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Boundary e-News

February 12, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: February 13 to February 17, 2023

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
BPAC Meeting 7pm on Zoom	Valentine's Day Hot Lunch Subway		Argyle Choir Visit	Pro-D Students Not in Session Babysitting Course Stay Safe Course

Dear Boundary Families,

This past week Boundary students have been engaged in focussed classroom activities and learning about 'kindness'. Although this is a year-round expectation, we often need reminders and focused instruction on the 'knowledge', the 'doing' and the 'understanding' of what kindness is, what it looks and feels like, and why it is so important for everyone in a community. When we all work together to accept and celebrate differences and to lift each other up with kindness and love, the community becomes strengthened, enriched, and productive. When students have a sense of belonging in their school community, they are better able to learn and thrive. Please ask your child about their lessons, classroom conversations, and their own 'kindness' actions.

The next 2 weeks will both be shorter 4-day weeks, with a Professional Day this coming Friday and the Provincial Family Day holiday on Monday, February 20th. This coming Friday, all educators throughout the School District will be engaged in professional learning opportunities. We value this time to add to our practice and to bring new knowledge, skills, and understanding into school. We hope that all of you will be able to take advantage of this coming weekend to engage in family activities that celebrate and connect you.

One last note, it looks like this coming week will be a very mixed bag of weather, including beautiful sunshine expected on Valentines Day, followed by the possibility of mixed rain and snow! We are not quite done with winter. As always, please ensure that your child is prepared with the footwear and a backup set of clothing in the event of a puddle mishap! We had quite a few of those this past week!

Looking forward to another week filled with kindness and love.

Calendar

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

Thursday February 23 – Body Science Boot Camp for Parents; 6:30 on Zoom

Thursday March 2 – Sexual Health Student Workshops

Friday March 3 – Sexual Health Student Workshops

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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Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 22, Boundary will be showing support by wearing pink for Pink Shirt Day. This Pink Shirt Day, our focus is working together and treating others with dignity and respect. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all and has shown the importance of helping one another and advocating for those who need it. Help us “lift each other up” and support programs, attitudes, and actions, that encourage healthy self-esteem and teach empathy, compassion, and kindness.

Saleema Noon-Body Talks

Every other year, the Boundary PAC supports Boundary Elementary by providing funding to bring instruction in sexual health. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for education. On Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 to 8:00 there will be a parent information session through Zoom. Student’s will be involved in sessions on Thursday March 2nd and Friday March 3rd. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information. More specific information will be emailed later this week.

Teacher / Parent Conferences

For term two, we will continue to use MS Teams booking Teacher / Parent conferences. Conferences begin the week of March 6th with early dismissal on Wednesday March 8th and Thursday March 9th at 2:00pm. The conference sign-up will begin on Sunday February 26th at 7pm and will end on March 5th at 8pm. Sign-up will

not be available outside of these time slots. Term two reports are uploaded on Monday March 5th. Additional information regarding the sign-up will be in next Sunday's newsletter.

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.

Recycling Drive for the Boundary Grade 7 Class of 2023 is Ongoing!

A reminder that the Grade 7 recycling drive is ongoing throughout this school year. You can return cans, bottles, and milk and other recyclable cartons using the Return It Express system at any time. At the Express Kiosk, enter the following code; **604 903 3260** (the school phone number).

Then, print off a label, stick onto your clear, *remember to scan the barcode!* and deposit the bag. If using the bin drop off at an Express-and-Go location (e.g. in the Superstore car park), the [PIN to open the bin is 599103.](#)

All money collected will go directly towards the grad fund for their end of year farewell celebrations. If you have any questions or would like some pre-printed labels, please contact the fundraising committee at boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com.

The Grade 7s thank you for your contributions!

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

Online Auction Fundraiser

The Online Auction will take place from May 1st to May 8th. We are now actively seeking donations so if you have something to would like to donate, please contact chair@boundarypac.ca.

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 if you have a \$20+ bottle of wine you would like to donate!*

BPAC Meeting

Our next BPAC meeting will be Monday, February 13th. Please stay tuned for log in details that will be sent out Monday afternoon.

Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](https://www.instagram.com/BoundaryPAC)

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](https://www.facebook.com/BoundaryPac)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](https://twitter.com/BoundaryPAC)

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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.

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.

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 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>) 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.

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



Talk Sex Today.

Body Science Boot Camp for Parents

Parenthood never arrives with a rulebook, and when it comes to explaining the world of sexual health to your child, it can be hard not to end up a bright shade of red. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show you how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids.

In this workshop parents will learn:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes
- How to become their kids' preferred source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students
- **This workshop will be delivered via live Zoom!**

Join us!

When: Thursday, February 23, 2023

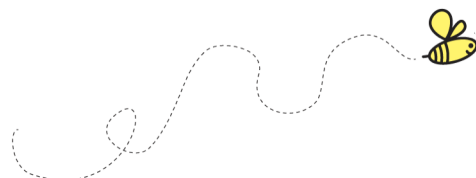
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For more information about Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators go to www.saleemanoon.com.

Smart decisions start here.

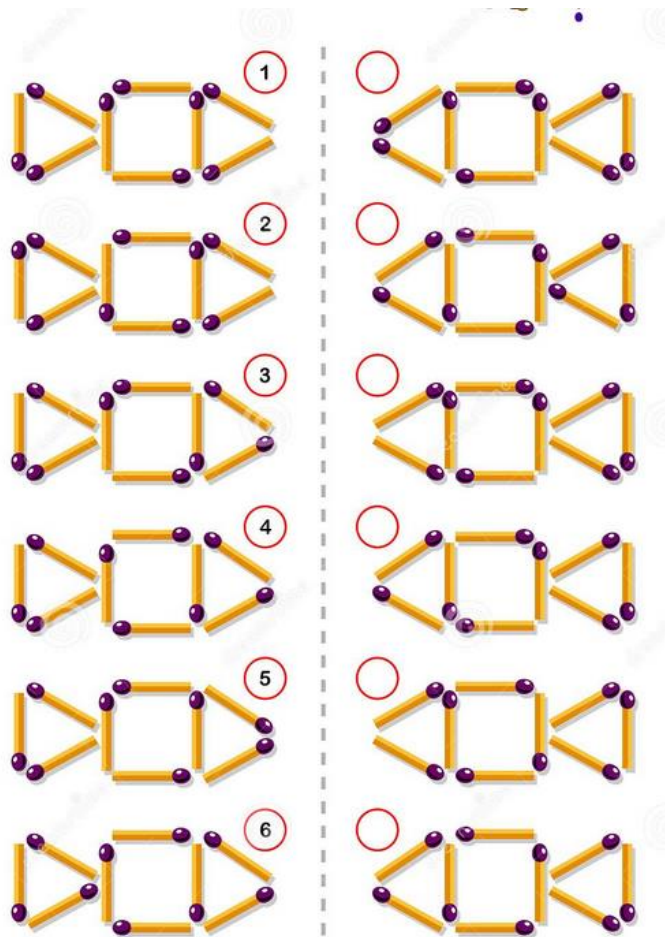
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★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Find the Reflection

Look at the images on the left and find the correct reflection for each matchstick fish



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 dreamstime.com for the puzzle