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Boundary e-News

October 10, 2022

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: October 10 to October 14, 2022

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
	HOT LUNCH Sushi Girls Basketball Game 3:15	X-Country 3:05 Boys Basketball Practice 3:05	Boys Basketball Practice 12:15 Girls Basketball Practice 3:05	X-Country 8:05 Photo Retake 1:00

Dear Boundary Families

We hope this finds you all enjoying another weekend of mild, warm weather with family and friends. Many of us are feeling grateful and cautiously worried at the same time. This unexpected warmth midway through October is causing local droughts and unusual growing patterns for our food crops and local wildlife. This we know is likely the result of years of consumer behaviour, waste, and overindulgence.

On the eve of this Thanksgiving weekend, Boundary students were gifted a powerful Coast Salish story presented by Swalklanexw (rhymes with Capilano) Dallas Guss. Please share this again with your children:

A long time ago, even before the time of the great flood, the Cheakamus River provided food for the Squamish people. Each year, at the end of summer, when the salmon came home to spawn, the people would cast their cedar root nets into the water and get enough fish for the winter to come.

One day, a man came to fish for food for his family for the winter. He looked into the river and found that many fish were coming home this year. He said thanks to the spirit of the fish, for giving themselves as food for his family, and cast his net into the river and waited. In time, he drew his nets in, and they were full of fish, enough for his family for the whole year. He packed these away into cedar bark baskets, and prepared to go home.

But he looked into the river, and saw all those fish, and decided to cast his net again. He did so, and it again filled with fish, which he threw onto the shore. A third time, he cast his net into the water and waited.

This time, when he pulled his net in, it was torn beyond repair by sticks, stumps, rocks and branches which filled the net. To his dismay, the fish on the shore and the fish in the cedar bark baskets were also sticks, rocks, and branches. He had no fish and his nets were ruined.

It was then he looked up at the mountain, and saw Wountie, the spirit protecting the Cheakamus, who told him that he had broken the faith with the river and with nature, by taking more than he needed for himself and his family. This was the consequence.

To this day, high on the mountain overlooking the Cheakamus and Paradise Valley, is the image of Wountie, protecting the Cheakamus. The fisherman? Well, his family went hungry and starved, a lesson for all the people in his family.

This story is also shared with all students who have spent or will be spending time either at the Cheakamus Center Outdoor School or at the Coast Salish Long House just steps away. Take only what you need and leave the rest for others.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and grateful week to come.

Calendar

Monday October 10 – Thanksgiving – School Closed

Friday October 14 – Photo Retake Day: 1pm

Monday October 17 – Waste Reduction Week

Thursday October 20 – The Great Shake Out

Thursday October 20 – X-Country Meet – Loutet Park

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

Sunday November 6 – Daylight Savings

Tuesday November 8 – National Indigenous Veteran’s Day

Thursday November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday November 11 – Remembrance Day– Students Not in Session

Monday November 14 – Grade 6 Immunizations

Tuesday December 6 – Teacher Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal at 2pm

Wednesday December 7 – Teacher Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal at 2pm

Friday December 9 – First Term Reports Home

Friday December 17 – Last Day of School Before Winter Vacation

Monday January 2 – Students Not in Session

Tuesday January 3 – School Reopens

Boundary News

Boundary Marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On the morning of September 29, staff at Boundary Elementary brought together primary students in a gathering to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Classroom teachers had previously held conversations with students about the importance of the day; some mistakes of our recent past; and the need for education, change and reconciliation. To read the full story, please see the NVSD Blog at <https://bit.ly/3CcuCq0>.

School Photos

Photo day has come and gone with lots of special smiles recorded. Please take a few minutes to review your images and make your selections. Ordering on time allows you to avoid a late processing fee. Portrait packages will be distributed through the school. If you have any questions, please feel free to visit www.edgeimaging.ca or call the Edge office at 1-888-416-3343. Photo retake day is Friday October 14 at 1pm.

Traffic Safety

As the seasons change and bring unpredictable weather and visibility on our roads, please be aware of the safety of yourself and others while driving and walking to school. Driving through a school zone is more than simply slowing down to 30 km/hr. Drivers are expected to be extra attentive and patient as they navigate the busy areas around the school zone.

A child can be injured just as severely by a car driving at 30 km/h as one moving at 50 km/h, however the reduced speed gives the driver much more control of the vehicle and the ability to pay more attention to the surroundings. Keep in mind the attention of a child can be very narrow. While they understand safety rules and procedures, such as looking both ways before crossing a street, they may not be able to see a potential problem as far ahead as an adult. Therefore, it is up to the driver to take up the responsibility and make sure they are ready for anything that can happen in a school zone. In addition, it may be a good time to review road safety with your child(ren).

Slow down, pay attention, and make safety the right choice. Please help keep our students and families safe while driving in our neighbourhood. Please only park in designated areas, do not do U-turns on or near crosswalks/intersections, and please reduce your speed.

Wheels on the School Grounds

We encourage all students and parents to walk, wheel or roll to school, but we please ask that when you reach the school grounds, you walk your transportation to your destination. Wheeling around the school grounds puts students at risk as they may not be expecting a bike crossing the middle of the soccer field or a scooter sneaking up on them in the undercover area. These expectations are from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Please remind your child that they should be wearing a helmet when rolling to school. Thank you.

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

Photo Sessions

We are pleased to announce that Erica from Pure & Sweet Photography is hosting photo sessions for the PAC! For \$35 you will get a 15-minute mini session at her studio (located in Lower Lonsdale) with the option of 2 backgrounds for your photos, as well as one digital image. If you purchase a photo package, the photos will be ready within 2 weeks of the session, just in time for holiday cards! The sitting fee of \$35 will go straight back to the PAC.

There are only 30 sessions available:

- Saturday, October 29th (15 spots available): <https://bit.ly/3RPpK06>
- Sunday, October 30th (15 spots available): <https://bit.ly/3CMsR4p>

ONE to ONE Reading – Free

This fall, the ONE-TO-ONE Literary Society is hosting virtual workshops for interested parents/caregivers of students in Grades 1-3 called Come Read with Me.

Here are the details:

- October 27
- November 2, 9, 15, 23
- December 1, and 6

All sessions start at 6:30 p.m. and run for 60 minutes with time for questions after. Each session is the same – parents/caregivers only need to come once

To register and for more information: <https://bit.ly/3rlrKwo>

Come Read with Me is an interactive workshop based on our tutor training and facilitated by a ONE-TO-ONE educator designed to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn positive strategies to help them support their children when reading at home. Participating families will receive a digital resource package including the “Reading Success at Home” handbook. This program is available at no cost to families across British Columbia through the generous support of our donors.

HOT LUNCH

Please take the time to check the classroom you have added your child to on the hot lunch system. There were a few errors during the first hot lunch resulting in lunches getting to students late.

<https://boundary.hotlunches.net>

Class Reps NEEDED

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

- Ms. Dale
- Ms. Fletcher

Social Media

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Reminders

Pokémon Cards

Please do not send 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.

Have a great week!

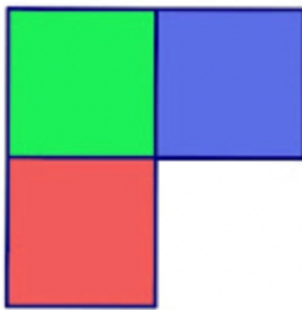
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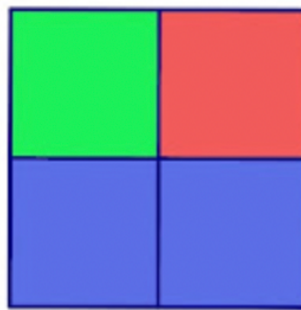
★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

The Colour Blocks Problem:

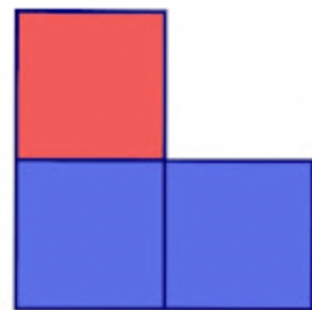
Three views of a stack of coloured, cube-shaped blocks are shown above. How many blocks of each colour are there? How are the blocks stacked together?



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SIDE



FRONT

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 www.1001mathproblems.com for the puzzle

Photo Retakes

Edge Imaging will be back at your school for retake photos. If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please fill in the information below and submit to the classroom teacher.

Students Name: _____

Grade: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____