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Boundary e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: February 27 to March , 2023

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 01	Thursday 02	Friday 03
Gr.7 Boys Tripleball at Argyle	DreamRider Presentation Hot Lunch White Spot Gr.7 Girls Tripleball at Boundary Gr.6 Girls Tripleball at Lynn Valley		Body Science K-7 Grade 4 ODS Meeting 5:30pm	Body Science K-7

Dear Boundary Families,

We hope you are taking time to enjoy the blast of winter weather that is upon us. At this time, we are uncertain about what Monday morning will bring, so please stay informed by checking the District and School websites for any new information.

This past week was a short one full of learning. Boundary parents joined in on the learning this past Thursday evening with Julie, an instructor with the Saleema Noon Body Science and Sexual Health Team. Julie provided an overview of the upcoming sessions that will be presented with the K-7 students at Boundary. We have set a schedule for these sessions over 2 days. If you have any further questions about these sessions, please contact your child's teacher. More information below.

Term 2 is coming to an end in this year-long continuous learning experience. Teachers are now summarizing student learning progress and preparing report cards to share with you. An important part of this communication and collaboration process is meeting with your child and their teacher to celebrate successes and set goals for the final term of this school year. Boundary teachers will be available to meet with you either

in-person, online, or through a Student-Led conference format. Appointments can be made online beginning this Sunday evening at 7 pm. Please see details below.

Be safe and have some snow fun this weekend!

Calendar

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

Saleema Noon-Body Talks

We would like to remind you that the Saleema Noon Presentation Body Talks will be taking place this Thursday and Friday for students in grades K to 7. This is an important presentation that will cover important topics related to physical and emotional health, including body changes, hygiene, and self-esteem.

We encourage all parents to speak with their children in advance of the presentation, to help prepare them for the content that will be covered. Additionally, we invite families to have discussions with their children after the presentation, to reinforce the messages and answer any questions that may arise.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Saleema Noon Presentation Body Talks, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, Ms. Wardas or Mr. MacLeod. They will be happy to address any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to the successful presentations.

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 at 4:00.

Please email your child's teacher directly for changes that need to be made after Sunday March 5th at 8:00.

Please click on the link to access your child's class through MS Bookings: <https://bit.ly/2XnisKz>

When signing up for a conference time, please click the “!” beside the teacher’s name to find additional information regarding the conference options. Please complete all the sections required. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher.

If you are meeting online, please log in using the invite sent to the email address indicated. Please join the meeting at least 5 minutes before the indicated time to correct any technology challenges. It is recommended that you download the MS Teams App before the conference. The teacher will join the meeting at the indicated time. As meetings are back-to-back, time is tight so please be on time and prepared. If you have any technical questions, please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

Please see the chart below for your child’s teacher’s conference format.

Teacher(s)	In-Person	Online	Student-Led
Dale	Yes	Yes	
Fletcher	Yes		
Halliday	Yes	Yes	
Meyer	Yes		
Streat	Yes	Yes	
Chorney-Wilson	Yes		
Chow	Yes	Yes	
Falconer	Yes		
Siddal/Warren	Contact Ms. Warren directly		
Johnson/Cockburn			Yes
Rispin/Lee	Yes		
Weber			Yes
Oucharek	Yes	Yes	
Koenigsfest			Yes
Hall	Yes	Yes	
Mavor	Yes	Yes	
Midzain (ELL)	Yes		
Rush (LST)		Yes	
Wardas (LST)	Yes	Yes	

Tripleball

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the coaches and volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to support and coach our grade 6 and grade 7 volleyball teams. These individuals have worked tirelessly, putting in countless hours of hard work, and have helped our students to grow not only as athletes but as individuals.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Dale for her unwavering commitment and dedication to the team. Her positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond have helped to create a culture of teamwork and excellence that has had a lasting impact on our students.

In addition, we would also like to thank Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Haliday, Mme Mavor, and Ms. Lee for their amazing dedication to our students and willingness to put in the extra hours.

To Ms. Dale, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Halliday, Mme Mavor, and Ms. Lee, we want to express our sincerest gratitude. Thank you for all the hard work, dedication, and support that you have given to our students. Your efforts have made a profound impact on their lives, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done.

Nut Aware

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that École Boundary is a nut aware school. This means that while we are not a nut-free school, we strive to minimize the risk of nut exposure to our students with severe nut allergies.

We kindly ask that families refrain from sending any food items that contain nuts or nut products to school. This includes any snacks, lunches, or treats that may contain nuts or nut by-products. This is crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students.

We understand that nuts are a common and nutritious snack for many families, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our students. We encourage families to choose nut-free alternatives when packing lunches and snacks for their children.

It's important to note that while we take every precaution possible to ensure a nut-aware environment, we cannot guarantee that our school is completely nut-free. Cross-contamination is always a possibility, and some families may have nut products in their homes before coming to school. Therefore, we rely on everyone to be vigilant and take every precaution to minimize the risk of nut exposure.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. MacLeod if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Seymour's Pub – March 31st

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

Social Media

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

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

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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

Special Numbers

The number 49 is special because

$$4 \times 9 + (4 + 9)$$

$$4 \times 9 + 13$$

$$36 + 13 = 49$$

What is another special two-digit number? How many can you find?

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 mathchallenges.net for the puzzle