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# Boundary e-News

March 26, 2023

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: March 27 to March 31, 2023

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
Welcome Back	Hot Lunch Sushi		Hot Lunch White Spot (Rescheduled from February 28 <sup>th</sup> - Snow Day)	BPAC Social

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Welcome back!

We hope this finds you all rested and filled with memorable experiences and moments with family and friends. Whether you traveled afar or stayed close to home, we hope you found some time for adventure and play over this Spring Break. Close to home, we had a few warm sunny days as well as some wet, chilly ones. As the earth warms up in this part of the world, we are beginning to feel the tree pollen in the air, see the daffodils bloom, and watch the dandelions open up. This is also the time of year when more of the local wildlife emerges and forages for food. Please remember to freeze or secure food waste before placing it out on the curb for pickup. Help keep the local wildlife “wild” by being responsible with and minimizing our human food waste.

This coming week at Boundary, will be a gentle start up as students fall back into the routines of their classrooms. For some families, this return to a ‘schedule’ will be challenging and for others it will be welcomed and embraced. Please be kind to yourselves and to one another this coming week as we are all returning from a variety of vacation experiences and routines. If there has been any significant changes or experiences that may effect the social or emotional well-being of your child over the past 2 weeks, please know that we are here to support as needed.

We are in for a mixed bag of weather this coming week. Please ensure that any ‘spare clothing’ that may have been returned home prior to the break, is replenished and well marked with your child’s name. Outdoor play continues to be an important part of the school day, every day, and on occasion, a ‘mud mishap’ will happen! Also, the mornings will be chilly but we may have some warm afternoons. Often during this seasonal transition, students will go outside with a jacket, play and run hard, then shed the jacket, and forget it outside! It is most helpful if you can also label jackets and hoodies with your child’s name so they can be returned easily.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning! As always, if your child will be absent or late please notify the office (email or Messenger) and your child's classroom teacher.

# Calendar

Monday March 27 – School Re-Opens After Spring Break  
Tuesday March 28 – Hot Lunch  
Thursday March 30 – Hot Lunch (Rescheduled from February 28<sup>th</sup>)  
Friday March 31 – Hot Cross Bun Orders Due  
Friday March 31 – BPAC Social  
Tuesday April 4 – Hot Lunch  
Friday April 7 – Good Friday – **Students Not in Session**  
Monday April 10 – Easter Monday – **Students Not in Session**  
Tuesday April 11 – Hot Lunch  
Wednesday April 12 – April 14 – Grade 4 at Cheakamus Centre Outdoor School  
Tuesday April 18 – Hot Lunch  
Thursday April 20 – Class Photos  
Tuesday April 25 – Hot Lunch  
Wednesday April 26 – Staff Collaboration Day (**Early Dismissal at 2pm**)  
Monday May 1 – Asian History Month  
Tuesday May 2 – Hot Lunch

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# Boundary News

## Litterless Lunch

On the Friday before the break, all K to grade 5 students attended the DreamRider presentation, Zero Heroes. The focus was on waste reduction (<http://bit.ly/40EGOpA>). This program was a good reminder for everyone about our Litterless Lunch Program. This initiative is aimed at reducing the amount of waste generated during lunchtime, promoting sustainability and teaching our students about the importance of protecting our environment.

Starting this week, we will be encouraging all students to bring their lunches with reusable containers and utensils. This means saying goodbye to single-use plastic bags, disposable food containers, and plastic utensils. Instead, students will be bringing lunch boxes, thermoses, and washable containers.

We believe that this program will not only have a positive impact on the environment, but it will also encourage our students to take ownership of their actions and make conscious choices that promote sustainability. We hope that this initiative will help our students understand the importance of reducing waste, and encourage them to carry these habits beyond the school grounds.

We want to thank you in advance for your support of this initiative. We hope that you will join us in this effort to protect our planet and build a brighter future for our children.

## Road Safety

At Boundary, the safety of our students, staff, and community is a top priority. That's why we want to remind everyone about the importance of traffic safety. It's not just the responsibility of drivers, but everyone who uses the roads and sidewalks around the school.

We urge you to adhere to the posted speed limit and parking bylaws to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other drivers. We also ask that you be considerate of our neighbours and avoid blocking their driveways. For our students, we strongly encourage them to use the designated crosswalks when crossing the road. It's essential that they understand the importance of following road safety rules to keep themselves and others safe. Let's work together to create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our community.

## 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.

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# BPAC News

## Save the Date

The Spring Carnival has been booked! We are over the moon to announce that the Lynn Valley Lions will once again be supporting our school Spring Carnival. The volunteers with this organization are second to none, and we couldn't be more pleased that they have once again agreed to support our school.

## Mark your calendars for Friday, May 26th.

We have secured the climbing wall through Climb Base Five again, as well as many of the same attractions as last year; bouncy castles, the giant slide, games and so much more.

There is the option to "Sponsor an Attraction" again this year. More details to follow on how to become a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsor and have your company and/or name displayed.

## See you at the Social!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at **The Parent Social this Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>!** There are still a few tickets available; \$35/each and include a \$20 voucher for food and drink and can be purchased on [Hot Lunch](#).

## Online Auction

Between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> the PAC will be hosting an Online Auction. The PAC have been VERY busy collecting donations and we look forward to this being a successful fundraiser! If you would like to donate please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca)

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## Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

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

## Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall ([chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca))

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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))

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# Reminders

## British Columbia Training & Education Savings Grant Information

In British Columbia, families are encouraged to start early planning and financial preparation for their children's post-secondary education or training programs. To aid with this effort, the B.C. Government will provide \$1,200 to qualifying children via the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG).

Children can request the grant between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9. Both the child and the parent or guardian must reside in British Columbia at the time of application and possess a valid Social Insurance Number. (<http://bit.ly/3yg7zsM>)

## Student Learning Survey Reminder

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.

## 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.

### **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 bag of recycling, remember to scan the barcode! and deposit the bag. Note that we are unable to use the bin drop off at an Express-and-Go location (e.g. in the Superstore car park), as the access procedure for the bins was changed and only the account holder may access. Please return to a depot (e.g. opposite Park & Tilford).

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](mailto:boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com).

The Grade 7s thank you for your contributions!

### **2023-2024 Elementary Band and Strings**

Late registration for Band and Strings runs from March 10 to September 29. To register for Band and Strings please see the [NVSD website \(http://bit.ly/2LFPArE\)](http://bit.ly/2LFPArE).

### **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!

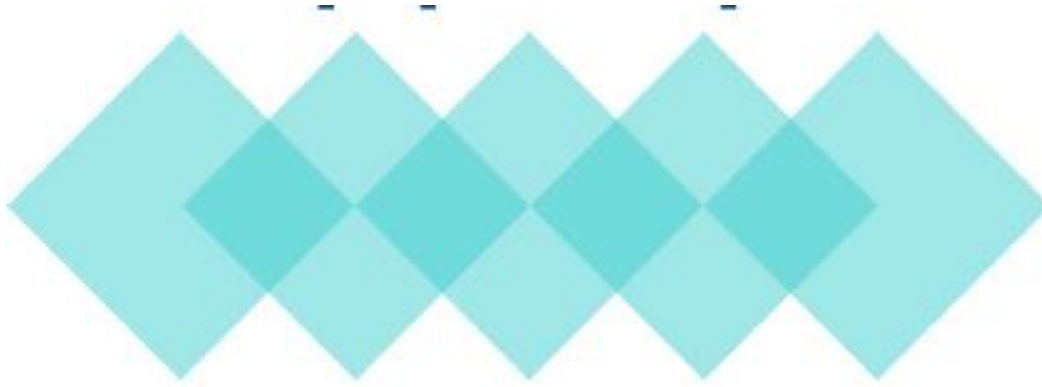
Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

**How Many Squares?**

How many squares can you count in this image?



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 [www.rdasia.com](http://www.rdasia.com) for the puzzle



# Boundary Elementary Hot Cross Buns

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GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER

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March 5, 2023

Please note for this fundraiser we will be collecting CASH ONLY!  
PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORMS to the school office with the exact amount of  
CASH by LATEST FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2023. PLEASE BE PROMPT!

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate number of packs you would like to order.**

Hot Cross Buns \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 pack of 6  
Total : \_\_\_\_\_

All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on  
Wednesday April 5th.

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Thank you for supporting the grade 7 fundraiser

