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Boundary e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: April 17 to April 21, 2023

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
	Hot Lunch White Spot K-3 Sport Program 3:00-4:30	Longhouse Parent Meeting Grade 3 5:30 pm	Class Photos	

Dear Boundary Families,

This past week and weekend was alive with many celebrations throughout the community. We wish everyone good health and happiness through the seasons and celebrations of Passover, Orthodox Easter, and Vaisakhi. We know that the Public School Calendar follows the Solar Gregorian Calendar and does not include statutory holidays for the observance of so many other important religious and cultural traditions throughout the world and in this community. We hope you were all able to participate in a variety of observances and celebrations this past week.

The rain is here for a while. Yes, we are grateful for the return of the water to the earth, and this late cold, wet spring season is something we have needed to help ensure the health of the plants, trees, and drinking water reservoirs, however, a little warmth and sunshine is greatly missed! Many of the students at Boundary have been working through units of study in preparation for the acknowledgement of Earth Day, this coming April 22nd. Students are observing plant growth, animal adaptation, and the impact of human behaviour on this planet. It's the small habits and routines that can make a difference: turning down the heat and wearing a sweater; growing our own food; reducing the use of plastics and packaging; traveling by foot; reducing consumer waste by reusing; and keeping as much as possible out of the garbage cans and in the landfills. We continue to encourage students to bring 'garbage free' lunches to school and to bring home any leftovers.

Finally, although the mornings are now brighter, we still have a full week of rainy weather ahead of us. We implore all parents please use extreme caution when traveling in the school zone by car, especially at the beginning and the end of the school day. We encourage all students to walk or ride (wheel) to and from school whenever possible, with an adult if needed. This is great exercise and a great way to meet others in the neighbourhood. Our Earth, our children, and everyone needs fewer speeding cars congesting the areas around schools. Please consider waking up a bit earlier, putting on some rain boots, and walking to and from school whenever possible.

Calendar

Tuesday April 18 – Hot Lunch

Wednesday April 19 – Grade 3 Long House Meeting; 5:30 @ Boundary in the MPR

Thursday April 20 – Class Photos

Friday April 21 – District Ready Set Learn Event

Saturday April 22 – Earth Day

Tuesday April 25 – Hot Lunch

Wednesday April 26 – Staff Collaboration Day (**Early Dismissal at 2pm**)

Friday April 28 – Hot Dog Lunch

Friday April 28 – BC Lions Visit Boundary

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**

Thursday, May 10 – School Wide Drumming Workshop

Friday, May 11 – School Wide Drumming Workshop and performance

Tuesday May 16 – Track Qualification: 12:00-3:00 @ Sutherland

Monday May 22 – Victoria Day - **Students Not in Session**

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Track and Field

Track & field begins this week with Track practices starting Tuesday, April 16th at 8:00. The season runs for 5 weeks. Please make sure the medical and the Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility forms are submitted before attending practice. Field practices will be held during school hours. For additional information, please see our webpage at boundaryelementary.ca (<https://bit.ly/3zXCiMg>) for more information.

Speeding in a School Zone

Earlier this week, we were graced with a visit from the RCMP who were diligently monitoring road safety on 26th Street. To our dismay, a few parents were stopped for exceeding the speed limit in front of the Boundary. However, the officer extended a kind gesture and merely gave them a warning this time around. It's important to note that this may not be the case next time and offenders may receive a speeding ticket. Please be mindful of the speed limit, which is 30km/hr in a school zone, and take extra care when passing by schools and parks as the safety of the children lies in our hands.

Student Learning Survey

This is just a reminder that grade 4 & 7 parents have until Friday April 28th to complete the Student Learning Survey. Please go to <http://bit.ly/2TzQ17N> to complete the survey. Your thoughts are important.

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

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

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

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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.

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.

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.

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 (<https://boundary.hotlunches.net/>), 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.

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 ★

Summer Camp

Abigail, Oliver, Rosa and Blake all attend the same summer camp, where they can cook, kayak, rock climb and zip-line. Each child has a different favourite activity.

- Abigail's favourite activity isn't rock climbing.
- Oliver is afraid of heights.
- Rosa can't do her favourite activity without a harness.
- Blake likes to keep his feet on the ground at all times.

Can you figure out who likes what?



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.readersdigest.com.au for the puzzle