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Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

As we come to the end of this long weekend, many of us have taken some time to be with family, to express gratitude to one another, and to be thankful for the food that this earth provides during this fall harvest time. This past week the Grade 4 and 5 students spent a full day, outdoors, at the [Cheakamus Centre](#) near Brackendale BC. They learned about the BC salmon's circle of life by observing the spawning salmon's incredible activity and their eventual death after a complete cycle of life. Students also spent time on a small farm, learning about the Three Sisters Garden, and cooking bannock over an open fire in a traditional Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Longhouse on the Cheakamus River. Many students called this day "The best day ever!"

This coming week students will continue with their classroom routines and there has been great excitement about the return of the PAC sponsored Hot Lunch Program! We wanted to take a moment to thank our PAC for their patience and for their diligence in following all Health and Safety Protocols when bringing this welcome fundraiser back to our students and families. If you have not yet ordered a Hot Lunch through the PAC, please see details below.

Eating lunch together in classrooms, at school, has always been a great treat and a privilege for our students. Now more than ever we are expecting top notch manners and hygiene while eating at school. Students are provided time to wash hands before and after eating, they must remain in their seat throughout their meal, chew with their mouths closed, and refrain from talking while chewing. We encourage all students to 'pack out' what they 'packed in'. All garbage and recycling can be taken home. We have 'organics' waste bins here at school to help out with the messier food items. These are skills that can be practiced and supported at home so that students are more fluent when 'eating out' with peers. Most of our students are doing a brilliant job with this and we appreciate your home support and practice with this.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy week!

Calendar

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 October 29 – Halloween Parade

Friday November 5 – Grade 6 & 7 Immunizations

Wednesday November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly - Virtual

Thursday November 11 – Remembrance Day

Tuesday December 7 – Teacher / Parent Conference – Early Dismissal (Primary 1:50 / Intermediate 2:00)

Wednesday December 8 – Teacher / Parent Conference – Early Dismissal (Primary 1:50 / Intermediate 2:00)

Friday December 10 – First Term Reports Home

Friday December 17 – Last Day Before Winter Break

Boundary News

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.

Office Reminders

Please complete the student verifications forms and return to the office as soon as possible as this information is very important for student safety. Parents are reminded when dropping off material at the school that items should be labelled and that you need to call the office at 604-903-3260 for someone to come outside and meet you.

Traffic Safety

As the seasons change and bring unpredictable weather and visibility on our roads, please be aware of the safety of yourself and others while driving and walking to school. Driving through a school zone is more than simply slowing down to 30 km/hr. Drivers are expected to be extra attentive and patient as they navigate the busy areas around the school zone.

A child can be injured just as severely by a car driving at 30 km/h as one moving at 50 km/h, however the reduced speed gives the driver much more control of the vehicle and the ability to pay more attention to the surroundings. Keep in mind the attention of a child can be very narrow. While they understand safety rules and procedures, such as looking both ways before crossing a street, they may not be able to see a potential problem as far ahead as an adult. Therefore, it is up to the driver to take up the responsibility and make sure they are ready for anything that can happen in a school zone.

Slow down, pay attention, and make safety the right choice. Please help keep our students and families safe while driving in our neighbourhood. Please only park in designated areas, do not do U-turns on or near crosswalks/intersections, and please reduce your speed.

NVSD Anti-Racism Committee Survey

The North Vancouver School District's Anti-Racism Steering Committee is inviting staff, students and families to complete a confidential, anonymous and voluntary online survey and share your thoughts and insights on opportunities, barriers and lived experiences within the school district. Your participation will support the school district's ongoing commitment to ensuring a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture for all school district community members. Click [HERE](#) to view a video message about the survey by student co-chairs Mabel Nahanee (Tesaxlewet) and Jessica Day.

The survey, accessible [HERE](#), will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will be available until Friday, October 22, 11:59 p.m.

Please note:

- ALL responses will remain 100% anonymous and confidential.

The survey is being conducted by a 3rd party [Bakau Consulting](#).

Parents/guardians with elementary-aged children: we recommend you complete the survey together with your children and submit one response.

Parents/guardians with secondary-aged children: secondary students may prefer to submit their own survey responses, separate from their parents/guardians.

If you have any questions about the survey or this process, please feel free to contact Bakau Consulting directly at feedback@bakauconsulting.com.

On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, thank you for your participation.

BPAC News

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.

Upcoming fundraisers

October – Stayed tuned for Samosa order info which will commence October 18.

December – Gingerbread building kit and Purdys

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](#) *NEW

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Website: boundarypac.ca

Boundary PAC Executive

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Reminders

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 cold 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!

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 call 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 sometimes have many items to deliver to classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

Masks

All students in grades K to 12, all 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 forget 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

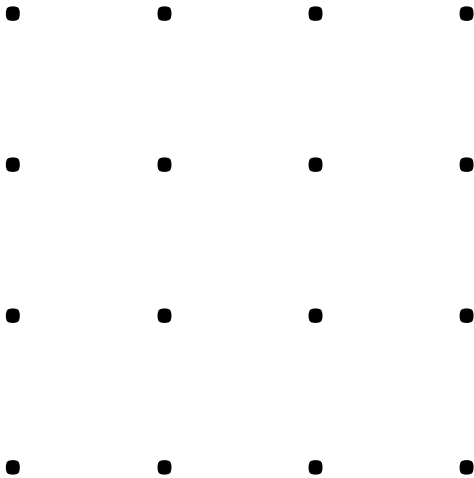


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It is fun and helpful to work on a puzzle with a group! Please make sure you list all the people who worked on the puzzle together (friends, classmates, family members). Please include last names and divisions too!

What is the least number of straight lines you can draw to connect all 16 dots WITHOUT LIFTING YOUR PENCIL!



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

Special thanks to <https://artofproblemsolving.com/keeplearning> for the puzzle