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Boundary e-News

April 2, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: April 3 to April 7, 2023

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
	Hot Lunch Subway			Good Friday School Closed

Dear Boundary Families,

We sure enjoyed some beautiful spring weather earlier this week but winter still wants to hang around for a couple more days. We wanted to acknowledge the work of some of our kindergarten students and Mrs. Oucharek, for planting the beautiful tulips at the front of the school. This has added some colourful spring cheer to the entrance of Boundary.

This past week students appreciated reconnecting with each other after two weeks apart. The warm, sunny days offered many opportunities for some extra outdoor learning, exercise, and play. Many classrooms are focussing some learning on the science of the seasons, animal growth, adaptation, life and water cycles, and the rebirth of plants and trees in our coastal rain forest. We are grateful to be living and learning on these lands and we have a responsibility to care for, protect, and nurture the land that gives us life. Your ongoing conversations and support of these concepts will help deepen your child's appreciation, learning, and responsible actions. We thank you for this.

In the coming weeks and months, staff will continue to dive more deeply into the new Provincial Reporting Order that outlines the changes in the ways we will be Communicating Student Learning (reporting and report cards). This work also includes bringing students into the process so that they can better understand how their learning is described, measured, and communicated. Please take some time to read the information sent home by the School District prior to Spring Break (links below). NVPAC will also host an information session for parents in late April. We will also send home more information before the end of this school year, in preparation for the changes coming in the 2023/24 school year.

We hope you were able to join the amazing PAC at the parent social this past Friday night. We really needed this! Thank you to the PAC for organizing.

Have a wonderful weekend and please remember to alert your child's teacher and the main office if your child will be absent due to illness, appointments, or vacation.

Calendar

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

Boundary News

Report Card Changes are Coming

Exciting changes are on the horizon for student reporting in the 2023-2024 school year. The province is currently focused on updating the reporting language, with the goal of improving the way we communicate student progress to parents and caregivers. We are thrilled to share that progress has been made towards these efforts and invite you to click on the following link to learn more about what's in store (<https://bit.ly/3TWFuAR>).

Furthermore, we want to share with you the recent superintendents' update on these changes, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/42Rg9wn>. We encourage you to review this update for a comprehensive understanding of what the new reporting system will entail.

We understand the importance of clear and informative communication between schools and families. With these changes, we aim to provide more detailed and meaningful information about your child's progress, in a language that is easy to understand. As we move towards the implementation of the new reporting system, we look forward to working with our parent community to ensure that everyone is informed and engaged in the learning process. Together, we can support our students and help them reach their full potential.

10 Week Multi-Sport After School Program at Boundary Elementary (K-3)

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day! Any level or experience welcome.

Dates: Tuesdays, April 11 - June 13

Times: 3:00 - 4:30pm (90 Minutes)

Location: Boundary Gymnasium

Cost: \$300/Student + GST

Grades: K-3

Spots Available: 25

To Book: <https://bit.ly/3nsVbUd>

NOTE: *This program is only available to Grade K-3 students currently enrolled at Boundary Elementary.*

Not Getting the Newsletter?

If you're not receiving our weekly newsletter, it's possible that it's being filtered into your junk mail folder. We want to make sure you're staying up to date with all the latest news and information from the Boundary community, so please take a moment to check your email settings and ensure that the Boundary e-News is set to arrive in your inbox.

In the event that you still can't find our newsletter, don't worry - you can always access the most recent and past editions at our website, located at <http://bit.ly/3JVTaHL>. This link will take you directly to the archive of our newsletter, where you can browse through previous editions and catch up on any news you may have missed.

We want to make sure you're informed about everything that's happening at Boundary Elementary. By ensuring that our newsletter is reaching your inbox, you can stay up to date on the latest news, events, and other important information. Thank you for taking the time to check your email settings and for your continued support of our school.

Track and Field

We are thrilled to announce that Track and Field season is quickly approaching! This exciting event is open to all students in grades 4 through 7, and we encourage everyone to come out and join in on the fun. Whether your child is a seasoned athlete or new to the sport, there's something for everyone in Track and Field.

Throughout the season, there will be a mixture of in-school and out-of-school practices, providing ample opportunity for students to develop their skills and work towards their personal best. We encourage parents to keep their eyes and ears open for more information about practice schedules and locations, as we want to ensure that everyone is informed and up-to-date.

In addition to the physical benefits of participating in Track and Field, this sport also promotes teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. By working together to achieve common goals, students learn valuable life skills that will serve them well beyond their time in school.

We believe that participation in extracurricular activities like Track and Field is an important part of a well-rounded education. It provides students with a chance to explore new interests, build relationships with peers, and develop important skills that will benefit them in all areas of their lives. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the track this season, and to cheering on our talented and hardworking athletes.

BPAC News

Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who came to the parent social on Friday and thank you to those of you who donated wine for the wine pull. Despite the band possibly being a touch loud for some of us, the event was a great success! A huge shout out to the members of the PAC who organized!

Spring Carnival May 26th

The Spring Carnival has been booked for May 26th. We are over the moon to announce that the Lynn Valley Lions will once again be supporting our 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.

We have some new attractions and exciting things lined up for 2023!

If you would like to “Sponsor an Attraction” please email chair@boundarypac.ca. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsorship opportunities available.

Social Media

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Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

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

Reminders

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.

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 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.

The Grade 7s thank you for your contributions!

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

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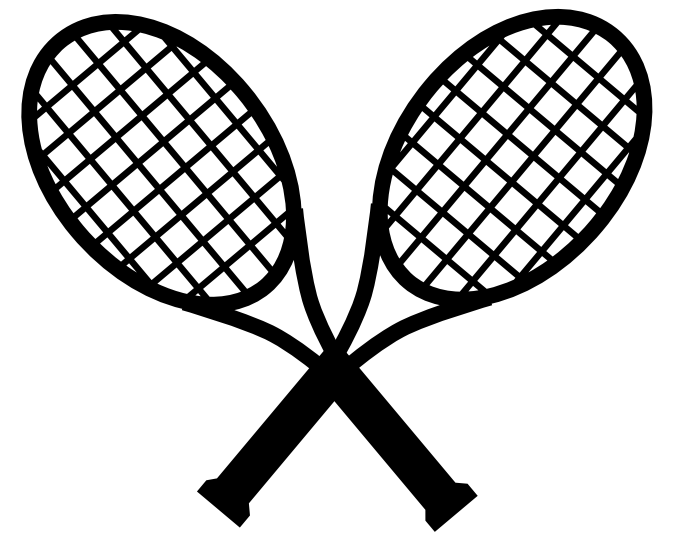
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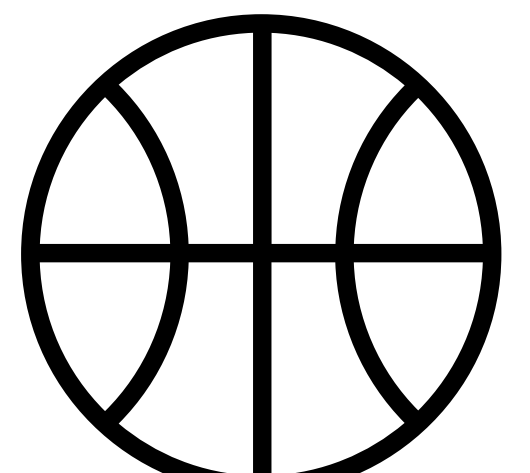
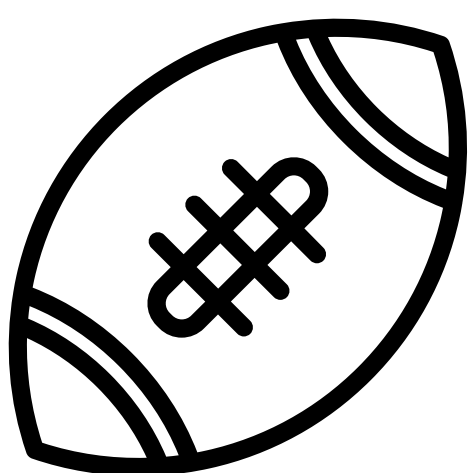
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★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Tallest to Shortest

Six neighbourhood children—Leisha, Benito, Delia, Charlotte, Weldon, and Zina—were measured yesterday. Weldon is taller than Delia but shorter than Zina. Leisha is taller than Benito but shorter than Delia and Weldon. Benito is not the shortest. List the kids in order of height from tallest to shortest.



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 readersdigest.ca for the puzzle