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Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

The amount of daylight hours is rapidly diminishing, and the weather has become wet, cold, and stormy at times. We wanted to take a moment to remind all families about the need for travelling safely on foot, on wheels, or by car. Being visible, by wearing bright colours, reflective clothing, or using lights will keep us all safe and help avoid dangerous or even tragic outcomes. Please slow down at intersections, crosswalks, and school zones keep heads up, and put phones away. More information about Boundary's traffic safety guidelines is described below.

This coming week is 'Waste Reduction Week' throughout the North Vancouver School District. At Boundary, we are well on our way to making this part of our daily routine. Turning off lights when we leave a room and utilizing dimmers on brighter days are fluent routines in our practice. Continuing to walk or wheel to school also helps our community and keeps our earth healthy. We also appreciate when families are committed to putting together healthy snacks and lunches in re-usable containers. This helps keep our Earth healthier and it also helps us at the school. Our evening custodians have large cleaning and disinfecting tasks to complete at the school each night, so when we reduce our waste and recycling items in the building, this also makes room for even more efficient cleaning routines. We thank you again for your ongoing help and commitment to this.

As always, we are available to answer questions and discuss concerns that you may have. Your child's classroom teacher is also available to discuss any questions or concerns about your child. It is important to know that most teachers access email only once or twice each day as they are busy with students, extra-curricular activities, and meetings throughout the day. A thoughtful email question, with a 24-hour response turn around is reasonable. If you have an urgent safety concern, please call the main office and we would be happy to discuss, investigate, and respond when we have all information needed. We have learned that most situations involve multiple perspectives and sometimes a misunderstanding or even some misinformation. We also thrive on positive messages as this lets us know when we are doing well.

We thank you all again for helping us keep the Boundary School community a respectful, caring, and inclusive place to play, learn, share, and grow.

Have a wonderful week!

Calendar

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.

School Health Check App

If you are unsure whether to send your child to school due to a cough or runny nose. Please use the School Health Check App to help guide your decision. You can access this App at <https://bit.ly/3kU1JG3>.

Battery Blitz

To start Waste Reduction Week, we are offering the opportunity for families to drop off any old batteries at the school. The battery collection box is located outside the office.

Drop-Off

As we move into the cooler months, we just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the rules regarding parking around our school that help keep all children and adults safe.

The Drop-Off / Pick-Up Zone immediately in front of the school is a no parking zone. This area is designated for dropping off and picking up only. No car should be in the space for more than one minute and no vehicle should ever be parked without a driver. There is a pylon at the end of the zone which indicates the spot to which all cars should pull forward for student drop off and pick up. This courtesy will give other drivers more space and vehicles will not block the staff driveway. Also, please be reminded to not park in, or have children walk through, the staff parking lot before school, during school, or after school. Please be respectful of the rules around the school for the safety of all our children.

Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Primary Parade will be on Friday October 29th. Our plans are to have the Primary Parade outside with a rain plan in place. Unfortunately, like last year, parents will not be able to attend. More details to come.

Mobile Technology

Students who need immediate communication with parents regarding getting to school or home from school may utilize a mobile device before 8:45 or after 3:00 pm on the school grounds.

Students will usually be asked to keep their cell phones in backpacks and not to use them when on the school grounds unless they are working on assignments which may allow the use of this technology. This is always under direct supervision of a staff member.

Please consult with your child's teacher if you have any questions about cell phone use in their classrooms. The school telephone is available for all emergency situations. For any mobile device to be on school property, the parent and student must sign the mobile technology agreement.

BPAC News

Samosa Fundraiser

Samosas are back! This is a popular fundraiser and a generous 25% of all orders comes back to us. Great food while helping the school; it's win-win! They have new items this year including a range of delicious appetizers and an amazing butter chicken sauce. Check out the options and order now at: [Boundary School Samosa Fundraiser \(https://bit.ly/3aHFfnz\)](https://bit.ly/3aHFfnz). Last date for orders is November 7th and pick up is November 12th at the school. Thanks for your support!

Online Safety Webinars for Parents and Pre-teens

Check out FB and IG for info about how to register for this informative webinar presented by Merlyn Horton from SafeOnline through the North Shore Neighbourhood House: <https://bit.ly/2YN0rWx>

Family Photos and Thanksgiving Pies

Thanks to everyone for all your support with the family photos and pie fundraisers. Both were a great success. We raised almost \$1500!

Upcoming Fundraisers

Gingerbread kits and Purdys

Social Media

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

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

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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>).

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 clearly labelled with your child's name and division, and that you need to call the office at 604-903-3260 for someone to come outside and meet you.

Health Protocols

Visitors And Item Drop Off

Currently Boundary is not accepting visitors into the school. If you need to speak to a staff member, please organize an appointment through email or call the office at 604-903-3260. If you need 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 a 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

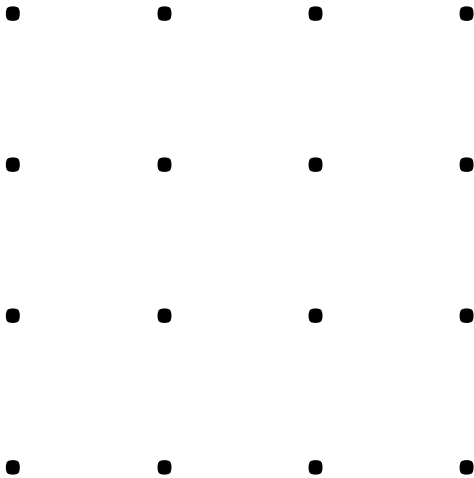


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It is fun and helpful to work on a puzzle with a group! Please make sure you list all the people who worked on the puzzle together (friends, classmates, family members). Please include last names and divisions too!

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