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Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families

We hope this message finds you all safe and healthy and managing the best you can within these times of extreme weather, local disaster, and supply chain challenges. Lynn Valley has always been a community that comes together to help one another and support the systems and structures that help keep us safe and healthy. Now more than ever, we are being asked to reassess our consumption practices and determine healthy, sustainable levels of need and want for ourselves, our families, our community and for this earth. For some, this is a welcome shift and an established way of being, and for others this may create deep stress on families and communities including losses of livelihood, tradition, and even life.

We all arrive at school, our place of learning, work, and connection, with our own experiences. These experiences differ for all of us, and they can build up our resilience or sometimes occupy our minds and hearts in ways that make us more sensitive to new learning demands. The North Vancouver School District is dedicated to supporting the Social Emotional Learning and Mental health of all our students and families. Please take the time to visit [these resources](#) and always know that you can ask for supports as needed.

Please look out for one another.

Wishing you and your family health and safety, at this time.

Calendar

Tuesday November 23 – BPAC Meeting Online – 7:00pm

Sunday November 28 – Teacher / Parent Conference Sign-Up Begin – 8pm

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

Wednesday December 15 – Boundary Builds

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)

Boundary News

Teacher / Parent Conferences – MS Teams

Teacher / parent conferences will have an online sign-up with a calendar link to a MS Teams meeting with the classroom teacher. Conferences begin the week of December 6th with early dismissal on December 7th and December 8th at 2:00pm (1:50 primary). The conference sign-up will begin on November 28th at 7pm and will end on December 5th at 8pm. Sign-up will not be available outside of these time slots. Term one reports are uploaded on December 10. More information regarding the sign-up will be in next week's newsletter.

Boundary Builds for The Shore

On Wednesday, December 15th, we are inviting the students of Boundary to bring their best Lego build to display for charity. We will set up the Lego in the gym on Dec. 15th and the next day classes will be invited to tour the displays.

Goal: We are looking to raise \$1500 for the North Shore Harvest Project. We are suggesting a donation of \$2, \$5 or 10 dollars per person to meet our goal. Please donate online at <https://bit.ly/3cxUPTx>

Cash donations will be accepted but we would prefer online donations. We are not accepting canned goods for this fundraiser.

1. Lego Details: All Lego must fit into a box that the child can carry themselves.
2. All boxes and Lego must have a First and Last Name as well as their division.
3. All Lego can come to school on Wednesday December 15th.

We are excited to see all the student creations and to raise money for the Harvest Project.

Safe Arrival

Last year, Boundary started using the SafeArrival application for families to log a child's absence or to indicate a lateness. We have heard very positive feedback from families as the application is very easy to use. We encourage all families to set up the application as it allows for quicker logging of an absence or lateness, and it is a more efficient and quicker way for the school to account for all students in the morning. Please see the end of the newsletter for specific details regarding the application.

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.

Snow Removal Volunteer Crew Needed

Currently, we have two snow removal crew members, and we are still looking for a few more 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.

The Card Project

This is the last chance to order for the Card Project. See the end of the newsletter for details.

BPAC News

It feels a bit odd to be talking about fundraisers while so many people just a few km's away are experiencing such devastating loss due to the floods and mudslides. Please know that as a PAC we don't expect you to support every fundraising initiative and now more than ever we understand that your support dollars might go to the relief efforts.

BPAC Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm for a BPAC meeting. We will be voting on the front of the school project as we are finally ready to get the work started. The Zoom link will be sent out the day of the meeting. As a reminder you need to sign up for zoom when you go to log in, if you don't already have a zoom account.

North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau

If you are looking for a way to help out this Christmas season, the PAC Executive has been in touch with the North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau.

There is a HUGE shortage in gifts for kids aged 11-18 and last year more than half of the 955 kids who came through the Christmas Bureau were of that age, with this year being no different. The shelves in the "Toy Shop" for kids in this age category are bare. While I know the North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau is more than happy to accept any and all types of toys and gifts, we as a PAC were hoping to fill some of the gaps they are experiencing.

Please do not feel any pressure whatsoever as I know the holiday season is a tough time of year, not to mention many people might be turning their efforts and support dollars towards the much-needed relief for the devastating floods we are currently seeing in BC.

Should you be interested in helping the Christmas Bureau, here's how you can do so:

1. Youth to Youth Gift Card Campaign (our school is on the drop-down list): <https://bit.ly/30EU5cJ>
2. Bring an unwrapped gift for kids aged 11-18 to school (drop off at front office) between November 22 - December 2. A PAC Exec member will then transfer all the items to the Christmas Bureau.

****Note:** The Christmas Bureau opens their Toy Shop December 3rd, so we are hoping to gather donations between now and December 2nd.

Gingerbread Kits

There are still a few Gingerbread kits from Baking U Happy available. For \$28 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.

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

Purdy's Chocolates

Our Purdy's Fundraiser is still rolling. 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](#)

Website: boundarypac.ca

Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall (chair@boundarypac.ca)

Vice Chair – Nicole Durnin (vicechair@boundarypac.ca)

Secretary – Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski (secretary@boundarypac.ca)

Treasurer – Henry Chow (treasurer@boundarypac.ca)

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

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

Reminders

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 pull into a spot. We appreciate everyone's willingness to support the safety of all the Boundary Community.

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>.

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.

All students should have 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



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SafeArrival – Student Absence Reporting

This year, all elementary schools in the North Vancouver School District started using SafeArrival, a student absence reporting system, to enhance our existing absence-checking procedures. SafeArrival, which is part of the [SchoolMessenger](#) platform, will make it easier for you to report your child's absence (e.g. illness, vacation, appointment), reduce the time it takes school staff to verify student attendance, and make it more efficient for staff to respond to unreported student absences. Boundary families have found the service extremely helpful and easy to use.

With SafeArrival, you will be able to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three options, which are available to you 24 hours/day, 7 days a week:

1. **SchoolMessenger app.** Use your mobile device to download the SchoolMessenger app, available at the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store or go.schoolmessenger.ca.
 - The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
 - Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
2. **SchoolMessenger website.** Open your browser and go to go.schoolmessenger.ca.
 - The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Important: Use the same email address your school has on record.
 - Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.
3. **Automated phone system.** Call the toll-free number 1-833-259-7295 and follow the prompts to report an absence.

SafeArrival Resources:

Video. Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video that demonstrates how to use SafeArrival to report your child's absence.

Guide. Click [HERE](#) to download the Using the SchoolMessenger App for SafeArrival guide. The guide explains how to sign up, log in, report and modify an absence, and how to manage PIN settings.

SchoolMessenger Communicate:

In addition to SafeArrival, schools will use SchoolMessenger Communicate, an automated notification system, also part of the SchoolMessenger platform, to contact you when your child is absent and the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact you at multiple contact points until a reason for the absence is submitted. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, school staff will follow up.

The contact points for automated notification for unreported absences are:

- Email/push notifications (SchoolMessenger app). Upon receipt of an email/push notification, you will have five minutes to respond using SafeArrival (app, website or toll-free number).
- SMS text message*. If five minutes pass with no response, a SMS text message will be sent. You will have five minutes upon receipt of the SMS text message to respond using SafeArrival (app, website or toll-free number).

- Phone call. If five minutes pass with no response, an automated phone call will be made. Automated phone calls will be sent up to four times and you will be able to respond using SafeArrival (app, website or toll-free number).

Once the automated notification cycle above is complete, you will be unable to respond using SafeArrival, and must contact the school directly regarding the unreported absence.

Please note:

- If you report your child's absence in advance using SafeArrival (app, website or toll-free number), you will NOT receive automated notifications for an unreported absence.
- You can determine the type(s) of notifications you would like to receive by setting your preferences using the app or website.
- *You must opt in to receive SMS text message notifications (regardless of preference settings). Instructions on how to opt in can be found [HERE](#).
- As an additional layer of security, you may choose to require a 4-digit PIN be entered before an absence can be reported or explained when using the SafeArrival phone system. Refer to page 9 of the [Using the SchoolMessenger App for SafeArrival guide](#) for more information.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system for elementary schools across the North Vancouver School District. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the school direct at boundary@sd44.ca or 604-903-3620.

The Card Project



A special "Thank You" to our teachers who made such beautiful art with our students.

The children's greeting cards are gorgeous!

This is a friendly reminder to those who want to order cards, notebooks, year planners, digital prints, tote bags, mouse pads or canvasses with their children's artwork:

**Final orders are due this Sunday, November 21
for delivery in the week of December 6-10**

Go online to order at TheCardProject.ca
Our school access code is **BY82**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Marcelle at 604 924 2660 or at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca

Thank you for supporting our school in this fundraiser.

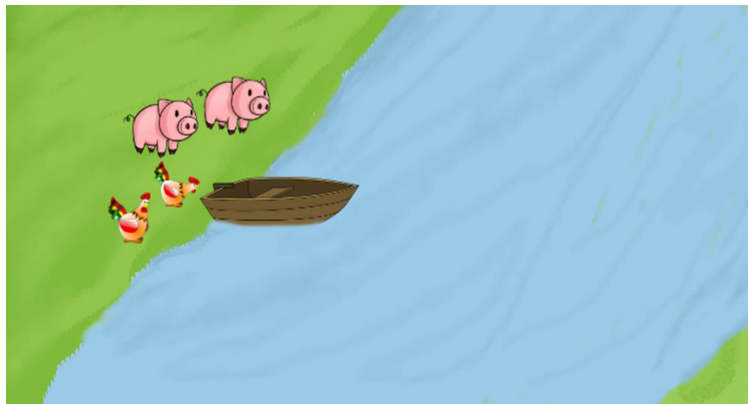
★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

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!

Two pigs and two hens must cross a river in as few trips as possible. The only constraint is—being extra heavy, the two pigs cannot use the boat together for crossing because it will sink. How can the two pigs and the two hens get to the other side safely?



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

Special thanks to suresolv.com for the puzzle