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# Boundary e-News

May 15, 2022

Dear Boundary Families,

Where is our Spring? These April showers are certainly overstaying their welcome and I think we are all missing some sunshine and warmer temperatures these days. While this has been a great time to over-fill our rain barrels, it has really delayed the direct seed sowing and germination in our gardens and has put a damper on so many outdoor adventures we like to have at this time of year. We acknowledge this with some caution because we know that once the heat shows up, we may be wishing for a cool, rainy day for relief! It is with gratitude that we acknowledge all the gifts of the 4 seasons that we get to experience on these Coast Salish lands.

Our Grade 3 students will spend a full day tomorrow at the Cheakamus Centre participating in the First Peoples Longhouse program, supported by elders and teachers from the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation. We are excited for these students as they always return from this program with new knowledge of and appreciation for this land and its Indigenous people and their enduring culture. A reminder to these Grade 3 families that students should arrive at school tomorrow morning, in the undercover area by 7:55 am, prepared for a full day in the weather, as the bus departs at 8:15 am sharp.

Although this rain has hampered some of our Track and Field practice times, all intermediate students continue to train with their classes during PE time. This week we see the first qualification meet in the field events. Only a small number of students have advanced to this level as the criteria is pre-determined by a collaborative District committee. We want to express appreciation to all families and students who have committed to training and showing up to practice in multiple events. This competitive season is short for some, but ongoing physical training and goal setting is a great family activity all year round. Please see more T & F details below.

As always, please continue to keep in touch with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about lessons, learning, or your child's progress. It is also important for us know if your family is experiencing any significant changes that may impact your child's learning or emotional resiliency. Often when we have some advance information it helps us support your child in more meaningful ways especially when they need it most. We know that children are under greater stressors these days with family illnesses, employment changes, and many other unexpected changes that can affect the entire family. We are here to help if needed.

As always, be kind, be safe, and know that we are here for all of you.

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# Calendar

Monday May 16 – Grade 3 Long House (Be at the school by 7:50)  
Monday May 16 – Immunizations (Grade 1, 6 & 7)  
Wednesday May 18 – Field Qualifications (Grade 4-7); 3:30 – 5:30  
Friday May 20 – Primary Fun Day  
Monday May 23 – Victoria Day (students not in session)  
Wednesday May 25 – Track Qualification (Grade 4-7) – Sutherland; 8-12pm  
Friday May 27 – Primary Fun Day Rainout  
Monday May 30-June 3 – Bike to School Week  
Monday May 30 – Tennis Begins  
Tuesday May 31 – LFI Orientation (2022-2023 class); 3:30  
Tuesday June 7 – Track and Field Finals – Swangard  
Friday June 10 – Kindergarten Orientation (Various Times)  
Friday June 10 – Boundary Carnival  
Tuesday June 14 – BPAC Meeting  
Thursday June 16 – Grade 6/7 French to ODS  
Thursday June 17 – Grade 6/7 English to ODS  
Monday June 27 – Grade 7 Farewell  
Tuesday June 28 – Reports Home  
Wednesday June 29 – Last Day of Classes

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## Boundary News

### Safe Arrival / Student Absences

Please see the end of the newsletter on how to sign-up and start using the Safe Arrival App to register an absence or late arrival at Boundary. Please make every effort to let the school know if your child is absent or will be late. This is important information for us to ensure all students are accounted for each day.

### Leaving Early from School

If you require your child to leave school for any reason, please send a message to the classroom teacher and the school office at [boundary@sd44.ca](mailto:boundary@sd44.ca). A little pre-planning from home will reduce the number of disruptions to the class and the office, as well, allow for a smooth transition for your child.

### Puzzle of the Week

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

## Spring Carnival – June 10th 4-7pm

The Carnival is taking shape and looking great! There will be rides, bouncy castles, obstacle courses, loads of games, a photo booth, a climbing wall from Climb Base 5 and so much more!

We are so fortunate to have the Lynn Valley Lions donate their time and all the food for our event. It's certainly a huge bonus for the PAC!

Our intention is to make this an event for ALL ages. We hope that our whole school community will join in this fun evening. We are excited to be able to finally host the Carnival again.

To help cut down our costs, we are still looking for a few more sponsors for rides and games and we thank those of you who have generously agreed to sponsor! Please contact [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca) if you would like to sponsor or would like information on sponsorship levels.

In order to make this a fun and safe event, we do require volunteers. Please sign up here for a one hour time slot: <https://signup.com/go/bdwtEsm>

## Neufeld Farms – Fill your Freezer!!

Our Neufeld Farms fundraiser is open: <https://bit.ly/3PnCieP>

There are 4 payment options; please note there is a small fee to use your credit card so we have added the option to pay by e-transfer, cash or cheque as well.

Ordering will close on May 29th and pick up will be on June 9th at the front of the school.

Fill your freezer for BBQ and camping season (I hear the breakfast burritos are perfect for camping!)

## Social Media

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

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

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](https://twitter.com/BoundaryPAC)

Website: [boundarypac.ca](https://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

## 2021-2022 Class Placement

For those parents/guardians who feel the need to provide additional information describing learning style and/or emotional and social needs of your child: please complete the Placement Form ONLY if you have information that the current teacher and/or principal do not have and should consider when placing your child. An accompanying letter is not necessary and will not be accepted. Please email the placement form to Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca) no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please visit the following link to find out more information: <https://bit.ly/3bFw2dl>

## Track and Field

**Track and Field Qualification Meets – Only students who have qualified at the school level may participate.**

Our Field Qualification meets take place on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Grades 6 -7 will remain at Boundary School while grade 4 -5 will compete at Ross Road School. The meets will begin at 3:30 promptly and run until 5:00. All field team members will need to arrange rides to and from this event. Students must sign-in with Boundary staff when they arrive and sign-out with Boundary staff before they leave the meet. Students will be informed if they have qualified by Ms. Dale.

The Track Qualification meet will be held at Sutherland Track Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. All track team members will need to arrange rides to and from this event. Students must sign-in with Boundary staff when they arrive and sign-out with Boundary staff before they leave the meet. Students will be informed if they have qualified by Ms. Dale.

## Are You Moving?

If your child(ren) is in kindergarten to grade 6, please let the office know if you are planning on leaving Boundary for the 2022-2023 school year. This information is extremely valuable as we start to plan for the next school year.

## Superintendent Report

Please check out this week's Superintendent's report. As usual, there is a lot of useful and important information. <https://bit.ly/3MkgCyi>

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# Health Protocols

## Please Keep Your Child at Home with any Signs of Illness

If your child(ren) is experiencing any signs of illness, we ask that you please keep them at home. With the increase in COVID cases, we want to ensure the safety of the students and staff at the school. Each teacher is posting a "Window of The Week" which will provide information to keep your child up-to-date with their classroom learning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child(ren)'s teacher during regular school hours. If you, or any family member receives a positive COVID through a self-test kit, please report it at <https://reportcovidresults.bccdc.ca>.

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal

## Woodpecker Problem Solving



Being a woodpecker can't be much fun. You spend your day pounding your head against a tree, and your reward is that you get to eat bugs. What kind of life is that? The pecking is so hard on their heads that woodpeckers actually developed smaller brains than other birds, which might explain why they haven't figured out a better way to feed themselves. Or are there other reasons that woodpeckers engage in this rhythmic, loud activity? Hmmmm.

You have to admire their speed and hard work, though. According to Animals Town, woodpeckers can peck up to 20 times per second! Come to Boundary to observe!!

### Math Problems

**Wee ones (counting on fingers/hands/pictures)K – Gr 1:** If a hungry woodpecker pecks 2 holes, and scoops 6 bugs out of each hole, how many bugs does the woodpecker get to eat?

**Little ones Gr 2-3:** If a woodpecker pecks a tree 20 times per second, how many times does he peck in 5 seconds? *Bonus:* If a bug pops out after every 10 pecks, how many bugs pop out in those 5 seconds?

**Big kids Gr 4-7:** If a woodpecker's pecking scares out 1 bug every 5 seconds, how many bugs does he get in 1 minute (60 seconds)? *Bonus:* If he keeps pecking, how many bugs does he get in 1 hour (60 minutes)?

**BONUS FOR EVERYONE (math, science, social studies)** – How do we humanely get all of the woodpeckers at Boundary School to move their homes back into the forest where they have lots of room and plenty of bugs to eat!! All creative and humane solutions welcome!



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### Safe Arrival Pilot Training Student Absence Reporting

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is one of our top priorities.

SafeArrival, which is part of the [SchoolMessenger](#) platform, is designed to enhance our existing absence-checking procedures by making it easier for you to report your child's absence (e.g. illness, vacation, appointment), reducing the time it takes school staff to verify student attendance, and making it more efficient for staff to respond to unreported student absences.

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:

- **SchoolMessenger app.** Use your mobile device to download and install the SchoolMessenger app, available at the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store or [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).
  - The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use an email address that we have on record for you.
  - Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **SchoolMessenger website.** Use the SchoolMessenger website [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).
  - The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Important: Use an email address that we have on record for you.
  - Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
- **Automated phone system.** Call the toll-free number 1-833-259-7295 and follow the prompts to report an absence.

Note: For absences longer than 3 days, please contact the school directly.

#### SafeArrival Resources

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

**Guide.** Click [HERE](#) to download a detailed *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, we will pilot **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.

Sincerely,

Tim MacLeod  
Principal  
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