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CALENDAR UPDATE	
Linear Week 1: May 29-June 2	
May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 8 Advisory in Block 5 - 1:15 – 2:50pm ● Rockridge Choir to Kay Meek Theatre - Dr. Rollo Dilworth Workshop ● CAREER EXPO - 1:00 – 3:00pm
May 29-June 9th	Junior Raven Camp 3:30-4:30
May 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 10 Girls Fit PE to Stanley Park for a bike ride ● Guy Felicelli speaks to Gr 8s about substance abuse and vaping in Bl 1 in PH ● Gr. 8 (PH) 9 (LLC) Careers Presentation - Block 5
May 31	Accounting Field trip to Bench Accounting
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Law Field trip to Mainstreet Courts ● STEM to UBC ● Student Council Talent Show - 12:30 – 2:00 pm PH
June 2 – 3	WV Community Cultural Event - see details below
UPCOMING	
FULL ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	
2023-24 At A Glance Calendar	
WV Youth Services click here	

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Friday, before heading off for the Victoria Day long weekend, staff in West Vancouver engaged in a professional development day that followed the theme of Indigenous Education. We started our day together as a school district at WVSS where we learned from three different speakers. Carolyn Roberts shared the pedagogy and practice of circles. Rebecca Duncan creatively shared about connecting language, culture and the land to education and truth and reconciliation. Lastly, Sahplek - Bob Baker provided us with connections to song, land and legends.

I always ask staff to consider two questions from educational speaker and writer George Couros when engaging in a professional development day: 1. What did you learn today? 2. How will your students know and benefit? I was personally inspired by all three speakers, particularly through the power of story and secondly with the importance of using circles more when meeting and communicating with

groups of students or staff.

You may recall me previously writing that after a long weekend - “we tend to work a five-day week in four days”. I’m quite certain I could not have packed in much more this week across so many different aspects of the Rockridge school community. With that said, however, it has been both an inspiring and invigorating week for me from dawn to dusk . . . well, dark that is!

My highlights this week include connecting with Mr. Dickinson and students in the FAST program on Tuesday while they took part in an Ocean Ambassadors afternoon at Ambleside Beach. This included paddle boarding and learning about micro plastics. I did spend more time on the paddle board than in the ocean, but I was grateful for the wetsuit, nonetheless. My biggest takeaway was seeing the power of passion at work in the students and teacher and thinking how special our academy programs are for learning.

Rockridge parent Katie Becker provided an incredible tour for Mr. Trask’s STEM students on Wednesday at Arc’teryx in North Vancouver. Once again, student engagement was top of mind for me while we toured through the incredibly innovative spaces of this local company. Inspiration, opportunity and career connections were happening at every turn for students through this valuable experience.

The Career Expo today at Rockridge was yet another student opportunity I’ve participated in this week that was rooted in real life experiences. This Grade 11 & 12 event had students thinking about potential careers in various areas from local professionals. (I was even thinking about my next career options today!).

Finally, mixed in with these amazing student learning stories, I also joined our PAC chair Julie Stewart and DPAC rep and future PAC co-chair Kelly Richter in a district-wide meeting with all schools in WV to discuss parent education opportunities for next year. Led by Superintendent Kennedy, this unique meeting has helped us begin to organize some of our planning for 2023-24 for parents at Rockridge and across the district.

I am proud to share a glimpse into my week at school, not to tell my story, but rather to share what an incredible place for learning Rockridge and West Vancouver Schools is for students in grade 8 to 12. With this in mind, feel free to share with friends and neighbours that as we are planning for the fall of 2023, we have space for more student registrations at all grade levels at Rockridge. Just visit our [website](#) for registration information.

Like every Thursday, be sure to check out this week’s **Raven Life** attachment with an excellent collection of updated photos and captions celebrating our student’s participation in special events, sports and learning here at Rockridge this week.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

A HUGE thank you to the extensive list of parents who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon last Friday. Each and every one of our staff felt very special and incredibly well-nourished during this lovely event last week. There was an abundance of starters, main dishes, salads and desserts beautifully displayed with lavender plants and white table clothes. Many thanks to our talented and detail-oriented

organizer Rachel Loerch Japiassu who looked after all the details from start to finish.

*Your serving dishes are washed and ready for pick up in the main office.



REMEMBERING MAYA

Along with Maya's family, West Vancouver Schools has set up the Maya Veronica Cassady Mental Health Wellness Award to honour Maya's heroic fight for her mental wellbeing. This is an annual award gifted to a student who needs financial assistance as they seek ways to improve their mental health. The award is to help provide hope and support to students on their personal journey towards mental wellness.

[Maya Veronica Cassady Mental Health Wellness Fund Westvanfoundation.ca](https://www.westvanfoundation.ca)



Scan the QR code to donate

ROCKRIDGE PAC NEWS

Rockridge Golf Tournament Fundraiser - Thurs, June 15th at Gleneagles Golf Course

Texas Scramble or just enjoy the beer garden! [Register for the golf tournament](#) - includes access to the Beer Garden - or [buy a ticket](#) to join us at the Beer Garden Social at The Orchard that evening. **Please see the PAC NEWSLETTER tomorrow for more details...**

Let's Take It Outside! Help Us Finish Our Outdoor Gathering Area

With your \$50 donation, we can create a space for our teens to connect with nature and each other - see further details [here](#). Please [donate here](#) today!

ROCKRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

FARM TO SCHOOL BC CONFERENCE at UBC: *from Evelyn Grant, Rockridge Foods Teacher*

It was wonderful to connect with and learn from students, educators and professionals working toward the common goal of healthy, local, and sustainable food for all students in BC.

James M. & Max W. who attended the conference did an amazing job of sharing information about our program with conference delegates during the poster & exhibition hour.

See photo in Raven Life attached (from left to right, students displayed the following)

- 'Edible Mistakes'- a series of sustainable food films created by Max W.

- Dehydrated ambrosia apple chips, a tasty means of food preservation, made with apples received from the BC Agriculture in the classroom program.
- Rosemary Sugar Cookies made by Journey B, Charlee C, Adisen G and Moira L, grade 9 students using fresh rosemary from Journey's garden.
- Pear Chocolate Chip muffins made by James M using pears from the Ag. in the classroom program. James helped to wash, core & freeze leftover pears in Semester 1 & then thawed & pureed some to make these muffins for the conference, as he had done for the Jazz Cafe.
- 'WANTED' food safety poster for salmonella made by Amber S in grade 9
- Written piece, "Real Life Effects: How the Foods Program has Helped Students" by James M
- Six-foot-long 'Rockridge Foods' poster hanging in front of the table, made by Amber S & Eldon P - grade 9.
- Technological advice and support were provided from Ms. Reid, Mr. Dickinson, and Ms. Lehman.

WEST VAN COMMUNITY CULTURAL FEST STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - June 2nd and 3rd

The West Van School District is looking for student volunteers to help out with the West Van Community Cultural Fest on June 2nd and 3rd. We have posted this information on the Grad Class Google Classrooms for Grade 8 – 11 students. If your student is interested in helping out, please ask them to review the details in their Google Classroom post. Students are asked to complete a 3- or 4-hour shift to help with either the pavilion or performance stage. Click [here](#) for Festival Details

*If you are interested in volunteering, please contact WV Schools Director of Instruction Liz Hill at lhill@wvschools.ca with your name, school, and desired shift times.

FASHION CLUB CLOTHING DRIVE - Cleaning out your wardrobe for summer? Fashion club is holding a clothing drive from Monday, **May 15 to Friday, May 26!** All donations will be going to support the Covenant House. Their most needed items are Jackets, hoodies, rain ponchos, men's jeans size 32-34, men's socks, neutral-coloured sweatpants and t-shirts. There IS a box in front of the office where you can drop off your donations.

YOU'RE INVITED – ROCKRIDGE JUNIOR RAVENS CAMPS - see attached poster

Rockridge feeder school students in Grade 6, and Grade 7 students registered at Rockridge for September 2023 are invited to participate in our inaugural 'Junior Ravens' program beginning late May. Students can still [register](#) for one or more activities which include: Art and Games, Boys and Girls Basketball, Drama, Floor Hockey, Girls Volleyball and Ultimate / Disc Golf. Cost is \$30 and includes a program T-shirt. Please click above or scan the QR Code on the attached form to register. Registration opened on May 5th. Payment and Waivers links will be provided once your child's registration is confirmed. Please email Junior Ravens Coordinator Marlie Behm (marlieb005@edu.sd45.bc.ca) or Teacher Leader Ms. Daphne Lambie (dlambie@wvschools.ca) if you have additional questions.

GRADUATION NEWS

- ❖ **Graduation Write-Ups** (extended to Friday **May 26th @ midnight**) - there are still 50 students who need to complete their write-ups. This is what will be read as you walk across the stage at the Orpheum during your graduation commencement on June 11th. We will write something really cheesy for any missing write-ups, so best to get those in tomorrow!

- ❖ **Grad Banquet** (June 24th @ the Bayshore) - **tickets for grads and their parents are on sale NOW through school cash online**. Table captains must fill out the [table request google form](#) to confirm who will sit at their table- full names and proof of payment for all table members are required to complete this form. **Tables of 10-11 are optimal**. Table location selection begins the week of **May 29th** at lunch out front of the office. Tables can only be selected by those that have completed the table request google form completely. Check the grad google classroom for confirmed table groups.
 - **NOTE:** If you do not have a group to join, please complete the form (link above) with your guests' names and proof of payment and we will seat your party at a table with space to accommodate you.
- ❖ **Graduation Commencement** - **June 11th @11am** - ticket \$15 per guest
 - **NOTE:** the Graduate does not require a ticket - just guests
 - **NOTE:** Grads will do a dress rehearsal of the event on June 7th at lunch in Player's Hall. They will practice the procession, get directions about the whole event and receive their caps and gowns.

AWARDS 2022-23 - Held on June 26th

It is time to start nominating yourself for a major Rockridge award- **Principal's Awards of Merit, Rockridge Prestige Award (Athletics or Fine Arts), Caulfeild Village Merchant Community Spirit Award, Morgan Backhouse Award, Rock Solid Award and Service Award**. To prepare for future scholarship applications, we are asking grade 8-11 students to fill out the appropriate forms (linked [HERE](#)) in order to be recognized for a major award for the 2022-23 school year. Teachers will continue to nominate students for subject recognition awards but will no longer nominate for major awards. Award winners will be chosen by a committee of admin, counsellors and teachers. You will find descriptions of the awards and links to the application forms [HERE](#). Applications are due **May 28th @midnight**.

BLOCK 5 UPDATES & GRADE 8 ADVISORY DATES

Our Tuesday and Thursday schedule provides ongoing opportunities for students to use their time to focus on their individual curricular needs. It is also where our Gr. 8 & 9 students have Careers presentations scheduled. Here are the upcoming dates for scheduled presentations, along with the semester two Grade 8 Advisory Dates:

GR. 8/9 CAREERS DATES FOR BLOCK 5		GR. 8 ADVISORY DATES	
TUESDAY	THURSDAY		
May 30	June 15	Advisory #14	Thu., May 25
		Advisory #15	Thurs. June 8 th
		Advisory #16	Tues. June 20 th

Teacher locations during Block 5: bit.ly/rrFITlocations22 This list will help students plan effective use of their flexible instruction time.

RAVENS ATHLETICS

Badminton Club welcomes all students to participate in games on Wednesdays after school in the gym. Next club day is Wednesday, June 14th.

Mountain Bike Team - Google Class code [rz55ubo](#)

Coaches: Mr. Ahmelich (Counselling) and Ms. Ferrajohn (Careers)

Rockridge Senior Ultimate Frisbee Google Class code: [btp5fxk](#)

The Ultimate team will be attending the BC ultimate invitational tournament May 27/28 at Newton Athletic Park.

Junior Girls Soccer: Google Class code: [zbq3rjt](#)

Senior Girls Soccer Google Class code: [Vybw6vb](#)

Both Junior and Senior Girls Soccer, please bring your jerseys to the PE office and pay your fees through school cash online.

Rockridge Golf - Contact Coach Mr. Taguchi: TTaguchi@wvschools.ca

Rockridge Ice Hockey -Google Classroom Code: [owc2sjg](#)

Schedules and statistics can be found at [NSHSHL](#)

With 10 players on the bench, the team fought hard with a 3-3 tie at the end of the second but couldn't sustain the heavy Sentinel forecheck. Sentinel will move on to the semi-finals next week vs the lowest seed Western Conference team.

Good effort team! Please return your washed jersey and socks to Mr. Kim.

Boys Rugby Gr 10-12 -Coach Mr. Zambon.

The Rockridge team is practicing daily, prepping for the Provincials next week.

Stay up to date on Raven Athletics:

- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Twitter: [Rockridge Secondary Twitter](#)
- Follow Rockridge Secondary on Instagram: [@rockridgess](#)
- Contact Mr. Ian Armstrong IArmstrong@wvschools.ca if you have questions regarding our Athletics program.

*Our student athletes should be members of their team's Google Classroom for full team schedules and messages.

WV SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWS

2023/24 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION Online Registration is now Open!

At West Vancouver Schools, some students are eligible to receive transportation services.

- For eligibility details, visit our School District Student Transportation [webpage](#)
- Please click [here](#) to register.

K-12 Student Reporting Policy Support Materials for Families

The new Student Reporting Policy aligns with the redesigned curriculum (Know, Do & Understand) and creates consistency across the province. These updated reporting practices also ensure alignment with B.C.'s provincial assessment system. The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale views learning as ongoing, rather than signaling learning is done. It also maintains high standards for students by focusing on helping all students attain proficiency in their learning.

Information for parents and caregivers regarding the changes to K-12 Student Reporting Policy are now available in 8 languages. The documents aim to help parents and caregivers understand the upcoming changes to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy, which will be implemented this fall for the 2023/24 school year. The complete information package can be found on the [K-12](#)

[Student Reporting Policy Information for Families](#) web page.

2023 Summer Learning with West Vancouver Schools

Are you interested in learning during the summer? West Vancouver Schools will be offering a robust Summer Learning Program for both elementary and secondary students during July 2023.

Online registration for both the elementary and secondary Summer Learning programs is now open. Secondary registration closes on **June 16**.

More information about courses, locations, attendance etc. can be found on the Summer Learning information flyers ([elementary](#) or [secondary](#)) or on the [Summer Learning Website](#).

2023-2024 ACADEMY REGISTRATION

The West Van Schools Baseball, Field Hockey, Rugby and Soccer Academies are open for registration! Please visit the links below for further information on these exciting programs:

- [Baseball](#)
- [Field Hockey](#)
- [Rugby](#)
- [Soccer](#)

West Vancouver BASKETBALL Club Summer Camps - Registration now open

May is here which means that the WVBC Summer camps are just around the corner. This summer, the WVBC will be offering 4 weeks of camps beginning July 10 for players in Grades 2-10. All camps will be held at West Van Secondary School.

- To view the full schedule of camps and to register, please go to <http://www.wvbc.ca>

Looking for Summer Camps? Try ULTIMATE Frisbee!

If you are looking for an outdoor, physically active, and FUN summer camp for your students, check out Elevate Ultimate's Ultimate Frisbee [summer camps](#) The camps are running at Confederation Turf throughout the month of July, 2023.

Ultimate frisbee is a great sport for everyone of all genders and skill levels. Elevate Ultimate's professional staff promote values such as open-mindedness, sportsmanship, and inclusivity.

Elevate Ultimate is owned by former Team Canada Ultimate Frisbee representatives, Ari Nitikman and Danie Proby. Both Ari and Danie have played the sport at an elite level and currently coach at all levels.

Please use code Westvan50 for \$50 off any [summer camp](#)!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for International Students – Exciting 2024 Fee Increase

Apply now and welcome a student for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

Did you know?

- Hosting fees of \$1,100 per student per month. Many families will host two students which can provide up to \$22,000 per year income subsidy.
- Effective February 1, 2024 the fees increase to \$1,400 per student per month!

Don't miss out, placing students starts now. See below message from an actual student letter joining our program this fall. Open your home for this amazing opportunity for all family members.

"I genuinely believe that Canada is the place where I belong. It has everything I'm looking for: contact with nature, beautiful landscapes, friendly people, security, and excellent public schools. But the main reason why I chose Canada is the people; I will be welcome and feel at home"

- Contact the Homestay Coordinators for more information at homestay@wvschools.ca or visit our [web pages](#)

FAMILY PORTRAIT OPPORTUNITY at Dundarave Park - still time to register - a few spaces left - [Book Sunday June 4th, 2023: 3:30pm - 7:30pm](#)

Please note this is a GradsBC event, if you have questions, please contact info@gradsbc.com . As a special event, GradsBC will be offering outdoor family portraits at the picturesque **Dundarave Park**. These 10-minute sessions will provide you with a rare opportunity to receive 6-10 professionally orchestrated family portrait poses in a location that offers a waterfront setting and other beautiful landscape options.

For just \$39.00 your family will receive a full sitting with multiple poses and an 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (Valued at \$150!) \$20 of this fee goes directly back to your school as a fundraiser! This is our way of giving back and working with your school community to offer affordable keepsakes as a thank you for your business from grad and school photo programs that you participated in this past year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL FEST Fri, June 2, 4–9:30 pm, Sat, June 3, 11 am–9:30 pm

- The District of West Vancouver invites everyone to attend West Vancouver Community Cultural Fest (formerly Bridge Festival).

- This two-day festival brings people together through food, music and culture. Join us as we celebrate the multicultural diversity of West Vancouver!
- Click [here](#) for Festival Details
- please see the attached poster which outlines the schedule times and performance titles.

Neurodivergent & Thriving - June 7th 7-9 pm - Mountainside Secondary

Understanding Neurodiversity A Youth Perspective - For more information and to register click [here](#)

ROTARY RIDE FOR RESCUE - Saturday, June 10, 2023

It's time to gear up, clip in, and reach out to your community for support on your quest to conquer Cypress Mountain this June. Make it to the top and then join us at British Pacific Properties Pop Up Village to celebrate.

Ride for Rescue benefits North Shore Rescue. As a team, North Shore Rescue is continually evolving and seeking ways to provide the best and most efficient care to injured or lost subjects. Learn more [here](#)

[Registration](#) is now open for road cyclists (including E-bikes) and mountain bikers. Sign up as an individual, create a team or join an already existing team. Register before May 9th to save \$10 on the registration cost. The Registration fee will increase to \$60 after May 10th.

Please follow the regular registration process. Once your team has registered, reach out to: rotaryrideforrescue@gmail.com for information on logistics and setup for your team.

RECURRING NEWS ITEMS

Student Parking - Important Reminders

Recently there have been a large number of unregistered student vehicles parked in our Visitors spaces and in the Student Parking lot. So many, that those who have purchased decals are finding nothing available to them when they arrive. Due to this, we have begun noting vehicles and plate numbers and re-offending vehicles **may be towed at owners' expense**. Vehicles parked in the Rockridge student designated lot must **clearly** display a decal, which can be purchased from the office for \$25. Please ensure that you have purchased your decal from the office.

Note: At no time are students permitted to park in Visitor spots

MYED Family Portal - Accessing Student Reports

To access student reports that have been published to the MyEd BC Parent Portal please use the email instructions sent directly to you which includes a link to the MyEd Portal. Trouble logging in? - Click on the [School District's My Ed Family Portal Page](#)

District Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education has provided West Vancouver Schools \$650,000, a one-time funding grant for us to make the 22/23 school year more affordable for students and families in need. We have now received the funding for our 18 schools and have allocated the money based on the specific needs of

each of our school communities. Our allocation:

- Will allow schools to cover costs for school fees, school supplies or other school related costs for students in need
- Some funds will be used to benefit large groups of both elementary and secondary students

Families are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Kolkea if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies, fees or activities.

Health & Safety

We want to ensure all our families know that the wellness of our Rockridge community is always top of 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.
4. When to keep your child home from school - click [here](#)

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.

Excused Absences and Early Dismissals

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'.

Automated phone calls/emails are sent home when students are absent from a class. This includes all Block 5 classes for grade 8s and Careers presentation classes for grade 8 and 9. The automated call system does not specifically explain which block a student missed, so we do ask that parents/guardians discuss any unexpected absence calls with the student first, then call our office with further questions.

Extended Absences

Daily attendance is critical to ensure student success here at Rockridge. **We do not recommend** absences during the school term but realize they may be unavoidable. Please keep in mind that certain classroom activities and assessments may not be able to be made up if missed.

Please notify the school a minimum of one week in advance using this [form](#) for an extended absence. Teachers are not required to provide extra classes, make-up tests or specific work to be completed.

Policies & Procedures Form 2022-2023 - <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.

Emergency Release Forms

These forms were sent home with your student at the beginning of the school year. If they are still at your home, please return them so we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

MyEducation BC & BC Services Cards

MyEducation BC has developed a new feature that provides BC students and parents with the choice to connect their BC services card to MyEducation BC and use the BC services card app, rather than the district issued username and password. Please see the [MyEducation BC Family Portal](#) on the West Vancouver Schools Website and select 'Student Portal Guides' or 'Family Portal Guides' as appropriate for further information.