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Boundary e-News

April 10, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: April 11 to April 15, 2023

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
Easter Monday	Hot Lunch Moveable Feast K-3 Sport Program 3:00-4:30 Full	ODS Grade 4		

Dear Boundary Families,

We hope that you all were able to make some time over the past long weekend for family, friends, and for yourself to connect, relax, and perhaps prepare for the spring season that is finally upon us. It has been a chilly few days with some long rainy ones in the mix. The earth is taking its time to warm up, but we are now seeing some of the familiar West Coast blooms in the forests, neighbourhoods, and gardens.

This coming week, the Grade 4 students will be attending the overnight Outdoor School program at the Cheakamus Centre for 3 days of outdoor learning and fun. We want to thank the organizing and attending staff members for their time and dedication in making this program happen for students. Without fail, this experience becomes one of the most memorable for the students who attend. Please be sure to read the information below and to check email for important updates.

Along with the season of spring, and nature's rebirth, comes many seasonal outdoor sporting activities offered both in the community and at school. Track and Field is one of the only school-based sporting events that welcomes ALL students from Grades 4-7 to participate, train, set goals, practice resilience, and then compete with some of the best and budding athletes in North Vancouver. Things will be a bit different this season, with the absence of the traditional Swangard venue, but nonetheless it will be exciting and competitive, as we compete locally, in North Vancouver, for the qualification rounds and the final track meet. T&F is a very busy season with lots of information sent home with athletes, by email, and posted on our website. If your child plans to train and compete in any of the events, please remain alert and up to date with the flow of information. More information below.

Welcome back and here's to another mixed bag of weather upon us this week. Let's enjoy the sunshine and, as always, be prepared for the April showers!

Calendar

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**)
Friday April 28 – Hot Dog Lunch
Monday May 1 – Asian History Month
Tuesday May 2 – Hot Lunch
Wednesday May 3 – Track Mini Meet @ Sutherland
Monday May 8 Professional Development Day – **Students Not in Session**

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Hot Dog Day - April 28

The Grade 7s are running their second major fundraiser on April 28 - Hot Dog Day! This will be a Friday "hot lunch", with options to purchase a hot dog or veggie dog (gluten-free buns available), juice box, and/or extra snack. We are running this through the Hot Lunch program, so all you have to do is log into your account - open now for orders. Orders will close end of day Friday, April 21. All proceeds will go towards the Grade 7 yearbook and year-end celebrations. Thanks to Thrifty's for the donation of supplies! Any questions, please email boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com.

School Calendar

Please continue to check the school's calendar and website for weekly updates. As we move into the final three months of school, many events will be added to the school's calendar.

Wheels on the School Grounds

We encourage all students and parents to walk, wheel or roll to school, but we please ask that when you reach the school grounds; you walk your transportation to your destination. Wheeling around the school grounds can put students at risk as they may not be expecting a bike crossing the middle of the soccer field or a scooter sneaking up on them in the undercover area. These expectations are from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Thank you.

Are You Moving?

If your child(ren) is in kindergarten to grade 6, please let the office know if you are planning on leaving Boundary for the 2022-2023 school year. This information is extremely valuable as we start to plan for the next school year.

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.

Not Getting the Newsletter? – Please check your junk mail!

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.

BPAC News

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](#)

Website: boundarypac.ca

Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall (chair@boundarypac.ca)

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Reminders

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.

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.

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!

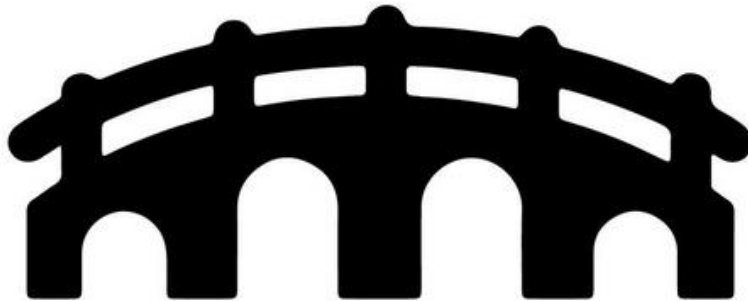
Tim MacLeod
Principal

Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

River Crossing

Four people arrive at a river with a narrow bridge that can only hold two people at a time. It's night-time and they have one torch that must be used when crossing the bridge. Person A can cross the bridge in one minute, B in two minutes, C in five minutes, and D in eight minutes. When two people cross the bridge together, they must move at the slower person's pace. Can they all get across the bridge in 15 minutes or less?



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 rdasia.com for the puzzle