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# Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

Well, this has been an exceptionally wet, dreary weekend outside. Nevertheless, we hope you were still able to make the time to get out there, jump in some puddles, explore, and appreciate this place we call home. We are hearing yet another interesting meteorological term to describe this past weekend's weather: an atmospheric river!? The "mild, temperate climate" of the West Coast has given way to more extreme weather phenomenon, including a rare 'funnel cloud' or 'tornado'! Spending time exploring these topics with your children will prepare them for broader conversations, exploration, and learning within their classrooms.

Parents and guardians, you have always been your child's first, and most important, teacher. We admire the work that you do, the struggles you endure, and the successes you experience. We know that all children need to be physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually supported in their growth and we are grateful to do this along-side all of you. We often get questions asking us for "Ways to Support Learning at Home", and as we approach the end of term one, this is often a topic of conversation during reporting / conference time. Building healthy habits that support physical health, curiosity, inquiry, independence, pro-social and basic academic skills require intentional effort and dedication. We understand that it's easy to become distracted by screens, media, and entertainment at the expense of social conversation, physical activity, creative problem solving, artistic pursuits, neighbourhood connections, or maybe just curling up to read a good book. We also know that we are all experiencing exceptionally challenging times, so we need to be kind to ourselves and to one another through this.

Our kids watch and learn from everything we do. Together, let's show them how to be safe; connect through conversation; put the phones and screens away; read for entertainment and learning; take deep breaths when we become overwhelmed; do the things that make our bodies and minds strong and healthy; listen before speaking; cook, build, and create together; and fall asleep with a full heart, a curious mind, and a hopeful spirit that looks forward to the next day!

We are here with you and for you.

As always, be gentle with yourself and kind to others.

Be safe and play safe.

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## Calendar

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  
Tuesday January 4 – School Re-Opens  
Wednesday January 5- 7 – Field Hockey – K – 4/5  
Monday January 17 – School Based Professional Development Day (classes not in session)  
Friday February 4 – District Wide Professional Development Day (classes not in session)

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## Boundary News

### Poppy Donations

There is still time to make a Poppy donation at the school. Funds collected go directly toward supporting veterans, their families, and communities. The last day for collections is this Wednesday. We wanted to thank the many staff and students who contributed to our virtual assembly this past week. Classes performed the Coast Salish Anthem and our National Anthem under the direction of Ms. Dobrowski, our music and band teacher. Other students shared thoughts about peace, traditional readings, and art reflections. It was a sombre and meaningful experience within the classrooms. A huge thank you to Mr. MacLeod for editing and producing the virtual presentation.

### Puzzle of the Week

This week's puzzle is now posted. Please see the end of the newsletter or click on this link; <https://bit.ly/334qWWz> for the latest question.

### Mask Reminder

Please remember there continues to be a mask mandate for all students K-7 in all schools. We are asking that all students have at least three masks when they come to school each day. We are finding that there has been an increased number of students asking for masks at the office. Please place the extra two masks inside a Ziplock bag to keep clean and dry.

### Drop-Off

With the onset of rougher weather, we have noticed an increase in students being dopped off at school. This year, the staggered drop-off times has alleviated many of traffic pressures we have had in past years. However, this week, we have noticed many traffic infractions that are endangering our students, staff, and Boundary community.

We have noticed:

- Students being dropped off in the staff parking lot
- Students being dropped off in residential driveways
- Vehicles blocking school and residential driveways while students are being dropped off
- Vehicles doing u-turns at the intersection of 26th and Vinedale Road
- Vehicles backing over crosswalks

- Vehicles stopping in front of fire hydrants
- Vehicles parking in drop-off zones

All of these dangerous infractions can easily be avoided with a little pre-planning and a little extra effort. We truly believe that spending a bit more time at drop-off by driving around the block, dropping off a little further from school and waiting a turn for a drop-off space at the front of the school, we will increase pedestrian safety immensely. When dropping off in front of the school, please pull right up to the sign to allow cars that come in after you a space at the curb. There should be room for 5 or 6 cars at a time. Please make your drop-off short to allow for other vehicles to vehicles to pull into a spot. We appreciate everyone's willingness to support the safety of all the Boundary Community.

### Snow Removal Volunteer Crew Needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to help clear safe pathways for our students and families into the school when there is snow. The School District does help with the parking lot and the street sidewalk; however, it is left up to the school staff to shovel the rest of the school. If you are able to assist, please send a message to Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca). Thank you.

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## BPAC News

### BPAC current fundraisers!

#### Gingerbread Kits

We have had great interest and traction on our Gingerbread kits from the local company Baking U Happy. You will receive all the fixings for a delicious and stylish gingerbread house (about 8" high). Besides the house, icing and a variety of candy, you will also receive 2 gingerbread cookies and 2 trees.

Please check out or social media for pictures of the kit before and after assembly!

Kits can be purchased on the Hot Lunch website for \$28 (<https://boundary.hotlunches.net/>) until November 28th with pick-up Wednesday, December 8th at the front of the school.

There will be a limited quantity of these so please get your orders in soon!

#### Purdy's Chocolates

Back by popular demand, we bring you our Purdy's Fundraiser. Purchase sweet Christmas treats for family and friends this holiday season: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1190068-88384>

To order simply click the link and "join the campaign" by creating a new account (or login with an existing one from other years if you have one). You will be presented with a dashboard so click the purple menu bar in the top right and select "online shopping", followed by Marketplace and voila! Happy Shopping!

Ordering closes November 30th with a current pick-up/distribution date of December 15th (details on location to follow).

## Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

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## Boundary PAC Executive

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

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

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# Reminders

## 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.

## Appropriate clothing and footwear

Autumn is here and winter is on its way. 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>).

# Health Protocols

## 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>.

## 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.

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!

Use the follow math sentences to find the value of each of the symbols.

$$\text{Controller} \times \text{Controller} \times \text{Controller} = 216$$

$$\text{Switch} \div \text{Game Boy} = \text{Controller}$$

$$\text{Game Boy} \times \text{Switch} = 54$$

$$\text{Controller} = ? \quad \text{Game Boy} = ? \quad \text{Switch} = ?$$

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

Special thanks to mashupmath.com for the puzzle