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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - SCHOOL CLOSED
Linear Math/PE 8 - Week 1: Math-Mon & Wed / PE-Tue & Fri	
Oct 3	
Oct 4	
Oct 5	World Teachers' Day! Gr. 9 Immunizations West Vancouver Board of Education All Candidates Meeting - 7pm Kay Meek Centre
Oct 6	
Oct 7	
	School Bus Registration
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we head into this long weekend, I think about the belief that our students are the future leaders of tomorrow. I say this because I live this feeling every day at Rockridge as I move through the hallways and visit classrooms. It starts with the commitment from our dedicated and professional staff who create the conditions and provide the space for students to grow and be successful. It is, however, the independence, responsibility and pride displayed by students when they talk about their learning that is truly inspiring. This week has been no exception. I have spoken to individuals and groups of students about their physics lab hypothesis, the message they are trying to share through an art piece, battle strategies to take Vimy Ridge, techniques to market their club, game time preparations for soccer and why they are volunteering their time to help with Orange Shirt Day button and ribbon sales . . . just to name a few.

What strikes me as the theme that runs throughout all of my student conversations is that students at Rockridge can pursue passions and take their learning and interests to a higher level. It is more than just opportunities for academics and extracurricular activities, it is authentic moments that inspire our

Ravens to be leaders of their learning and futures. They embraced the opportunity this week to acknowledge and honour Truth and Reconciliation Day. Driven by our students, today we had 52 clubs available for everyone to join and be part of something beyond their classes. Seeing these special days happen at Rockridge this week reveals a culture that our students help to create. It is one that is inclusive, supportive and inspiring not only for this school year, but for the future.

Once again, I would encourage you to follow Rockridge on Twitter to get regular updates about learning and life at our school. This attachment is an example of some of the content you could stay up to date on regarding our Ravens this week: Raven Life September 26-29

Our students are the leaders of tomorrow . . . and the future looks bright.

FALL TEAMS AT ROCKRIDGE:

Look for scores and updates on social media and here in our E-Bulletin as we acknowledge and celebrate our athletes, coaches and teams this fall season.

- Jr. Boys Soccer and Sr. Boys Soccer
- Jr. Girls Volleyball and Sr. Girls Volleyball
- Jr. Boys Rugby
- Sr. Field Hockey
- X-Country Running - Jr. and Sr.

INFORMAL PROGRESS REPORTS:

This week families have received an Informal Progress Report by email from each of their student's teachers this semester. If you did not receive an email you were expecting from a teacher this week, please email them directly and 'cc' our Rockridge office rockridge@wvschools.ca

PARENT TEACHER VIRTUAL CONFERENCES - October 13 from 2-4:30pm

We will once again be using an online Parent-Teacher Interview scheduling program (<http://rss.schoolappointments.com>). Parents will be able to access the system at 6:00 pm Friday, September 30. You will be able to create an account, enter your children and then schedule interview times for you to meet with their teachers virtually.

Appointment scheduling will run in five-minute intervals. It is advisable to schedule your appointments with one five-minute block in between, to allow yourself time and not be rushed. There is a maximum of three appointments per student. Due to a limited number of timeslots, please prioritize your teacher selections accordingly. There is not an option for call backs this year.

The system is very easy to use and it should take only a few minutes to set up your account, add your children and schedule your appointments. To get started, click on the "REGISTER" tab. See the attachment for detailed instructions.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION NEWS: ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30, 2022 marks Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. The creation of this federal statutory holiday was through legislative amendments made by Parliament. On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) received Royal Assent.

Rockridge and all West Vancouver Schools showed our support to honour Truth & Reconciliation by wearing **ORANGE** today and here at Rockridge we observed a moment of silence to contemplate the impacts of residential schools on Indigenous families and their loved ones.

Truth and Reconciliation resources and events for your consideration: [Resources and Events](#)

Orange Shirt Day buttons and ribbons will be available for our students by donation. All funds will be donated to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society.

Free Screening of the Documentary [WOCHIIGII LO: END OF THE PEACE](#)

To honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, the Kay Meek Theatre is offering West Vancouver Schools students, teachers and families the opportunity to watch the screening of the film [WOCHIIGII LO: END OF THE PEACE](#) for **free** on Friday, September 30 at 7pm.

Made over five years by Haida filmmaker Heather Hatch, this impassioned documentary captures the long struggle by members of the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations against the B.C. government over a mega-dam project that could devastate the Peace River Valley. The fact that many experts consider the Site C dam to be both unneeded and a likely money-loser for the province is one of many cruel ironies Hatch uncovers in her film, which is equally powerful as a blistering exposé and an inspirational tribute to these lands' defenders.

Tickets can be ordered through the [Kay Meek website](#). Please use the **promo code TRUTH100** at checkout to access the free tickets.

SURF TRIP 2022

33 students, grades 10-12, enjoyed 3 days of surfing on Long Beach with Relic's Surf last weekend. Thank you to the Surf's Inn in Ucluelet for the hot showers, kitchens for meal prep and cozy beds. A special thanks to the parents that drove students on the trip and did the essential food run at Costco before we left: Jeff Merrick, Justin and Keitha Elvin-Jensen, Diana Jennings, Michael Windeler, Drew Collier, Tobyn Ross, Gabriela Quintero, Alejandro Berezowsky and Brenda Radies. Next year's trip planning begins next June – watch for details to come. Thanks also to our own Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Ahmelich and Ms. Towers, our Rockridge staff who helped make this trip possible.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – Call out for Cadets

We are currently planning for our upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony scheduled for November 10th this year. Each year we've been fortunate that Rockridge students who also serve as Cadets have been able to participate in the ceremony. If your child is presently a Cadet, we invite you or them to put their name forward to participate. Please email Mr. Thomson (gthomson@wvschools.ca) if your child is interested.

GAME OF APPS

Looking to attract the following students:

- Those who are considering Tech as a future career - we will give them a good understanding of what to expect
- Female students - there is a strong gender imbalance in the industry, and we want to help do our part to correct that
- Non-tech students (especially artists, athletes and business-minded students) - the tech industry has very good career paths for individuals with these non-tech skill sets and backgrounds, and many students/parents are not aware of these opportunities.

Registration details are on our website at <https://gameofapps.org/updates> Key information:

- Early bird discount deadline: Sep 30
- Middle Years program (grades 6-9) fee: \$350
- Senior program (grades 10-12) fee: \$450
- Program schedule: <https://goa.fyi/schedule>
- Info sessions: <https://gameofapps.org/updates>

#TerryFoxSchoolRun #TryLikeTerry

In 1980, Terry Fox set the bar high for himself when he started his Marathon of Hope, saying, "Nobody is ever going to call me a quitter." Our school proudly took part in this year's Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's legacy. Please support our school's fundraising efforts to raise much-needed funds for cancer research. Donate [here](#)

RiseUP Youth - The District of West Vancouver's Youth Services Team and NSCA are pleased to present RiseUP Youth - a Healthy Relationships & Skill Building Group for Teens - see attached

RiseUP Parenting/Caregiving - The District of West Vancouver's Youth Services Team & NSCA Present: RiseUP Parenting/Caregiving - see attached

LANGARA'S EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM - Info Session October 13th 6-7:30 PM

@ ILC (Inglewood Learning Centre Located at The South Campus of West Vancouver Secondary School - 1735 Inglewood Avenue, WW)

Interested in a career supporting children or already working as an Education Assistant in West Vancouver? This invitation is for you! - RSVP [here](#)

WEST VANCOUVER BOARD OF EDUCATION ALL CANDIDATES MEETING - Wed., Oct. 5th at 7pm

DPAC has the honour of hosting the School Trustee All Candidates Meeting, October 5, at 7pm @ Kay Meek Theatre. This important municipal event gives the public a chance to better acquaint ourselves with this year's School Board Trustees Candidates.

In preparation for the evening, we are asking that PACs members and parents submit questions to be posed to the candidates regarding our community's particular strengths, challenges, demands, community building, and maintaining a school system that reflects local priorities, values and expectations. Please circulate the invitation to respective community members.

Questions can be submitted to dpac@wvschools.ca by October 3, 2022.

MYED BC Parent Portal

The [Parent Portal](#) enables you to view your child's timetable, attendance, and report cards. Each parent or guardian will have their own separate account. We are currently updating 'New' student accounts. If you have not received a username and password by tomorrow afternoon, please email Rockridge@wvschools.ca

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are happy that health and safety updates need not be the top of our E-Bulletins each week, but we do want to ensure families know that the wellness of our Rockridge community is always top of mind. With this in mind, there are three simple reminders we continue to share with staff, students and caregivers:

1. Hand hygiene is an effective means to prevent illness.
2. Wearing a mask is always an option for members of our school community.
3. If you are not well, stay home, rest and return when you are better. Students can use Google Classroom, contact their teacher or classmates to keep up with assignments.

RECURRING ITEMS

SchoolCash Online - Student Fees

Rockridge uses School Cash Online for school items requiring payment. This system is utilized throughout the West Vancouver School District, and you and your child will continue to receive payment requests in this manner.

If you are new to the WV School District and have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a temporary PIN number to be used the first time you log in, then you will be

prompted to create a login and password for future access. Please email rockridge@wvschools.ca with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you are not yet set up with an account.

We thank you for keeping your account current.

EXCUSED ABSENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL

If a student will be late for school or missing a block, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to rockridge@wvschools.ca. 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'.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES form 2021-2022 - <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

This online verification and consent form requires a parent login and must be completed for all students each year.

If a parent previously created an account to complete the 21/22 form, the account is the same. If you have forgotten your password, you can follow the instructions to reset it. Once logged in, parents have the option to either update a P+P form created last year or start a new one.

Please be aware that a new P+P consent form **MUST** be completed for each student, each school year. Without a completed consent form, students are not permitted to access their Google classrooms, have their photos included in the yearbook etc. Permissions expire on August 31 each year.

STUDENT VERIFICATION & EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

These forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.