:** For assistance with accessing your school cash online account, email rockridge@wvschools.ca.

# The University of Waterloo Gauss Math contest (grade 8) Wed, May 18th - Library 12:00 – 1:00 pm

This math contest challenges students from around the world with a range of abilities to grow valuable problem-solving skills.

If any student is interested in writing this contest, please pay \$4.00 on School Cash Online by April 25th at 3:00 pm

For practice, please see past contests: https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past\_contests.html

## West Vancouver School District Environmental Science program - click here to Apply

Are you interested in collaborating with local Canadian scientists, working with advanced scientific equipment, and applying your knowledge to current research projects? Follow your passion and hone your skills with the West Vancouver Schools Premier Environmental Science Program!

We work in partnership with the Federal Government's Pacific Science Enterprise Centre, located right here in our community. Students enrolled in this program will complete three AP courses (Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science) that have additional laboratory and field work components. To learn more about this unique opportunity, follow this link: <a href="https://westvancouverschools.ca/programs/environmental-science">https://westvancouverschools.ca/programs/environmental-science</a>

Spaces are limited, so if you are keen to join us, please submit your application as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Battram (<a href="mailto:cbattram@wvschools.ca">cbattram@wvschools.ca</a>) or Mr. Huang (<a href="mailto:jhuang@wvschools.ca">jhuang@wvschools.ca</a>).

**Education Assistant Program - Langara College - Info Session TODAY,** April 7, 2022 6:30-7:30 PM Interested in a career supporting children or already working as an Education Assistant in the West Vancouver School District? This invitation is for you.

Education Assistants who support students with diverse abilities are in demand. In Langara's Education Assistant Certificate Program, you will learn from experienced instructors who will help you develop the practical and applied skills you need to successfully support students and

teams in schools.

Join us online on April 7, 2022 from 6:30-7:30 PM for an information session created just for you. We will look at career possibilities, program outcomes, and requirements. Full-time or part-time programs are available. RSVP <a href="here">here</a>

### **WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

#### 2022 Student video contest - EVERY DROP COUNTS -Submission Deadline - Monday, April 18, 2022

Open to all students up to Grade 12. Film a short video about the importance of conserving tap water.

## New this year! The District of West Vancouver will be rewarding the top-10 videos:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$250
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$200

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$150 4<sup>th</sup> Place: \$100
 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Place: \$50 each

The winning videos will be selected by a panel of judges and announced in May 2022.

Full contest details are available on the website: westvancouver.ca/studentvideos

### Mayor's Community Cleanup - week-long litter cleanup initiative from April 22 to April 29

Mayor Booth is encouraging West Vancouver residents, businesses, schools, and community groups to join the Mayor's Community Cleanup and help make West Van sparkle by cleaning up their street, neighbourhood, or local park.

If there are students who would like to meet the Mayor in person and have her join them in their cleaning endeavours, Mayor Booth has put aside the following time: Thursday, April 28th, 9:00-1:30p.m. – please contact <u>rockridge@wvschools.ca</u> is you are interested

For more information and to register your team visit: westvancouver.ca/lovewestvan

## West Vancouver Police - Youth Academy - August 15-August 19th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Are you a West Vancouver School District student in grades 10-12? Consider applying for our upcoming youth academy. Over the course of 5 days, participants will be exposed to different areas of policing including:

- Police physical training (running, hiking, and weights)
- Police Dog Services
- Traffic Services
- Community Services
- Forensic Identification
- and more!

The purpose of this program is to provide participants with a glimpse into the role of police in society, meet new people, and build leadership skills.

\*The WVPD will be covering the cost of the camp.

Application deadline is April 30, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cst. Nicole Braithwaite <u>nicolebraithwaite@wvpd.ca</u> or 604-925-7345.

## **West Vancouver Police Department Speed Watch program**

Speed Watch is conducted in partnership with police, citizen volunteers, and ICBC. Speed Watch road checks are operated by trained volunteers who monitor speeds, particularly school and playground zones, and work in conjunction with police to make our community safe. These volunteer opportunities are primarily weekdays between 8:00am and 3:00pm with flexible scheduling.

If you or your friends are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Cpl. Trevor Griffith at TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca or 604 925-7300.

#### **RECURRING ITEMS**

#### **West Vancouver Schools Emergency Communications**

Parents, if you did not receive a text message from School Messenger to opt in to our emergency communications, please text "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list

### Policies & Procedures and Family Information Verification Forms 2021-2022

This online form must be completed every year for each student. If you have not yet done this for the current year, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Account information does not change from one year to the next, and instructions are provided for password resets. Once logged in, you have the option to update the existing P+P form created last year or start a new one. Please complete the forms here: https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP

## **Emergency Release Form**

This form was sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return this form as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

# **Excused Absences & Early Dismissal**

If a student is ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to <a href="mailto:rockridge@wvschools.ca">rockridge@wvschools.ca</a>. Please include the student's full legal name and grade, time of Absence and Reason for Absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate 'late' rather than 'absent'.