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Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

This past week has been one of deep reflection, learning many more truths, and recognizing that we are all part of an awakening that will lead our communities and this country to a place of healing and growth. Many of us spent the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day participating in community walks, visiting important local sites, and listening to the elders of this land share their truths, hopes, and plans for a future of healing and growth.

École Boundary Staff also spent a full day on Friday engaged in workshops that stretched our knowledge, enriched our world views, taught us humility, and invited us to feel a sense of honour and hope knowing that “Education got us here, and Education is what will get us out” (retired Senator Murray Sinclair, chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission TRC, 2015).

What can you do to help your children learn the truths, take action, and be part of the growth and healing at home and in the community? Learn along-side them. As a starting point, The TRC’s 94 Calls to Action has been re-written by the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada as a visual story with child-centred language. Please see this resource here (<https://bit.ly/3DZMGUL>)

At École Boundary we are committed to providing the safest learning environment possible for your children at this time and always. This includes social-emotional safety and physical safety. Please take the time to read the most recent Superintendents Report that was sent to families on Friday, October 1st. It includes information about the extension of the mask mandate to our youngest students. Please know that we are all learning this routine. It will require patience, respect, understanding, and time. It is also helpful if students arrive at school with more than one clean, personal mask for the day. We are now into the ‘cold and flu’ season, but we have learned that handwashing; offering personal space; practicing cough, sneeze, and eating etiquette; and staying at home when early symptoms emerge, continue to be the best defences against the spread of germs and illness. Let’s all look out for each other.

Wishing you all health and many opportunities to experience humility and gratitude as we head into the fall harvest and the Thanksgiving season.

Calendar

Tuesday October 5 – 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)
Monday October 11 – Thanksgiving (Students not in session)
Friday October 15 – Photo Retake
Monday October 18 – Waste Reduction Week
Thursday October 21 – The Great Shake Out
Friday October 22 – Province Wide Professional Development Day (Students not in session)
Friday November 5 – Grade 6 & 7 Immunizations

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Mask Update (from the Superintendent's office)

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Honourable Minister of Education Jennifer Whiteside announced an update to the K-12 education health and safety guidelines.

Starting Monday, October 4, 2021, all students in B.C. schools will be required to wear a mask when inside a school building, including while at their desks. Click [HERE](https://bit.ly/3Bb8jj4) (<https://bit.ly/3Bb8jj4>) to view the media release.

We welcome the government's efforts to expand health and safety measures for K-12 students. We also acknowledge:

- Students in grade 4-12, staff and other adults (i.e. visitors) are already wearing masks;
- There are allowable exemptions to mask wearing (refer to page 20 of the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings);
- We may need to allow time for some of our littlest learners to adjust to the change in mask wearing requirements. We are acutely aware the North Vancouver School District community of students, families and staff is one that cares deeply for one another—their safety, health and well-being and will work together to ensure this and any potential future changes to health and safety measures in schools are implemented in a supportive and respectful manner.

Wheels on the School Grounds

We encourage all students and parents to walk, wheel or roll to school, but we please ask that when you reach the school grounds, you walk your transportation to your destination. Wheeling around the school grounds puts students at risk as they may not be expecting a bike crossing the middle of the soccer field or a scooter sneaking up on them in the undercover area. These expectations are from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Thank you.

Terry Fox

Thank you, Boundary community, for your generous donations. This year we raised \$1150 for research for cancer.

Puzzle of the Week

This week's puzzle is now posted. This is the same as last week as there were only a few submissions. Please see the end of the newsletter or click on this link; <https://bit.ly/334qWWz> for the latest question.

Foundational Skills Assessment (Grades 4 & 7) – Begin This Week!

Boundary's grade 4 and grade 7 students will be writing the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) over the course of the next three weeks. The FSA is a set of reading, writing, and numeracy assessments administered to BC students every year in Grades 4 and 7. Similar to last year, the testing is occurring in October rather than February to allow schools time to utilize the student's assessment results to better plan for instruction. The FSA aligns with BC's curriculum and can be used to support classroom-based decision-making for student learning.

Appropriate clothing and footwear

Autumn is here and the weather is changing. Please remember to send your children to school in appropriate clothing and footwear to keep them warm and comfortable on these colder and rainy days. Sending an extra set of clothes to leave at school and a pair of indoor shoes is also suggested to enable them to stay dry and warm even on the wettest of North Van days!

BPAC News

We hope everyone had a great weekend and that the first round of Family Photos was a success!

NVRC Boundary After School Club 5-11 Years

Looking for something fun to do after school? Hop on our walking school bus and join in on the fun of the Boundary After-School Club! From science to sports, cooperative games, crafts and outdoor time, every day will be an adventure. An NVRC Leader will meet the participants at Boundary Elementary school and walk to Karen Magnussen Community Recreation Centre.

#00115262 Monday 3:00-5:00pm Oct 18-Dec 13 \$122.85

Registration is currently open and there are 8 spots specifically for Boundary students. It was mentioned that if you do not get in, please waitlist yourself. There might be the opportunity to add more students once the program gets running, and they will draw from the waitlist. As well, their plan is to expand to include other days once they have the staff in place.

Hot Lunch

After way too many months without it, our hot lunches will commence this Tuesday! Haven't signed up? Register on the <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/> (a reminder you need a NEW account each year). If you need help with registration, contact Astrid Damberg: hotlunch@boundarypac.ca.

We will also use this as a form of communication from the PAC so even if you do not want to participate in the hot lunch program, it would be great to have as many people as possible "signed up" on the website.

Volunteers

In order for fundraisers to be successful, we rely on volunteers. We will be posting on social media as well as through the newsletter, when we need volunteers. Please consider helping us out as these fundraisers benefit the entire Boundary Community! Email chair@boundarypac.ca if you would like to get involved as we can also build a volunteer list to draw from.

The Bakehouse Thanksgiving Pie - Pick Up

We sold 87 pies. Thanks for the support! Please be ready to pick up on Friday, October 8th across from the front of the school (literally out of the back of a truck) between 2:30 and 3:15. If this time for some reason does NOT work, email chair@boundarypac.ca

Upcoming fundraisers

November - Samosas

December - Gingerbread building kit, Purdys, The Card Project

Ongoing fundraisers

Cobs Bread

Do you buy your bread or baked goods from Cobs? Visit the Park & Tilford Cobs and a small portion of your purchase will go back to the PAC when you mention Boundary.

MaxFrut

Looking for a healthy snack? Look no further than MaxFrut with their locally made, whole fruit, no artificial flavour, frozen bars! A generous portion of sales from these go back to the PAC. You can place your order by text: 778-708-3355, call: 604-990-4447 or email: orders@maxfrut.ca

Indigo

Birthday gifts, home décor, books? If you use this link when purchasing, Indigo gives a portion of your purchase back to the PAC!! <https://bit.ly/3ofDdmq>

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!

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)

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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

Our online school calendar is currently up to date. However, due to our current situation, certain events may be cancelled, altered, or even added due 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.

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 K to 12, all K-12 staff, and visitors with appointments 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 now required to wear masks in all indoor areas of a school. Exemptions to the mask requirement are listed [HERE](https://bit.ly/2UKMkMv) (<https://bit.ly/2UKMkMv>), starting on page 20.

All students should have an a few extra masks in their backpack. The office has a very 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

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Solved by: _____

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It is fun and helpful to work on a puzzle with a group! Please make sure you list all the people who worked on the puzzle together (friends, classmates, family members). Please include last names and divisions too!

Put the operation symbols (+, -, x, ÷) in the boxes below to make the equation true. Operation symbols may be used more than once. Be sure to show your work!

$$16 \square 2 \square 1 \square 14 = 7 \square 3 \square 11 \square 10$$

Please submit your hard work to the box outside of Ms. Rush's room (209) or the office!

Special thanks to <https://www.openmiddle.com/> for the puzzle