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Boundary e-News

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Dear Boundary Families,

Last week was a short one, but it was filled with a whirlwind of re-connecting, sharing, and enjoying the lingering heat of summer. It was also a week filled with learning new routines, making new friends, and adjusting to a new grade level and new teachers. We also grew by one division this year! We have many new students and families who have joined our classrooms and our LFI 6 program. Welcome! We are all learning together as a community, so we continue to ask for and to offer patience, mutual respect, and an open, curious approach as we go slowly during these opening weeks. Every question is a great question so please feel free to ask. We are excited to welcome new staff members and we will certainly miss some of our familiar faces from last year.

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we acknowledge that every one of us (students, families, staff members) is at a different place in our learning and in our life experiences. We will continue to meet you and your family where you are, with understanding and with a desire to work collaboratively to make this the best learning year ever! Please reach out to your child's new classroom teacher(s) with questions or information when needed.

We want to thank our hard-working PAC members for the work they do to help make Boundary an inclusive and fun place to learn. We are excited to have the "Stream of Dreams" team join us to teach students more about the Salmon that continue to make this coastal area one of the most beautiful places to live, play, and work. This coming week we also have our Indigenous Success Team spending time with every class, sharing and gifting knowledge and art, with a focus on the Salmon in our streams, rivers, and oceans. The culminating project will be a student-painted wood mural of swimming salmon on our front fence. We are looking for parent volunteers, so please see more information below.

Welcome! We are so excited to begin this year with all of you!

Calendar

Monday September 12 – Strong Start opens

Monday September 12-16 – NVSD Indigenous Success Team at Boundary - Salmon

Thursday September 15 – Ice Cream Social

Monday September 19 – First full Day of Kindergarten

Monday September 19 – All Forms are Due

Monday September 19 – 22 Stream of Dreams Learning and Painting Salmon

Wednesday September 21 – Welcome Back Parent Evening

Friday September 23 – Photo Day

Friday September 23 – Terry Fox Run; 2pm

Tuesday September 27 – BPAC Meeting; 7pm

Wednesday September 28 – **Staff Collaboration, Early Dismissal at 2pm**

Thursday September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

Friday September 30 – **National Day and Reconciliation Day; Students Not in Session**

Boundary News

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to a few new staff members to Boundary. Ms. Marika Posnikoff has joined our Learning Support Team as Boundary's new counsellor. We are very much looking forward to working with her. Ms. Kelly Lee has joined our primary team working alongside Ms. Siddall in the grade 2/3 classroom. Ms. Anna Coffin will be working with Ms. Weber in the grade 1 classroom. We would also like to welcome to Ms. Anne Midzain who is our new ELL teacher and Ms. Shin, our new Educational Assistant. Heading up our office team we are very excited to have Ms. Stacey Playle who is our new Administrative Assistant, and, for our band students, we are fortunate to have Mr. Metzger as the new band instructor.

Farewell

We would like to wish Mrs. Rhiannon Wellbelove all the best in her new position at Carisbrooke. Mrs. Wellbelove has moved into a new role teaching at the grade 4/5 level. We would like to thank Mrs. Wellbelove for all her work with the students and staff over her three years at Boundary. We will dearly miss Mrs. Wellbelove as she brought calm and reassurance to everyone she encountered.

We would also like to wish Educational Assistants, Sam Minke and Sophie Turner the best of luck in their adventures. Their work with many of our students was invaluable and we appreciated their time and expertise here at Boundary.

School Calendar

Our online school calendar will be continually updated throughout the year. Please check our [school calendar](http://bit.ly/2kBkWI8) (<http://bit.ly/2kBkWI8>) for regular for updates. Also, see Boundary's [Year Calendar](https://bit.ly/35tMWwl) (<https://bit.ly/35tMWwl>) for holidays and professional development days. We will do our best to communicate changes through newsletters, the website (www.boundary.ca) and by email.

Welcome Back Parent Evening

Come meet the teachers on Wednesday, September 21. The evening is divided into two parts. Between 6:00-6:35 pm, the classrooms will have an open house so you can see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. If you have more than one student in the school, please take this time to wander to each classroom. At 6:40pm until 7:00pm we will all meet in the gym for a school wide welcome. We hope to see you all there!

Notices

This past Friday, students brought home a large package of notices and student forms for you to read and complete. While some forms are required for you to complete online, many still need to be completed on paper

and returned to the school. We apologize for the additional work, but this is important information for the school. Please have all forms returned to the Main Office no later than Monday, September 19th.

Safe Arrival / Student Absences

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. For information on how to use our SafeArrival application, please see our school's website. (<https://bit.ly/3A7rKcj>).

Medical Alerts and Allergies

If your child has any medical conditions that may need to be addressed at school (allergies, etc.), please contact the office as soon as possible. We will send home the required paperwork. Please ensure required medication, such as an EpiPen, is brought directly to the office.

We are a peanut and nut aware school. Please be mindful of the policy in your child's classroom as we have several students and staff with life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts.

Fresh Air and Outside Play

As with all North Vancouver Elementary Schools, Boundary students go outside at recess and lunch every day. Research clearly supports that children need regular breaks outside for fresh air and exercise. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. It will be a very rare occasion to stay inside during breaks, so please make sure to help set your child up for success in their day with necessary rain and outdoor gear. We encourage all students to have an extra set of clothing at school, especially for Primary students. This will save a phone call home in the event of a puddle disaster.

BPAC News

We hope everyone has had a successful and fun first week back to school! Please see the yellow letter that went home on Friday for important information about the hot lunch program, request for class reps and other PAC information.

Stream of Dreams coming September 19-22nd

Boundary is lucky to have been awarded a grant towards the Stream of Dreams; Fish on Fences program! Starting on Monday, September 19th through Thursday, September 22nd each student and staff member at the school will have the opportunity to paint their own fish. Each class will have a 45-minute presentation which will include information on our local watershed and the importance of the interconnection between salmon, trees, bears, eagles, orcas, and humans. Once the painted fish are completed, they will be turned into a big, beautiful mural on the fence at the front of the school.

As this program is quite costly, we are asking that each student bring \$2 to help offset some of the cost. The Stream of Dreams team is also requesting 6-8 parent volunteers on Thursday, September 22nd starting at 9am for a total of about 3 hours to help affix the fish to the fence. The layout will be done for us, we just need volunteers to do the labour! Please contact chair@boundarypac.ca if you are able to help on the 22nd.

You can give your \$2 to your teacher, and as always, if you need assistance please connect with Principal MacLeod.

An example of a Stream of Dreams mural:



Ice Cream Social

The PAC are excited to announce that we are bringing back a favourite Boundary school tradition, Welcome Back Ice Cream Social!

- When:** Thursday, September 15th
What Time: 6:30-7:30pm (or until supplies last!)
Where: Small gym (MPR) at Boundary (and then onto the back field)
How Much: Only \$1 per scoop including sprinkles!
What Do I Bring: Your own bowl and spoon

This is a great opportunity to socialize with our wonderful École Boundary Elementary community!

Dishwasher Needed

The BPAC / StrongStart dishwasher has washed its last cup. If you are looking for a new home for your (in good working order) dishwasher, we would be more than happy to take it off your hands. Please contact Mr. MacLeod for more information.

Social Media

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Have a great school year!

Tim MacLeod Ilona Wardas
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