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# Boundary e-News

January 30, 2023

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: January 30 to February 3, 2023

| Monday<br>30 | Tuesday<br>31          | Wednesday<br>1 | Thursday<br>2 | Friday<br>3 |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
|              | Hot Lunch<br>Pizza Day |                |               |             |

Dear Boundary Families,

This past week has been a busy one at Boundary. We had a full week of focussed classroom instruction and as the weather dried out a bit, students enjoyed some drier outdoor play. Our outdoor spaces are vast and varied and students have many safe, supervised places in which to play. We also have a skilled group of older students who are available at recess and lunch to connect with younger students, help them find things to do, have conversations, and help them sort out small social challenges on the playground. We wanted to make sure that we acknowledged the important work that these “Peer Counsellors” do on the playground and in the classrooms as students prepare to head outside for fresh air and play. These leaders contribute greatly to Boundary’s social learning community.

Play is a vital part of student learning and at times children need guidance and direct instruction on how to play with others. Cooperative and social play often involve taking the perspective of another, using problem-solving skills, being patient if a plan changes, and regulating big emotions if things change during a play experience. These skills are being taught at every grade level and as students grow older, these play skills can be applied in future collaborative and cooperative relationships.

This weekend had some beautiful sunny stretches along with some very chilly temperatures. We hope that everyone was able to get outside for some physical and social play this weekend – forest adventures, a ball hockey game, some fort building, bike and scooter adventures, skipping rope! We expect this chilly weather to continue this coming week so please ensure that your child is prepared.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

# Calendar

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  
Thursday February 23 – Lockdown Drill  
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

### Late French Immersion Information & Application Period

Applications to the Grade 6 Late French Immersion program will run from 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.

### NVSD Art Education Update

Check out what is happening around the School District regard [Fine Arts](http://bit.ly/3XZyXXe) (<http://bit.ly/3XZyXXe>) . You will be surprised how much is happening!

### 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.

### Youth & Vaping - Information, Considerations & Impacts – February 9

Foundry North Shore – Vancouver Coastal Health, invites families\* and their children to a community conversation on youth and vaping. This in-person event will take place on Thursday, February 9 (7 to 9 p.m.) at Handsworth Secondary (1033 Handsworth Road, North Vancouver).

Led by Dr. Milan Khara and Lindsay MacDonald, both of whom have extensive knowledge on this subject matter, the session will help you feel more empowered and informed when having conversations with your children. Topics covered will include youth vaping rates, products, industry influence, health impacts, legislation, and local supports for youth. Please [RSVP using Eventbrite](#).

\*This event is recommended for families of students in Grades 6 and up. It is targeted to parents/caregivers, but youth are welcome (please register them for the event too).

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## BPAC News

### 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)

### PAC Donation Receipts

Tax receipts have been emailed for PAC donations. If you have not received one but donated to the PAC on hot lunch, please email [treasurer@boundarypac.ca](mailto:treasurer@boundarypac.ca)

### 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!

### 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 31st to be able to participate in the first date: [www.boundary.hotlunches.net](http://www.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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Hot Lunch Coordinator / Special Projects – Nicole Pajak / Tammy Gamel ([hotlunch@boundarypac.ca](mailto:hotlunch@boundarypac.ca))

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# Reminders

## 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.

## 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

