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Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

Remember that hot, dry heatwave in the summer of 2021? Well, it has come to an abrupt halt and the earth is now drinking up the badly needed falling rain. Sometimes the change of seasons catches us by surprise! We definitely saw that last week. The rain and cooler temperatures are here for the next many months and we all need to be prepared both for safety and comfort. On those messy, rainy days, please, ensure that your child arrives wearing waterproof footwear and also has some 'indoor' footwear for comfort and gym time. A rain jacket with a hat is also important as all students must go outside for fresh air at recess and lunch. We also encourage all students to have a spare change of clothing in a bag on their coat hook in the event of an unexpected puddle incident. Being prepared will also prevent an unexpected phone call home. We thank you for your help and preparation.

Great news! Some fieldtrips are starting up again in the North Vancouver School District! All students in Grades 4 and 5 will be spending a full day at the Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale in October. For the past two school years, students have been unable to participate in the overnight Outdoor School or Longhouse programs. This has left a disappointing gap in what often becomes a student's "all-time favourite memory" in Elementary School. This is about to change! As with all educational experiences this year, we are going slow and following all BCCDC safety protocols. This will be a single, full-day program with learning opportunities at both the Outdoor School and Longhouse sites – walking distance between the two sites. This cautious re-opening will hopefully bring us closer to the traditional, full program experiences in the coming months and school years.

Out in the community, there has also been a supportive change to TransLink's fare pricing. Please explore this [link](#) for more information about FREE bus transit for children 12 and under and FREE travel on SkyTrain, Sea Bus, and West Coast Express for children 12 and under when traveling with a fare paying adult. Travel safe and continue to explore our local communities.

The Boundary calendar is filling up with events and opportunities! Please make note of the upcoming events so that you and your child are prepared to fully participate. This Friday, September 24 is BOTH Picture Day and The Terry Fox run. We usually complete all photos in the morning and we will all run in the afternoon.

Stay safe, play safe, and always be kind.
Have a wonderful week!

Calendar

Monday September 20 – Boundary Professional Development Day (students not in session)
Tuesday September 21 – Strong Start Opens
Tuesday September 21 – First Full Day of Kindergarten
Wednesday September 22 – Virtual Welcome Back Evening (5:30 – 7:30)
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 (Students not in session)
Friday October 1 – District Curriculum Implementation Day (Students not in session)
Sunday October 3 – Family Photo Event (BPAC)
Monday October 4 – FSAs Begin for grade 4 & 7
Tuesday October 5 – Grade 4 & 5 to the Cheakamus Centre
Tuesday October 5 – World Teacher Day
Saturday October 9 – Family Photo Event (BPAC)

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Virtual Meet the Teacher

Our virtual Meet the Teacher is this Wednesday, September 22. Your child's classroom teacher will reach out to you with the links to the online meetings. If you have not heard from your child's teacher by end of the day Tuesday, please reach out to them. If you would like to meet with one of the non-enrolling teachers, please reach out to them individually. Please click [here](https://bit.ly/2Ct5gk4) (<https://bit.ly/2Ct5gk4>) for the teacher's email addresses. Sessions will run 15 to 25 minutes in length. If you would like a little assistance with MS Teams, please see the [Boundary website](https://bit.ly/3kOFCzG) (<https://bit.ly/3kOFCzG>) for support.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Session 3</u>
E01	Ms. Dale	6:00	6:30	
E02	Ms. Wellbelove	Families will be contacted by Ms. Wellbelove.		
E03	Ms. Fletcher	5:30	6:00	
E04	Mr. Meyer	5:30	6:00	
E05	Mr. Streat	5:30	6:00	
E06	Ms. Chorney-Wilson	7:00	7:30	
E07	Ms. Falconer	5:30	6:00	
E08	Ms. Siddall	6:00	6:30	
E09	Ms. Johnson / Ms. Cockburn	6:00	6:30	
E10	Ms. Rispin	6:00	6:30	
E11	Ms. Weber	6:00	7:00	
E12	Ms. Oucharek	5:30	6:00	
E13	Ms. Koenigsfest / Burke	5:30	6:00	6:30
F01L	Mme Hall	6:00	6:30	
F02L	Mme Mavor	6:00	6:30	

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run is this Friday, September 24th in the afternoon. We are still working out the specifics of our introduction and warmup for the students. Our Intermediate students will run the long course around the neighbourhood while our younger students will run the short course. Kindergarten students will run around the field.

We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help line the course. If you are available Friday afternoon, please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

This year, we are trying to raise \$1000 for cancer research. Last year we changed our theme from “Bring-a-Toonie for Terry” to “Bring a Toonie Plus a Loonie for Terry”. We raised over \$1000 last year, and it would be great if we could match \$1000 again. Students may bring donations to the school which will be collected in the classroom. You may also donate online at <https://bit.ly/3CtOled>. Thank you for your continued support.

Birthday Treats

We are asking that parents do not bring birthday treats for their child’s class on their birthday. Often these treats are quite sugary and unhealthy and do not meet the current public health guidelines. Each child in the school is recognized on (or very close) to their birthday by an announcement on the PA and a visit from the principal or vice-principal. Some classes may also have other ways of recognizing a student’s special day.

Labelling of Material

As we move into the winter season, students will be bringing many more pieces of clothing and extra belongings. We are asking that families label all materials so that they are easily returned to the owner if they are misplaced.

Traffic Safety – Drop-Off

Over the first few weeks of school, there has been an increase in traffic situations around Boundary Elementary. On a daily basis, we are seeing parents dropping their children off in the staff parking lot, stopping in the middle of the crosswalk to drop-off, blocking our neighbours’ driveways to drop-off, as well as stopping in the middle of the road to drop-off. All these actions are putting all our children and staff at risk just to save a few seconds or minutes.

When dropping off, please do so at the front of the school and pull up to the first pylon if you are the first car. If you are the next car, please pull up to the car in front; others may be waiting behind you. If everyone is following these procedures, five or six cars can drop-off at once.

There should be no parking immediately in front of the school and the drop-off should not take more than 10-20 seconds. Please do your part to keep everyone safe at Boundary.

This is just a reminder that the speed limit on William around Boundary is 30 km/hr. The RCMP were monitoring the school Zone on Wednesday this week.

Primary Playground

Starting last week, the grade ones and twos were not permitted to play on the primary playground during recess and lunch. The reason for this is that we use the primary play playground as an area to work with our Kindergarten students who are new to Boundary. Many of these students are still four years old and they need to be able to play and learn in a controlled and safe environment. Once we feel the Kindergarten students are able to safely engage with more and larger students in the same space, the grade ones and twos will be invited back onto the primary playground. Each of the students in grade one and two also learned in this safe environment when they were in Kindergarten at Boundary.

Early Dismissal Days

Please mark your calendar for this year's early dismissal days. Students are dismissed early for four Teacher / Parent / Student conference days. Primary students are dismissed at 1:50 and Intermediate students are dismissed at 2:00. Conferences will occur on December 7th and 8th as well as March 1st and 2nd.

Photo Day

This is a reminder that it is Photo Day on Friday, September 24th. Remind your child to bring their best smile! Please note that this is the same day as the Terry Fox Run so students should bring a change of clothes for the afternoon run.

BPAC News

We hope everyone has settled in nicely to the first full week of school. We have a few exciting fundraisers coming up, some of which are time sensitive!

Hot Lunch is Live

We now have all the dates and options inputted into the Hotlunches.net website until the end of January. You can place your order for each week starting now and you can order and/or change up to a week before each date.

Options: A Moveable Feast (new to us and the menu looks fantastic), Subway, Booster Juice, Fresh Slice (individual pizzas), Katsu Sushi and White Spot

A reminder on registration:

- ✓ Go to <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/> and click on "Click Here to Register"
- ✓ Enter Access Code **BEHL**
- ✓ Complete the registration form
- ✓ Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
- ✓ Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends Boundary
- ✓ Please ensure that you select their correct classroom teacher

**You must register EACH year

BPAC Meeting

Join us for the first PAC meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 28th at 7pm. The meeting will be held over Zoom and a link for the meeting will be sent out to all parents on the day of the meeting. We welcome input and feedback on our fundraising efforts!

Family Photos

This year we have Susie from Wildflower Photography <http://www.wildflowerphotography.ca/> generously donating her time to do mini photo sessions. Each time slot will be 15 minutes from 10-2pm on Sunday, October 3rd and Saturday, October 9th. Sitting fee is \$35 all of which goes to the PAC, and you will also receive one digital image! Additional images and packages can be purchased once you have viewed your gallery. Susie plans to have these done by early November, in time for those of you who do Christmas/Holiday cards. The sessions will take place at Boundary and you can choose from 2 different backdrops, or weather permitting, use the surrounding trees (perhaps by then we will have lovely Fall colours).

October 3 – 14 spots <https://bit.ly/3EpHWrH>

October 9 – 14 spots <https://bit.ly/3CnPzgi>

The Bakehouse Thanksgiving Pie

We have had some great traction on our Bakehouse Thanksgiving pie sales thus far. The extra deep (2.5”), handmade, preservative-free, 10” pies are available in Pumpkin, Apple, Raspberry rhubarb and Peach for \$29. All pies (except pumpkin) are available in a vegan option. You have until September 30th to order but act fast as quantities are limited. Pick up on October 8th - details to follow.

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.

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). 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) if interested.

Social Media

A reminder to follow us on social media as we will be updating information about fundraisers on these platforms, sometimes possibly before we have the chance to get it in the Sunday newsletter.

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](https://www.instagram.com/BoundaryPAC) *NEW

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](https://www.facebook.com/BoundaryPac)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](https://twitter.com/BoundaryPAC)

Website: boundarypac.ca

Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall (chair@boundarypac.ca)

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Hot Lunch Coordinator – Astrid Damberg (hotlunch@boundarypac.ca)

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

Reminders

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>).

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/2k8kWi8) (<http://bit.ly/2k8kWi8>) 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.

Health Protocols

Visitors And Item Drop Off

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. If you are dropping off personal items or clothing for your child, we do require each item to be well labeled with your child's full name and Division. Placing items in a bag is also helpful as we often have many items to deliver to classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

All students should have a few extra masks in their backpack. The office has a limited supply for students who forgot their mask at home.

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*.

Stay Safe,

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal



School photos *are coming!*

How it works:

- Your child will be photographed at the school. Please don't bring money to the camera.
- Proofs will be sent home after photo day. Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday so you know when to expect them.
- Review your images and make your purchase online.



Please do NOT wear green on photo day

Questions? For details on our COVID-19 safety procedures, visit edgeimaging.ca/FAQ. For anything else, please contact our customer care team at 1-888-416-3343 or customer care@edgeimaging.ca

