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Boundary e-News

February 19, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: February 20 to February 24, 2023

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Family Day No School	Hot Lunch Moveable Feast Gr.7 Girls Tripleball at André Piolat Gr.6 Girls Tripleball at Boundary	Pink Shirt Day Gr.7 Boys Tripleball at Boundary Gr.6 Boys Tripleball at Brooksbank	Lockdown Drill Body Science Parent Meeting 6:30-8:00 Zoom	

Dear Boundary Families,

This coming week is a short one and we do hope you have all enjoyed connecting with family and friends this long weekend.

At Boundary School, we know that kindness can go a long way in creating a culture of positivity and inclusion. Staff and students are continuing the important work of developing strong social-emotional skills that support the development of empathy, acceptance, and self-worth. Many classes are focussing the learning on developing a strong sense of identity and pride in where we come from and what makes us unique. This coming week we will celebrate and extend the learning on February 22nd, Pink Shirt Day, through classroom activities and a school-wide assembly.

Parents also have an evening of learning available this coming Thursday night. This evening session will be an important "Body Science" preview that will offer information about the upcoming classroom Sexual Health lessons. Please see below for more information.

Once again, winter is still with us and there is a likelihood of some snowfall and some very cold temperatures. Please continue to monitor the District and school websites for any additional information. Dress warmly, so we can have some fun!

With kindness and appreciation.

Calendar

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; 6:30pm on Zoom
Sunday February 26 – Conference Sign-Up; 7:00pm
Thursday March 2 – Sexual Health Student Workshops
Thursday March 2 – Grade 4 ODS Parent Meeting; 5:30pm in the MPR
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 After Spring Break
Friday March 31 – BPAC Social

Boundary News

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 from 6:30 to 8:00pm there will be a parent information session through Zoom. Student’s will be involved in sessions on Thursday March 2nd and Friday March 3rd. The link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed out 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 6th.

Keeping Boundary Beautiful

Ownership is important! Each week, classes take part in school grounds cleanup to show ownership. We have been noticing a big increase in garbage on our grounds. We encourage families to pack snacks in reusable containers and we ask students take their lunch garbage home. Consider packing a litter free lunch to reduce waste and keep our school grounds clean!

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

Join fellow Boundary parents at Seymour's Pub for a lively evening of great food, drinks and Boundary banter 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!*

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

BPAC Meeting

Thank you for joining the BPAC meeting on Monday, February 13th!

Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Website: boundarypac.ca

Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall (chair@boundarypac.ca)

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

Reminders

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](https://bit.ly/2TzQ17N) (<https://bit.ly/2TzQ17N>) 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!

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) (<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!

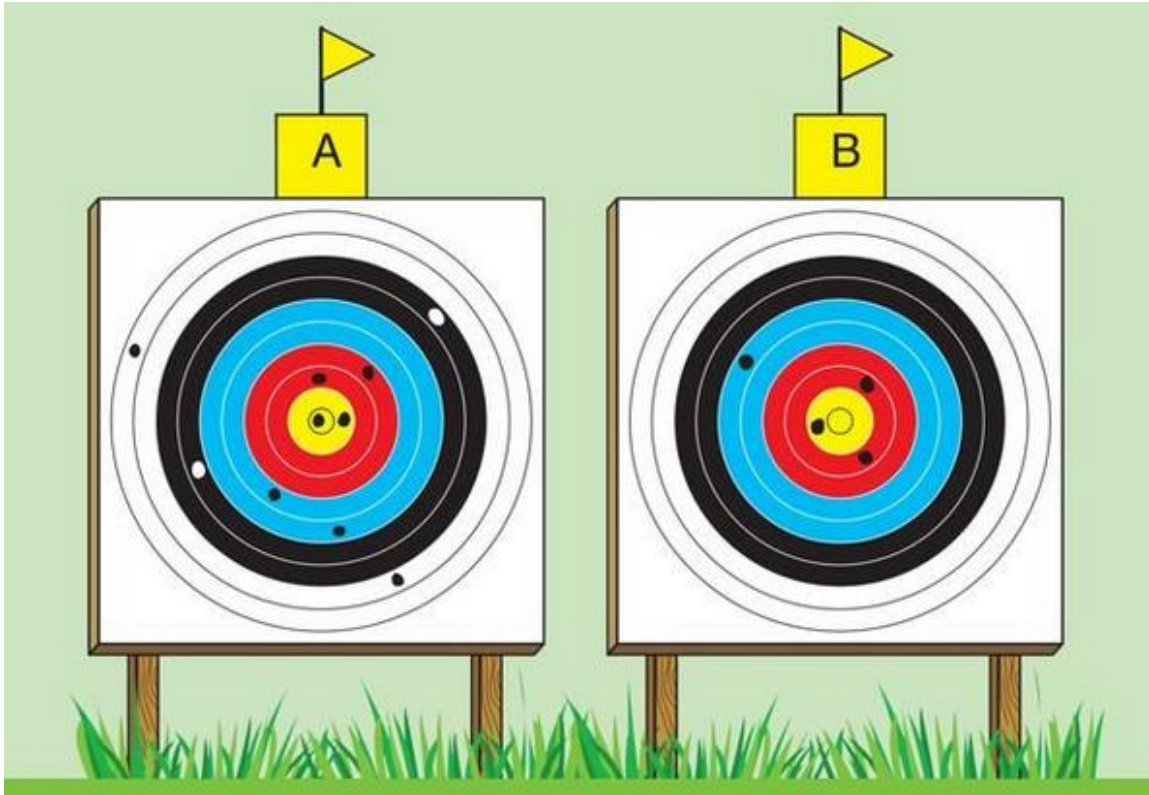
Tim MacLeod
Principal

Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Bullseye!

How many points does Archer B score knowing that the total score of Archer A is 55 and that different points are earned in the ten zones in ascending value toward the center?



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 rd.com for the puzzle



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

Time: 6:30

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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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