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# Boundary e-News

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## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: September 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

| Monday<br>3 | Tuesday<br>4              | Wednesday<br>5                                | Thursday<br>6 | Friday<br>7              |
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|             | <b>HOT LUNCH</b><br>Pizza | <b>CI Day</b><br><br>Students not in session. |               | <b>X-Country</b><br>8:05 |

Dear Boundary Families,

We hope this message finds you all basking in these gifts of a very warm, mild fall season. Some of us still have tomatoes and peppers ripening in the sunshine along with the fall vegetables taking over the garden space.

This past week invited all of us to focus on our own growth as we engaged in the second annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Many listened to, participated in, and welcomed of Truth of this land. We furthered our understanding of the thriving First Peoples communities who were systematically interrupted, decimated, and discounted for generations. This is not just history. This is now. With this knowledge and understanding we continue to learn ways to take meaningful action as we all move forward with courage.

Here at Boundary, this learning will continue through this school year, embedded in all curricular areas. Please continue to learn, explore, grow, and share your learning with your children.

This coming week will take us into the season of giving thanks, and we sure do have plenty to be grateful for in this beautiful part of the world. Students will be learning about gratitude for the land, for family, and for community and how to celebrate and show this in many ways. Not every family practices the same traditions at this time, and we are open to learning so many ways of showing gratitude for the gifts of this earth.

This coming Wednesday all Boundary Staff will be participating in Professional activities that will deepen our own knowledge and understanding of the instructional practice and information needed to support all learners. A mid-week Curriculum Implementation Day is unusual, so please ensure that you have care for the day.

Wishing all of you a week of gratitude and growth.

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# Calendar

Wednesday October 5 – World Teacher Day

Wednesday October 5 – **Professional Development Day (NVSD)– Students Not in Session**

Monday October 10 – **Thanksgiving – School Closed**

Thursday October 20 – The Great Shake Out

Friday October 21 – **Professional Development Day (Provincial)– Students Not in Session**

**Wednesday October 26 – Staff Collaboration – Early Dismissal at 2pm**

Monday October 31 – Halloween

**Monday November 1 - Professional Development Day (School Based) – Students Not in Session**

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## Boundary News

### Professional Development Day

Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is the **North Vancouver School District's Curriculum Implementation Day**. Teachers and staff will be on site working with the redesigned curriculum with a focus on the First Peoples of this country and our community. Classes are not in session on Wednesday.

### The Card Project

Our students are once again participating in this exciting fundraiser. Every child will bring home a greeting card made with their own art. See the last page of the newsletter for more information.

### Pokemon Cards

Pokémon trading cards to school. There have been several challenges arising from students showing and trading Pokémon cards during recess and lunch. To help our students in making good choices, we will no longer be able to have Pokémon trading cards at school. As always, we encourage students to leave all valuables at home.

### Foundational Skills Assessment (Grades 4 & 7)

Boundary's grade 4 and grade 7 students will be writing the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) starting October 4<sup>th</sup>. The FSA is a set of reading, writing, and numeracy assessments administered to BC students every year in Grades 4 and 7. Like previous years, the testing is occurring in October rather than February to allow schools time to utilize the student's assessment results to better plan for instruction. The FSA aligns with BC's curriculum and can be used to support classroom-based decision-making for student learning.

### 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.

The Puzzle of the Week is an optional opportunity for students to use their math skills in a fun and challenging way. We will alternate between a more primary focused puzzle and a more intermediate focused puzzle - but everyone, regardless of grade, is welcome to give all the puzzles a try!

We encourage families to work together. However, when working on the puzzles at home with your child(ren), please do so only as a support. You can assist them in becoming independent problem solvers by being a guide or questioner. If you have more than one child at the school, perhaps get the younger one to do what they can and then encourage the older sibling to add to it.

**Questions that will help your child think about the way they are tackling the problem: (USE FREELY)**

- What have you tried so far?
- Is there another way to look at the problem?
- Can you explain this to me?
- What makes sense so far?
- Is this like any other problem that you have worked on in any way?
- What is it you are trying to do/solve/find out?

**Questions that tend to direct a child's thinking: (USE SPARINGLY)**

- How might you organize this?
- Can you make a table of your results?
- Can you see any patterns?
- Have you tried smaller (or simpler) cases?
- How can you get started?
- Have you checked to see that the solution works?
- What would happen if...?

**AVOID any hint or question referring to the problem:**

- Do you recognize square numbers?
- Explore it like this, or try this...
- Why not try three counters?
- That's not quite what I had in mind...
- No, you should...

We hope that you enjoy the puzzles!

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## BPAC News

### Thanksgiving Pies – EXTENDED

You have a few more hours to purchase your Thanksgiving Pie!

Extra deep, 10" round and handmade from the Bakehouse in Dundarave. Choose from Pumpkin, Apple, Raspberry Rhubarb, Blueberry or Vegan Apple. Pies are \$29 each and worth every penny!

Pick up will be on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 and 3:15 at the front of the school.

## HOT LUNCH

Our first hot lunch is this Tuesday! We thank all the volunteers who have stepped up to help make hot lunch run each week. We could not run this program without your time.

How to register:

- ✓ Go to <https://boundary.hotlunches.net> and click on "Click Here to Register"
- ✓ Enter Access Code **BEHL**
- ✓ Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
- ✓ Add each child in your family who attends Boundary
- ✓ Ensure that you select their correct classroom teacher

## Class Reps NEEDED

We are still looking for class reps for the following classes:

Ms. Dale  
Ms. Fletcher  
Ms. Johnson/Cockburn  
Ms. Koeningsfest  
Mme. Hall

The class rep is a liaison between the PAC, teacher and school. It will not take a huge chunk of your time so please consider helping out. Contact Nicole at [vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca) (please note that this email address was listed incorrectly last week so please email Nicole again if you emailed but did not hear back).

## BPAC Meeting

Thank you for joining us on the first BPAC meeting of the season! As always, please reach out if you have questions or suggestions.

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## Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)  
Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)  
Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)  
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# Reminders

## Birthday Treats

We are asking that parents do not bring birthday treats for their child's class on their birthday. Often these treats are quite sugary and unhealthy and do not meet the current public health guidelines. Each child in the school is recognized on (or very close) to their birthday by an announcement on the PA and a visit from the principal or vice-principal. Some classes may also have other ways of recognizing a student's special day.

## 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.

Have a great week!

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal

# ★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

You have a 3 Litre bucket and a 5 Litre bucket. You need to measure out exactly 7 Litres. How can you do it?



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 [funwithpuzzles.com](http://funwithpuzzles.com) for the puzzle

## THE CARD PROJECT is back!



Our students are once again participating in this exciting fundraiser. Every child will bring home a greeting card made with their own art.

Orders open online on **Friday, October 21**  
at

[www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)

Orders received by **October 30**  
will be delivered in the week of **November 21-25**.

For purchase: beautiful products made with your child's art!  
Greeting cards, mugs, canvas tote bags, mouse pads,  
tea towels, notebooks, sketchbooks, canvas prints, and more.