



ÉCOLE BOUNDARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
750 26<sup>th</sup> Street East, North Vancouver, B.C. V7K 1A4

Phone: 604.903.3260

Email: [boundary@sd44.ca](mailto:boundary@sd44.ca)

Website: [boundaryelementary.ca](http://boundaryelementary.ca)

---

# Boundary e-News

February 5, 2023

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: February 6 to February 10, 2023

Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10
	<p>Earth Rangers Presentation</p> <p>Hot Lunch</p> <p>Gr. 4 Instrument Demo</p>			

Dear Boundary Families,

It has been a soggy, cold weekend, but the land and water reservoirs sure need this. We hope you all were able to have some family and friend time and the opportunity to pursue activities that stretch or sooth your minds, souls, and bodies.

This past week, and going forward throughout the month of February, students are engaging in rich, thoughtful learning that supports growth and knowledge during Black History Month. Students are learning about important human contributions and successes in the areas of the arts, politics, sports, the sciences, and industry within Canada and around the world. A very important part of this work is to take a closer look at how Canada is doing in this area and to continue to do better by exposing and eliminating acts of racism and the nefarious, systemic racism that continues today. A group of Grade 7 students are also sharing their learning over our daily P.A. announcements. Change begins with education. Please take the time with your children to acknowledge, honour, and discuss the true history of Canada and the world. Together with knowledge we can do much better to make our communities safe, inclusive, and vibrant for all.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have experienced a spike in student absenteeism. The cold and flu season has hit hard for some families while others have managed to escape away on vacation. This is just a reminder that our office staff spend a significant amount of time locating students when have not been notified of an

absence. We ask that you please use the Messenger App to log an absence. This can be done for a single day or a range of days. In addition, please email your child's classroom teacher AND the main office at [boundary@sd44.ca](mailto:boundary@sd44.ca). Please include the dates / times of the absence and let us know if this is an illness, vacation, or appointment. We are required to code each absence.

---

## Calendar

Tuesday February 7 – Earth Rangers Presentation  
Tuesday February 7 – Gr. 4 Instrument Demo  
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

---

## Boundary News

### Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey (SLS), administered annually by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, is open to students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents/guardians, and staff and administrators in B.C. public schools. The survey covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in B.C. public schools and valuable insight for addressing current needs and trends.

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in the survey, available in English, French and additional languages, until Saturday, April 29. Information about the survey, including a survey link is available on the [Student Learning Survey](#) web page.

### New registration and transfer requests - Deadline of March 3

Priority placement for new registrations and transfers for Grades 1-12 ends on Friday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Visit the [2023/2024 Registrations and Transfer Requests](#) web page for detailed information.

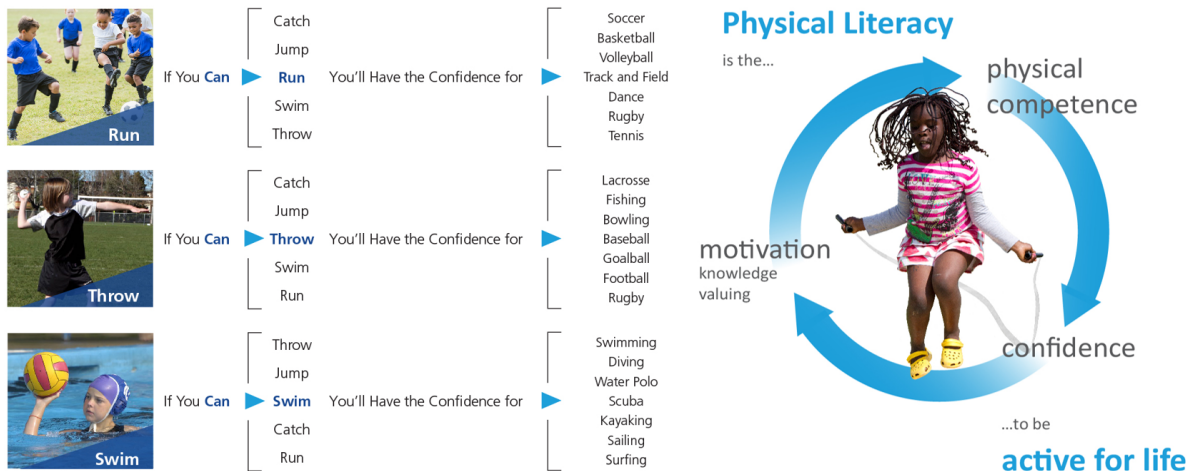
## Physical Literacy at Boundary

Over the past two months, six Boundary classes have been participating in the Physical Literacy Project. This project is part of a multicomponent school-based health promotion initiative for B.C. elementary schools. A Physical Literacy Lead has been supporting the school with instruction and assessment around physical activity and physical literacy.

The goal of this initiative is to enhance school-wide understanding and culture of physical activity and literacy across all grades and support school-based initiative(s) to make learning active and physically engaging across all instructional areas!

Physical literacy is about developing the fundamental movement skills that children need, such as running, catching, and kicking. These skills give students the confidence and motivation to participate in a variety of physical activities, games, and sports.

Teachers have been learning alongside the students which



## 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

## Parent Social

After a pandemic pause, the Boundary Parent Social is back! Join fellow Boundary parents at Seymour's Pub for a lively evening of great food, drinks and Boundary banter. The party is on Friday, March 31st at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$35 and include a \$20 voucher for food and drink. Bring cash for the 50/50 draw and the much-loved wine pull. Tickets can be purchased on [Hot Lunch](#). We hope to see you there!!

We are looking for bottles of wine to be donated to the Wine Pull. Please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca) if you have a \$20+ bottle of wine you would like to donate!

### Playground Sub-committee

Thank you to the volunteers who have joined our Playground Sub-committee. We have a wonderful group of people who share the common goal of revamping the play spaces at Boundary!

### Online Auction

The Online Auction will take place from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are now actively seeking donations so if you have something you would like to donate please contact [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca).

### BPAC Meeting

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

---

### 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))

Vice Chair – Nicole Durnin ([vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca))

Secretary – Tracey O’Haggarty’s ([secretary@boundarypac.ca](mailto:secretary@boundarypac.ca))

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

---

## Reminders

### Band Times Have Switched!

Starting February 13, the Beginning and Continuing Bands have switched time slots. On Tuesday, Beginner Band will begin at 12:20pm and Continuing Band at 1:00pm. On Thursdays, Beginning Band begins at 8:00am and Continuing Band begins at 8:40am.

### 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.

### 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>) 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.

### 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).

### 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



## WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

### Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- The protection of your child. Without proper rest a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be open to other illnesses
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school
- The protection of other children and staff
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need

### Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. COVID-19, Norovirus, Whooping Cough, influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, measles or any other undiagnosed rash)
- Keep your child home until they cannot infect others or as told by a health care provider
- Have vomiting or diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 48 hours before returning to school
- Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the schools call back procedures. Make sure you have arranged an emergency contact in case the school finds it necessary to send your child home due to illness and you are not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

### Where can I find more Information?

- COVID-19 self-assessment tool: <https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/>
- COVID information <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>
- Health Link BC – online [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca) or dial 811
- North Shore School Health Manual: <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/children-youth-schools/school-health/north-shore-school-health-manual>

# ★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

## River Crossing

Three travellers need to cross a river. The first traveller has two bags. The second traveller has one bag. The third traveller has no bags.

Rules:

1. The raft can hold either two travellers OR one traveller and one bag
2. No traveller should be left alone with another traveller's bag



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