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# Boundary e-News

January 22, 2023

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: January 23 to January 27, 2023

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
<b>LFI Orientation</b> Argyle Secondary	<b>Hot Lunch</b> White Spot Day	<b>Staff Collaboration</b> Early Dismissal 2pm		

Dear Boundary Families,

It has been a very busy few weeks at Boundary. We have now welcomed 18 new students from K-7 in the past 4 weeks! The students have arrived from both international and nearby locations. We know they have landed in a warm, supportive school with immense opportunities for growth and learning. Once again, please join us in welcoming the newest families to Boundary!

This past week we had many visitors join us at the school, to support the teaching and learning at Boundary. Overwhelmingly, we heard comments like: “the students at this school are so kind and inclusive” and “the staff at Boundary are so helpful and fun!” and “this is such a great school!” We wanted to share this with you because parents and families provide the foundational learning and support that we then nurture and grow through classroom lessons, collegial interactions, learning opportunities, and play. The Boundary Community is focussed on providing, teaching, and exemplifying the attributes of a healthy, vibrant learning community. We are proud and pleased to carry out this important and rewarding work alongside all of you.

Finally, we want to send wishes of good health and happiness for the Lunar New Year, which lands on this weekend. Lunar New Year celebrations originate from China, Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, and Indonesia and are celebrated the world over. According to the Chinese zodiac cycle, 2023 is the year of the Rabbit (specifically the Water Rabbit) which is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity. Happy New Year!

Please be safe, enjoy these welcome glimpses of sunshine, and have fun always.

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# Calendar

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

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

Thursday February 2 – Kindergarten Hearing and Dental Screening

Monday February 13 – BPAC Parent Meeting; 7pm

Tuesday February 14 – Valentine’s Day

Thursday February 16 – Argyle Choir Visit

Friday February 17 – District Professional Development Day – **Students Not in Session**

Friday February 17 – Baby Sitting Course

Friday February 17 – Stay Safe; Home Alone Course - **Full**

Monday February 20 – Family Day – **School Closed**

Wednesday February 22 – Pink Shirt Day

Monday March 6 – Reports Home

Wednesday March 8 – Conferences – **Students Dismissed at 2pm**

Thursday March 9 – Conferences – **Students Dismissed at 2pm**

Friday March 10 – Last Day Before Spring Break

Monday March 27 – School Re-Opens

Friday March 31 – BPAC Social

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## Boundary News

### 2023-2024 Elementary Band and Strings – Registration Opens January 16<sup>th</sup>

Registration for the 2023/24 Elementary Band and Strings program will open on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. Registration on February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Late French Immersion Information Session & Application Period

An information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) will be held at École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School on Monday, January 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Sign up for the session here.](#)

Applications to the program will be accepted beginning Monday, January 23 through to Friday, March 3. For more information about the program, including how to apply, visit our [Late French Immersion](#) 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.

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# BPAC News

## Parent Social

On Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting the Parent Social at Seymour's Pub in North Van. Join us for a fun evening of live music, a wine pull, 50/50 draw and more. Tickets will be \$35 which includes a \$20 voucher to redeem that evening at Seymour's Pub. More details to follow but SAVE-THE-DATE!

## Online Auction

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be hosting an online auction this Spring. We were blown away with the support we received from our school community and local businesses, and we wish to replicate this!

If you have something you would like to donate, please contact [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca)

## 8 Spots left in the Babysitting Course!

There are still a few spots left in the Babysitting Course! (ages 11-15)

First aid hero will be running this (as well as the Home Alone course) at our school on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Register at [boundary.hotlunches.net](http://boundary.hotlunches.net)

### **\*\* BABYSITTING COURSE ADJUSTED START TIME \*\***

- Babysitting Course – 9:00- 4:00
- Stay Safe! Home Alone – 9:00 – 3:00

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

## Have you signed up for Hot Lunch?

A reminder that we will continue our hot lunch cycle on Tuesdays for the remainder of the year. The first day for hot lunch in the 2nd half is Tuesday, February 7th. Please order on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be able to participate in the first date: [boundary.hotlunches.net](http://boundary.hotlunches.net)

## BPAC Meeting

Our next BPAC meeting will be Monday, February 13th. Please stay tuned for log in details and further information.

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## 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](http://boundarypac.ca)

## Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall ([chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca))

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Treasurer – Elizabeth Peon Valle / Joanna Watt ([treasurer@boundarypac.ca](mailto:treasurer@boundarypac.ca))

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

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# Reminders

## Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass program

The Canadian Ski Council, along with many ski resorts across Canada, are eager to welcome students in Grades 4 and 5 back to the slopes for the 2022-2023 season and offer families an affordable way to do so. For \$29.99 plus applicable taxes, students currently enrolled in Grades 4 or 5 can ski or snowboard twice at participating ski areas. Applications will be accepted until the end of March 2023. For more information and to apply, visit the [SnowPass](#) website.

## SD44 Chess Championship

This year's Chess tournament is scheduled for Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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>.

## 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!

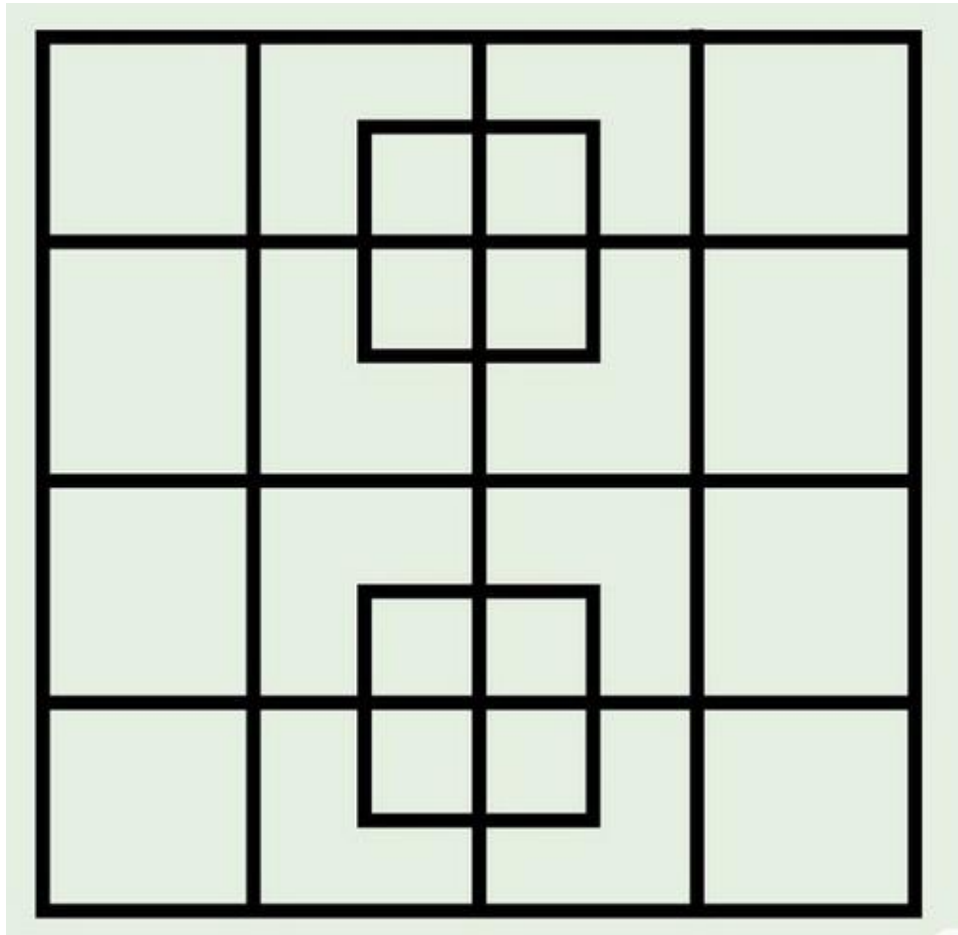
Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

## How Many Squares?

How many squares can you find in the following image?



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.rd.com](http://www.rd.com) for the puzzle