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Boundary e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: March 6 to March 10, 2023

Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10
Reports Home	Hot Lunch Pizza	Green Thumb Presentation "Like it or Not" Conference Early Dismissal 2pm	Conference Early Dismissal 2pm	DreamRider Presentation Spring Break Begins 3pm

Dear Boundary Families,

Well, the recent snowfall has almost all washed away, as it usually does on the West Coast. We wanted to make sure we thanked all the parent, staff, and student volunteers who worked rapidly in the early morning hours this past Sunday, and throughout the week. We are so grateful for the community responsiveness at Boundary! It is a rare event that the North Vancouver School District calls a "Snow Day" and closes schools due to safety concerns. We know this can sometimes be a hardship to families, and we greatly appreciate your flexibility. We also hope you were able to enjoy the brief 'fluffy stuff' before the rain fell. The local coastal snowpack has been minimal this past year, so we are also grateful for this winter event, as it will contribute to the fresh drinking water supply in the coming months.

Despite the slightly shorter week at Boundary, it has been a very busy one. All K-7 classes participated in the "Body Science and Sexual Health" workshops on Thursday and Friday. Students were engaged throughout the sessions, and they asked excellent questions! The presenter, Julie, commented that this community of students were quite mature and curious about the science and the personal safety topics covered. Students were encouraged to talk to trusted adults about any further questions they might have. Parents play a most vital role in ensuring children get the correct information that works for their family, but we might not always be prepared with the answers. Please continue to access the resources previously sent out to families whenever needed.

This coming week is the final week of classes before we break for 2 weeks. Please ensure you have signed up for a conference with your child's teacher. Please note that the format for conferences will be different from class to class. This is an excellent time to reflect on your child's learning so far this school year, and to set some goals for continued growth for the balance of this year. Celebrate, encourage, and let your child know that learning can be hard work, but it

can also lead to new adventures, new skills, and deep satisfaction. Be a learner alongside your child and continue to keep in touch with your child's teacher and with other community opportunities to help with this important, life-long journey.

Please be on the lookout for the next eNews at the end of Spring Break. If you are planning an early getaway, please remember to notify your child's teacher AND email the main office with any changes in attendance or pick-up times. Wishing all of you a restful, fun break!

Calendar

Monday March 6 – Reports Home; uploaded at 4pm.
Wednesday March 8 – Green Thumb Presentation “Like it or Not”
Wednesday March 8 – Conferences – **Students Dismissed at 2pm**
Thursday March 9 – Conferences – **Students Dismissed at 2pm**
Friday March 10 – Dream Rider Presentation Zero Heroes (New date)
Friday March 10 – Last Day Before Spring Break
Sunday March 12 – Daylight Savings
Monday March 27 – School Re-Opens After Spring Break
Friday March 31 – BPAC Social

Boundary News

Boundary Band at Centennial Theatre

On February 3rd, the École Boundary Elementary Continuing Band students were given the chance to display their musical abilities at the Centennial Theatre alongside their peers from Queen Mary Elementary. These young musicians have been diligently honing their skills, and performing at a professional venue was an exhilarating milestone for them.

The event featured performances from three other North Vancouver Elementary Band programs and a concert band from Windsor Secondary. Attendees had the opportunity to win door prizes, and each student received a newly designed Band & Strings T-shirt.

The students' professionalism and composure during their performance were impressive, and it was heartening to witness the Boundary and Queen Mary students connecting with each other. This performance served as a platform for the Continuing Band at Boundary to develop teamwork, enhance their confidence, and instill a passion for music that will last a lifetime. As parents of elementary band students, you should be proud of your children for their commitment and hard work in music!

Please check out a snapshot of the Band and Strings festival [here](https://bit.ly/41HU10f). (<https://bit.ly/41HU10f>)

Teacher / Parent Conferences

Online sign-up will end tonight at 8:00pm for teacher / parent conferences. Please email your child's teacher directly for changes that need to be made after Sunday March 5th at 8:00pm.

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

When signing up for a conference time, please click the “!” beside the teacher’s name to find additional information regarding the conference options. Please complete all the sections required. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher.

If you are meeting online, 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.

Please see the chart below for your child’s teacher’s conference format.

Teacher(s)	In-Person	Online	Student-Led
Dale	Yes	Yes	
Fletcher	Yes		
Halliday	Yes	Yes	
Meyer	Yes		
Streat	Yes	Yes	
Chorney-Wilson	Yes		
Chow	Yes	Yes	
Falconer	Yes		
Siddal/Warren	Contact Ms. Warren directly		
Johnson/Cockburn			Yes
Rispin/Lee	Yes		
Weber			Yes
Oucharek	Yes	Yes	
Koenigsfest			Yes
Hall	Yes	Yes	
Mavor	Yes	Yes	
Midzain (ELL)	Yes		
Rush (LST)		Yes	
Wardas (LST)	Yes	Yes	

Reports go Home Monday

Report Cards will be posted on the [parent portal](https://bit.ly/3EXBauS) (<https://bit.ly/3EXBauS>) on Monday, March 6 at 4:00pm. Please use your login details (email address) and if you can’t remember your password, please click on “I forgot my password” and go through a process of resetting your password.

Instructions and tips for access to MyEducation BC Parent Portal can be found [here](http://bit.ly/3mRBWyx) (<http://bit.ly/3mRBWyx>).

If you require assistance, please email boundary@sd44.ca and include your child’s name and the problem you are having with logging on.

British Columbia Training & Education Savings Grant Information

In British Columbia, families are encouraged to start early planning and financial preparation for their children's post-secondary education or training programs. To aid with this effort, the B.C. Government will provide \$1,200 to qualifying children via the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG).

Children can request the grant between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9. Both the child and the parent or guardian must reside in British Columbia at the time of application and possess a valid Social Insurance Number. (<http://bit.ly/3yg7zsM>)

Student Learning Survey Reminder

The Student Learning Survey (SLS), administered annually by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, is open to students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents/guardians, and staff and administrators in B.C. public schools. The survey covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in B.C. public schools and valuable insight for addressing current needs and trends.

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in the survey, available in English, French and additional languages, until Saturday, April 29. Information about the survey, including a survey link is available on the [Student Learning Survey](https://bit.ly/2TzQ17N) (<https://bit.ly/2TzQ17N>) web page.

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.

BPAC News

Spring Carnival/Spring Fair

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of organizing a Spring Carnival/Fair. Stay tuned for dates and details!

Buy your tickets!!

The Parent Social is coming up and we would love to sell this event out; we are halfway there! Get your tickets and join fellow Boundary parents at Seymour's Pub for a lively evening of great food, drinks and Boundary banter on Friday, March 31st at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$35 and include a \$20 voucher for food and drink. Bring cash for the 50/50 draw and the much-loved wine pull. Tickets can be purchased on [Hot Lunch](#).

- *We are looking for bottles of wine to be donated to the Wine Pull. Please email chair@boundarypac.ca if you have a \$20+ bottle of wine you would like to donate!*

Donations?

The PAC have been VERY busy collecting donations for the Online Auction and have been receiving so many great items. If you have something you wish to donate, please email chair@boundarypac.ca

Social Media

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

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Reminders

Nut Aware

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that École Boundary is a nut aware school. This means that while we are not a nut-free school, we strive to minimize the risk of nut exposure to our students with severe nut allergies.

We kindly ask that families refrain from sending any food items that contain nuts or nut products to school. This includes any snacks, lunches, or treats that may contain nuts or nut by-products. This is crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students.

We understand that nuts are a common and nutritious snack for many families, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our students. We encourage families to choose nut-free alternatives when packing lunches and snacks for their children.

It's important to note that while we take every precaution possible to ensure a nut-aware environment, we cannot guarantee that our school is completely nut-free. Cross-contamination is always a possibility, and some families may have nut products in their homes before coming to school. Therefore, we rely on everyone to be vigilant and take every precaution to minimize the risk of nut exposure.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. MacLeod if you have any questions or concerns.

Recycling Drive for the Boundary Grade 7 Class of 2023 is Ongoing!

A reminder that the Grade 7 recycling drive is ongoing throughout this school year. You can return cans,

bottles, and milk and other recyclable cartons using the Return It Express system at any time. At the Express Kiosk, enter the following code; **604 903 3260** (the school phone number).

Then, print off a label, stick onto your clear bag of recycling, remember to scan the barcode! and deposit the bag. Note that we are unable to use the bin drop off at an Express-and-Go location (e.g. in the Superstore car park), as the access procedure for the bins was changed and only the account holder may access. Please return to a depot (e.g. opposite Park & Tilford).

All money collected will go directly towards the grad fund for their end of year farewell celebrations. If you have any questions or would like some pre-printed labels, please contact the fundraising committee at boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com.

The Grade 7s thank you for your contributions!

2023-2024 Elementary Band and Strings

Late registration for Band and Strings runs from March 10 to September 29. To register for Band and Strings please see the [NVSD website](http://bit.ly/2LFPAre) (<http://bit.ly/2LFPAre>).

Student and Family Affordability Fund

Through the Student and Family Affordability Fund (SFAF), the school district is supporting students and their families who are feeling financially challenged due to the rising costs of living.

To request financial support at any time throughout the 2022-2023 school year for expenses such as:

- School fees
- School/course supplies
- Clothing/footwear
- Basic Necessities
- Athletic wear (for school athletics)
- Family food security (groceries)
- PAC hot lunch
- One-day field trips

Please complete the form(s) available on the [Student and Family Affordability Fund](https://bit.ly/3TAg8re) (<https://bit.ly/3TAg8re>) web page and submit the form(s) in confidence to Mr. MacLeod.

Should you have any questions or need support completing the form(s), please reach out to Mr. MacLeod. A Frequently Asked Questions web page (<https://bit.ly/3yXswcQ>) is also available.

Have a great week!

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Fill in the 5 x 5 grid with the numbers from 1 to 5 once per row and column, while following the greater than/less than symbols shown. There is only one valid solution that can be reached through logic and clear thinking alone!

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Be sure to check the next newsletter to see the solution! If you have questions about or suggestions for the puzzle of the week, let Ms. Rush know!

Special thanks to rd.com for the puzzle