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Boundary e-News

January 2, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: January 2 to January 6, 2023

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
No School	School Re-Opens			

Dear Boundary Families,

Wishing all of you a very happy, healthy New Year! We hope you were able to spend some important time with family and friends over this winter vacation break. We also know that for some, this holiday time can be difficult depending on one's past experience or current situation. We send out our thoughts and positive wishes to all of you. Getting back into a daily school routine will be a welcome return for some and for others this may be an exhausting week of early mornings and scheduling demands. Let's all be kind to one another and to ourselves during this time.

In preparation for the return to school, please double check that your child has all the supplies and spare clothing needed as many items were sent home in December for a refresh or a replacement. The weather forecast for this coming week is mostly a rainy one. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor footwear and raingear so they can play actively outdoors and also be comfortable indoors afterwards. As always, please keep your child home from school if they are showing any symptoms of illness. Home is the most comfortable place for them to rest and recover.

We are excited to announce that we are welcoming a number of new families into Boundary this week! If you notice any new faces out and around the school during drop off or pick up time, please extend those words of welcome that Boundary is known for!

Happy New Year and all the best for a fun, productive, healthy 2023!

Calendar

Monday January 2 – Students Not in Session

Tuesday January 3 – School Reopens

Wednesday January 11-Friday 13 – Grade 6 ODS

Friday January 13 – Black Excellence Day

Monday January 16 – Elementary Band and Strings Registration Opens

Monday January 23 – Late French Immersion Parent Evening; 6:30

Wednesday January 25 – Staff Collaboration Day; **Students Dismissed at 2pm**

Thursday February 2 – Kindergarten Hearing and Dental Screening

Friday February 3 – Grade 7 Fundraiser – Hot Dog Lunch

Boundary News

2023-2024 Elementary Band and Strings – Registration Opens January 16th

Registration for the 2023/24 Elementary Band and Strings program will open on Monday, January 16th. The NVSD public webpage for the [Band and Strings](https://bit.ly/2LFPAre) (<https://bit.ly/2LFPAre>) has been updated and now contains the information for the 2023/24 school year.

Early registration is strongly encouraged as the **registration deadline is February 28th**. Registration on February 28th will be used to organize programming and staffing for September. Low registration numbers may result in program cancellations at school sites. Late registration may not be available and where offered, will be based on program availability at your school site and class size.

Stay Home When Sick

Please stay home when sick! It is important that we rest to get better and respect the health of others. If your child is sick, please contact Boundary's office by email boundary@sd44.ca or log your child's absence through Safe Arrival, which is part of the SchoolMessenger platform.

BPAC News

Playground Subcommittee

We would like to assemble a committee of people who could help navigate the process of procuring a new playground through government grants, private business as well as money the PAC has set aside for this large scale project. Please email chair@boundarypac.ca if you would like to join this committee.

Babysitting Course and Stay Safe; Home Alone

We will be offering both the Babysitting Course (ages 11-15) and the Stay Safe; Home Alone (ages 9-13) on Friday, February 17th through First Aid Hero.

Cost will be \$60 and space will be limited (30 spots per course).

Registration is available on boundary.hotlunches.net

Babysitting Course – 8:30 - 3:30

Stay Safe! Home Alone – 9:00 – 3:00

Each student will receive a manual for their respective courses as well as a certificate.

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

Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall (chair@boundarypac.ca)

Vice Chair – Nicole Durnin (vicechair@boundarypac.ca)

Secretary – Tracey O’Haggarty’s (secretary@boundarypac.ca)

Treasurer – Elizabeth Peon Valle / Joanna Watt (treasurer@boundarypac.ca)

Directors at Large: Samantha Gutmanis, Tania Kennedy, Leanne Menzies, Lindsay Marett, Zoe Guillemette

Hot Lunch Coordinator / Special Projects – Nicole Pajak / Tammy Gamel (hotlunch@boundarypac.ca)

Reminders

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Road Safety

Please practice road safety! There have been several concerning incidents with students being dropped off in the middle of the road, parents parking over the crosswalks, and families jaywalking between parked cars. Safety is everyone’s responsibility and one we take seriously here at Boundary. Please be mindful of dropping your child in a safe location, using crosswalks, and respecting the traffic rules. Thank you for your cooperation to help us keep our students safe!

Boundary Builds for The Shore

In December, we invited students of Boundary to bring in their best Lego Build for display. This year we had over 100 Lego displays! Currently, we are 2/5 of the way to meeting our goal of \$1000 in support of the Elizabeth Fry Society. You may still make **online donations at [canadahelps.org](https://bit.ly/3VN4ydz)** (<https://bit.ly/3VN4ydz>).

SD44 Chess Championship

This year's Chess tournament is scheduled for Friday, February 17th, 2022 (Provincial Pro-D) and will take place on the 5th floor of the Education Services Center (2121 Lonsdale). The tournament is free of charge and will start at 9:00am and be done by 3:00pm. If your child is interested in participating, please click <https://bit.ly/3B8vUTi>.

Recycling Drive for the Boundary Grade 7 Class of 2023

The 2023 Boundary Grade 7s are collecting cans, bottles, and other returnable to kick off their fundraising for end of year farewell celebrations.

There will be a bottle drive just after the Holidays on January 7/8th weekend, so save up those empties and look for more details to come in December.

In the meantime, you are able to return empties using the Return It Express system at any time. At the Express kiosk, enter the code 604 903 3260 (easy to remember, it is the school phone number), print off a label, stick onto your (clear) bag of returnables, scan the barcode, and deposit the bag. All money collected will go directly towards the grad fund. This will be ongoing for the rest of the school year - until the end of May.

The Grade 7s thank you for your contributions! If you have any questions or would like some pre-printed labels, please contact Claire (claireferrier@gmail.com).

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