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# Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

Friday's brilliant sunshine was a welcome reprieve from the torrential rain we have been experiencing. Boundary staff and students basked in the afternoon sunshine with smiles and gratitude. Then the skies opened-up again this past weekend. Rivers are swelling and the water is creating its own powerful path to get where it needs to go. Students are learning about "atmospheric rivers" and BC's Coast, known as a mild "temperate rainforest", is now experiencing the extreme weather that we have been warned about for decades. Taking care of our Earth, practicing sustainable habits, living a modest 'needs based' lifestyle, and being aware of our 'Carbon Footprint' have all been concepts taught in BC public schools for decades. Let's learn along-side our children so that we can support a healthy future for all of us. Please explore carefully and look out for your neighbours... as always.

Many of our students have also been talking about family preparations for the upcoming holidays. Most of the conversations are about small, meaningful traditions, looking forward to seeing relatives they have not seen for a long time, and hopefully playing in some snow! Yes, that white stuff is just around the corner, and we wanted to thank our Boundary Snow Crew for being ready to help us out when this weather event hits the North Shore. It always seems to happen in the wee hours, and we really do appreciate the time and muscle that it takes to keep our school grounds clean and safe. This past week, we were met with a fantastic surprise when we saw that the surface of our basketball/soccer court had been cleaned! You have no idea how grateful the Boundary Staff and Students are when we discover these small surprises on our school grounds! We are happy to play in the rain without all the slippery wet leaves slowing down the outdoor soccer and basketball games.

As we wrap up the end of November and launch into December this coming week, please stay safe, connect with your child's teacher during conference time, and please ask for help or support whenever needed.

Stay safe

Play safe

And bring an extra mask or 2... they seem to be getting soggy these days 😊

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## Calendar

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

Sunday December 5 – Teacher / Parent Conference Online Sign-up Closes – 8 pm.

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 LEGO comes to school

Thursday December 16 – Boundary Builds Displays

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

### Teacher / Parent Conferences – MS Teams

Teacher / Parent Conferences will be held virtually this year on MS Teams. These Teacher / Parent Conferences are part of the two informal reports in conjunction with the three formal report cards. The term one report card will be uploaded on December 10<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm.

A reminder that classes will be dismissed early on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to accommodate conferences. Primary classrooms will be dismissed at 1:50 and Intermediate classrooms at 2:00. Each classroom will have different conference times and dates ranging from December 6<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bookings can occur between Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and will end on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Changes can be made online during that time. However, further changes will not be allowed on the online program after Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Please email your child's teacher directly for changes that need to be made after Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Please click on the link here to access your child's class through MS Bookings: <https://bit.ly/2XnisKz>

Please select your preferred time slot and then complete the details to book an appointment. You will need to include: your name (parent/guardian), your email address and phone number, as well as your child's name. You will receive an email sent to the email address you indicated. Use the link to join the meeting at your scheduled time.

At the time of the actual meeting, please log in using the invite sent to the email address indicated. Please join the meeting at least 5 minutes before the indicated time to correct any technology challenges. It is recommended that you download the MS Teams App before the conference. The teacher will join the meeting at the indicated time. As meetings are back-to-back, time is tight so please be on time and prepared. If you have any technical questions, please contact Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca).

### Boundary Builds for The Shore

On Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. 15<sup>th</sup> and on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Shout Out

A big thank you to the parent(s) who took the time to clean off the leaves from our Sport Court. This generosity of time and effort created a better surface for the students to play on.

### 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.

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## BPAC News

Thank you to those of you who joined the BPAC meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were able to successfully pass the motion to move ahead with the front of the school project. If all goes to plan, the work will commence early January and take approximately 1-2 weeks. We are looking forward to a functional outdoor space where the kids can learn, play and enjoy! A special shout out to Claire Ferrier and Tania Kennedy for all their hard work to get us to this point.

### 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 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

If you ordered a Gingerbread kit, a reminder pick up will be Wednesday, December 8th at the front of the school.

### Purdy's Chocolates

A few more days to take advantage of our Purdy's Fundraiser: <https://bit.ly/3CUx1VJ>

Click the link and "join the campaign" by creating a new account then 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](http://boundarypac.ca)

### Boundary PAC Executive

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

Vice Chair – Nicole Durnin ([vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca))

Secretary – Tina Pscheidl-Szylowski ([secretary@boundarypac.ca](mailto:secretary@boundarypac.ca))

Treasurer – Henry Chow ([treasurer@boundarypac.ca](mailto:treasurer@boundarypac.ca))

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Astrid Damberg ([hotlunch@boundarypac.ca](mailto:hotlunch@boundarypac.ca))

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

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## Reminders

### 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 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.

### Snow Removal Volunteer Crew Needed

Currently, we have four 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](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca).

### 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 met 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 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 crossword clues to solve the puzzle.

**Number Cross 2**

**ACROSS**

1. The digits are consecutive numbers.
2. Multiple of 9
3. The sum of the tens and the ones is 5
4. Square number

**DOWN**

2. Multiple of 8 but not multiple of 16.
5. Multiple of 6 but not multiple of 4.
6. The sum of the tens and hundreds divided by 2 equals the ones.
7. Divisible by 5 but not 10.
8. Square Number

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

Special thanks to [www.mathcurious.com](http://www.mathcurious.com) for the puzzle