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# Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

Last week was a short one, but it was filled with a whirlwind of re-connecting, sharing, and a change of the seasons in the air. It was also a week filled with learning new routines, making new friends, and adjusting to a new grade level and new teachers. We are all learning together as a community, so we continue to ask for and to offer patience, mutual respect, and an open, curious approach as we go slow during these opening weeks.

Perhaps the most exciting event that happened during this past week was our first Welcome Back Assembly this past Friday! Primary and Intermediate students came together at 2 different times so that we were able to maximize the space in the gym for a safe and comfortable gathering. We realized that all of our Grade 1 students and even some of our Grade 2 students had never experienced this form of gathering, including the standing and singing of our National Anthem with their classmates! Our Grade 6 and 7 students were also invited to shift their assembly seating assignments from the gym floor, onto the benches (Gr 6), and then onto the chairs (Gr 7). We know that gathering together safely, and re-engaging in thoughtful traditions, brings communities together through shared understandings.

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we acknowledge that every one of us (students, families, staff) is at a different place in our learning and in our life experiences. We will continue to meet you and your family where you are, with understanding and with a desire to work collaboratively to make this the best learning year ever! Please reach out to your child's new classroom teacher(s) with questions or information when needed. Each teacher will continue to use MS Teams to communicate a 'Window to The Week' and as a way to continue meetings with parents if needed during the early stages of our school start-up. More information about this will come from your children's teachers or from us in the main office.

We are so excited to begin this year with all of you!

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## Calendar

Tuesday September 14 – Band Begins (Beginning & Continuing)

Monday September 20 – Boundary Professional Development

Tuesday September 21 – Strong Start Opens

Tuesday September 21 – First Full Day of Kindergarten

Wednesday September 22 – Virtual Welcome Back Evening

Friday September 24 – Photo Day

Friday September 24 – Terry Fox Run

Monday September 27 – Fri Nov 1: Truth and Reconciliation Week

Tuesday September 28 – BPAC Meeting (Virtual) 7pm  
Wednesday September 29 – Orange Shirt Day  
Thursday September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
Friday October 1 – District Curriculum Implementation Day

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# Boundary News

## School Calendar

Over the next week, our online school calendar will be updated. Due to our current situation, certain events may be cancelled, altered, or even added due to the evolving PHO (Public Health Orders). With this in mind, please check our online [school calendar](http://bit.ly/2k8kwl8) (<http://bit.ly/2k8kwl8>) regularly for updates. Also, see Boundary's [Year Calendar](https://bit.ly/35tMWwl) (<https://bit.ly/35tMWwl>) for holidays and professional development days. We will do our best to communicate changes through newsletters, our website and by email.

## Farewell

We would like to wish Mrs. Letitia Lipp all the best in her new adventure at Montroyal. Mrs. Lipp has moved into a new role teaching grade 1/2. We would like to thank Mrs. Lipp for all her work with the students and staff over her seven years at Boundary. We will dearly miss Mrs. Lipp as she brought calm and reassurance to everyone she encountered.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Emma Rush and Tatyana Dobowolski to Boundary. We are very fortunate to be able to hire Ms. Rush as our new Learning Services Teacher (LST) and Ms. Dobowolski as our music teacher. Ms. Dobowolski will also be conducting our band as well as a few other school bands around the District.

## Welcome Back Evening

Please keep an eye out for information regarding the Boundary Welcome Back Event. This week, the staff will be discussing how we would like to move forward in welcoming families to Boundary and the classroom, while still maintaining the required Health and Safety protocols that are in place. Currently, the Welcome Back Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Lunch

Boundary has updated its lunch routines to allow for safer, more manageable, and flexible lunch period. With our new lunch routines, students will be eating lunch before they go out to play. This will allow the teacher time to ensure students wash their hands before eating, double check everyone is organized and ready to eat lunch and provide extra eating time if students require it. With this new schedule, students who have finished lunch and are ready to go out and play, will now have the ability to go out early. With any new routines, a little time and patience is required for people to settle in.

## Drop-off and Pick-up

We are asking that families make every effort to be on time for school drop-off and pick-up, while at the same time minimizing the amount of time on the school grounds. While this is a big ask, we are trying to reduce the amount of people on the school grounds at any one time. While Boundary has a population of 360 and a staff of

over 40, and adding 200 parents onto the school grounds puts our population close to 600 people. While physically distancing is not a requirement by the PHO, we are asking everyone to be respectful of people's personal space.

For families that have an older sibling walking home with their brother or sister, we are asking that the younger child wait at a designated area that is not outside the three classrooms adjacent to the parking lot. The grouping of younger students often spills out into the parking lot which is a cause for concern. As well, the noise is a distraction for the students who are still in session in the bottom three classrooms.

### School Playground

As with drop-off and pick-up, we are asking families to spend minimal time on the school playground. Students are asked to show up to school on time and leave the school grounds immediately after school. Students and families are more than welcome to come back later in the day to enjoy the playground and playing field, but we would like to reduce the desire for large social gatherings immediately before and after school time, on school grounds.

### Notices

On Thursday, students brought home a large package of notices and student forms for you to read and complete. While some forms are required for you to complete online, many still need to be completed on paper and returned to the school. We apologize for the amount of work, but it is important information for the school. Please have all forms returned to the Main Office by Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Safe Arrival / Student Absences

Please make every effort to let the school know if your child is absent or will be late. This is important information for us to ensure all students are accounted for each day. For information on how to use our SafeArrival application, please see our schools website. (<https://bit.ly/3A7rKcj>)

### School Plan

Our updated school plan is now online. Please take a look at the new format which clearly articulates our goals around math learning, responsibility, diversity and Indigenous worldviews. In the fall we will be meeting to update, refocus, and prioritize the work we will carry out in support of a vibrant learning community at École Boundary School. The school plan can be viewed on the [Boundary website](https://bit.ly/31fq8NK) (<https://bit.ly/31fq8NK>).

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## BPAC News

A warm welcome to all our new and returning Boundary families! As we settle back into our Fall routines, please take some time to follow us on social media as we will be frequently updating our fundraising schedule, goals and progress on these platforms to keep you informed and up to date:

Instagram: @BoundaryPAC (new)

Facebook: Boundary PAC

Twitter: @boundarypac

Website: [boundarypac.ca](http://boundarypac.ca)

### Hot Lunch

We are excited that hot lunch is back! You will have seen in the PAC letter that went home this past week, detailed information on how to register on the [hotlunches.net](http://hotlunches.net) website. A friendly reminder that you need to register every year with code **BEHL**. We expect the first hot lunch to be at the beginning of October so stay tuned.

### Fundraising

You will have also noted in that welcome letter that our fundraising goal for the 2021/22 year is \$22,000. We are looking for direct donations to start this off with a bang. This can be done through the hot lunch website or physically dropped off to the PAC box at the front door of the school beside the office.

### Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Our Thanksgiving pie fundraiser is back! Treat yourself and your family this Thanksgiving, by ordering one or more of these delicious pies. Bursting with flavour and using no preservatives, these 10", extra deep, handmade pies will be sold for \$29 with the Bakehouse donating a generous amount back. We have 4 delicious flavours to choose from: Pumpkin, Apple, Raspberry rhubarb and Peach. All pies (except pumpkin) are available in a vegan option. Ordering is now open on the hot lunch website and will be available until September 30th. Quantities are limited.

Pick up on October 8th - details to follow.

### Class Reps

We are looking for class reps for each division. If you would like to volunteer to be a contact point between the PAC, the teacher and your class parents, please check the box on the hot lunches sign up, or contact Nicole Durnin ([vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca)). We are also looking for Grade 7 parents to be part of a "Grad Committee" for the Class of 2021/22. Contact Claire Ferrier ([claireferrier@gmail.com](mailto:claireferrier@gmail.com)) if interested.

### A Big Thank-You!

Last, but not least, a huge formal thank-you to Claire Ferrier, who was the PAC Chair for the past 3 years. Claire has done an outstanding job and we are beyond grateful she is still on the PAC Executive for another year to impart her wisdom and guidance!

### Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall ([chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca))

Vice Chair – Nicole Durnin ([vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca))

Secretary – Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski ([secretary@boundarypac.ca](mailto:secretary@boundarypac.ca))

Treasurer – Henry Chow ([treasurer@boundarypac.ca](mailto:treasurer@boundarypac.ca))

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Astrid Damberg ([hotlunch@boundarypac.ca](mailto:hotlunch@boundarypac.ca))

Directors at Large: Claire Ferrier (past Chair), Sabrina Ferrari, Samantha Gutmanis, Tania Kennedy, Leanne Menzies

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# Reminders

## Visitors

Currently Boundary is not accepting visitors into the school. If you are looking to speak to a staff member, please organize an appointment through email or by calling the office at 604-903-3260. If you are looking to drop something off at the school, or pick something up, please go to the main entrance of the school and call the office. A staff member will be more than happy to connect with you outside.

## Masks

All students in grades 4 to 12, K-12 staff, and visitors will be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas of schools, including when they are at work stations/desks. Students in kindergarten to grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks in all indoor areas of a school. In a grade 3/4 combined class, the mask requirement will apply to all students, including those in grade 3. Exemptions to the mask requirement are listed [HERE](https://bit.ly/2UKMkMv) (<https://bit.ly/2UKMkMv>), starting on page 20.

## Staying Home when Ill and the Daily Health Check.

To reduce the likelihood of coming to a school or school district site when ill, students, staff and other adults (e.g. visitors) are required to complete a daily health check prior to entering the building. Families and students can use the K-12 Health Check app. Staff and other adults can refer to the BCCDC's When to get tested for COVID-19 document. Staff, students and families can also use the BCCDC online Self-Assessment Tool, call 8-1-1 or their health care provider. As a reminder, students, staff or other adults must stay home when ill or when required by public health to self-isolate

We encourage you to take the time to review the following resources, which provide detailed information about the updated **COVID-19 guidelines for K-12 schools**:

- [Ministry of Education COVID-19 Safe Schools website](#)
- [Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#). This document was developed by the BCCDC and Ministry of Health
- [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). This document was developed by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the BCCDC, Indigenous rights holders and education partners including teachers, parents/guardians and school leaders to outline the principles and requirements for maintaining safe learning environments. These guidelines build on the above- noted *Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools*.

## Dogs on the School Grounds

This is just a reminder that the District of North Vancouver by-law prohibiting dogs from certain public spaces such as school grounds. For more information regarding The Dog Tax and regulation Bylaw please refer to the North Vancouver District website restricting dogs from school grounds. (<http://bit.ly/2Tecs2i>)

Stay Safe,

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal