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## Boundary e-News

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### Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: May 1 to May 5, 2023

Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
Asian History Month	Track Practice  Hot Lunch Sushi  K-3 Sport Program 3:00-4:30	Track Practice <b>Cancelled</b>  Track Mini Meet Sutherland		

Dear Boundary Families,

This past week the smell of sunscreen and the glow of warm, rosy cheeks was such a welcome change from the recent soggiess of a long, chilly winter. Spring is here! The earth is slowly warming up in this Coastal area as we welcome new growth, blossoms, and the germination of the next crops of food. This past Friday morning we spent some time with two highly motivated professional athletes who shared their passion for taking care of this earth. Staff and students were excited, engaged, and made some promises to take action. Please see more information below and ask you child about their learning and their plans for action.

Tomorrow is the first day of May and the first day of Asian Heritage Month in Canada. It is a time to reflect on and recognize the many contributions that Canadians of Asian heritage have made and continue to make to Canada. Over the last two centuries, immigrants have journeyed to Canada from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, Central and Southeast Asia, bringing a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities, and religious traditions. The people of these diverse, vibrant and growing communities have contributed to every aspect of life in Canada – from the arts and science to sport, business, and government. Asian Heritage Month offers all Canadians an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate the contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada ([About Asian Heritage Month - Canada.ca](http://AboutAsianHeritageMonth-Canada.ca)).

This coming week at Boundary will also be a busy one for Gr 4-7 Track and Field athletes as they hone their athletic skills, set personal goals, and compete to earn a spot at the upcoming qualification meets. Please see the detailed information below.

Wishing you all a wonderfully, warm week! Boundary now has many water bottle filling stations in the school. Please encourage your child to bring a personal water bottle, clearly labelled with their name, and to stay hydrated as the temperatures heat up.

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## Calendar

Monday – Asian Heritage 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

Monday, May 15 – Grade 6 Immunization

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

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

Tuesday May 23-24 – E06/E07 Long House

Wednesday May 24-25 – E08/E09 Long House

Wednesday May 24 – Field Finals

Friday May 26 – Carnival

May 28 – June 02 – Bike (Wheel) to School Week

Monday May 29 – Tennis Begins

Monday May 29 – Kindergarten Orientation

June – Indigenous History Month

Monday June 5 – School Based Pro-D – Students Not in Session

Tuesday June 6 – Track Finals – Sutherland 8am -12pm

Friday June 9 – Pancake Breakfast

Friday June 9 – 6/7 to Playland

Friday June 9 – Fun Day

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## Boundary News

### BC Lions – Energy Champions

Last Friday, the students of Boundary were fortunate to have two current players from the BC Lions, Andrew and Jordan, come to the school to discuss energy conservation. Their presentation, which was part of the BC Lions Energy Champions Program, presented by FortisBC, was captivating and informative. The two players shared their personal stories and experiences, and offered practical tips and information on how the students could become energy champions themselves.

The presentation lasted almost an hour, and during that time, the students were asked to take away three items that they could do to reduce the amount of energy they use. This program is designed for students in kindergarten through grade seven and aims to promote environmental responsibility and encourage students to become energy champions. Overall, it was an excellent presentation that left a lasting impression on the students and staff of Boundary, and we are grateful to Andrew and Jordan for their time and effort.

### **Track and Field Mini Meet**

There will be a track mini-meet on Wednesday, starting at 3:30 p.m. and ending around 5:00 p.m. Track team members must arrange transportation or give a note to Ms. Dale if they are allowed to walk. Parents, please be on time for pick-up! Upon arrival and departure, students must sign in and out with Boundary staff. Best of luck to all athletes, and remember, have fun!

### **Please Keep Your Child Home When Sick**

We would like to remind you of the importance of keeping your child home from school if they are feeling unwell. When deciding whether or not to send your child to school, please consider their ability to rest, learn, and avoid infecting others.

If your child has a fever, is too ill to participate in normal school activities, or has a suspected or confirmed communicable disease (such as COVID-19, Norovirus, Whooping Cough, Influenza, Strep Throat, Chicken Pox, Measles, or any undiagnosed rash), we ask that you keep them home until they are no longer contagious or until advised by a healthcare provider.

Additionally, if your child is experiencing vomiting or diarrhea, it is recommended that you keep them home until they are no longer exhibiting symptoms.

Please remember that by keeping your child home when they are sick, you are not only protecting their health and ability to recover, but also the health and well-being of other students and staff members.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment for everyone.

### **2023-2024 Class Placement**

For those parents/guardians who feel the need to provide additional information describing learning style and/or emotional and social needs of your child: please complete the Placement Form ONLY if you have information that the current teacher and/or principal do not have and should consider when placing your child. An accompanying letter is not necessary and will not be accepted. Please email the placement form to Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca) no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please visit the following link to find out more information: <https://bit.ly/3bFw2dl>

### **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

## Looking for PAC Volunteers

Are you interested in joining a great group of volunteers and becoming a PAC Executive member for the 2023/24 school year? We would love to have some new ideas in the mix and are specifically looking for at least one person with bookkeeping skills as well as someone to handle the hot lunch logistics.

Being a member of the PAC is very rewarding and does not take as much time as everyone thinks!

Please consider donating your time as the PAC cannot run without volunteers. There are a few key projects we are diligently working on that will enhance the learning environment inside the school as well as the outside space where the students play.

We will not be able to run the hot lunch program next year without a volunteer and this is our biggest fundraiser for the school. This position suits a highly organized individual and our current coordinator has been tremendous so the handoff would be easy!

Please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca) for more details.

## BPAC Annual General Meeting

We will be hosting our Annual General Meeting in early June. Stay tuned for dates.

## Spring Carnival – Friday, May 26th 4-7pm

We are really looking forward to the Carnival: Climb Base 5 climbing wall, Tubs of Fun ride, a Giant slide, Giant Obstacle course to name a few, and this year we are excited to announce that Amanda Wood & The Swing Soul Band will be performing! This amazing band has performed all around the world and we can't wait to be part of the action.

If you would like to "Sponsor an Attraction" please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca). We have Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsorship opportunities available.

## Online Auction Dates

We have moved the date of the online auction back a few weeks to give us a bit more breathing room in order to upload all our amazing goods and services that have been donated!

Stay tuned for the 32 Auctions link for the auction which will now run May 21<sup>st</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## Social Media

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

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

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](https://twitter.com/BoundaryPAC)

Website: [boundarypac.ca](https://www.boundarypac.ca)

## Boundary PAC Executive

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

Vice Chair – Nicole Durnin ([vicechair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:vicechair@boundarypac.ca))

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

### Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House – Sat May 13

The North Vancouver School District is proud to host the second annual Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House on Saturday May 13, 2023, 11 am to 2 pm, at Argyle Secondary. This family-friendly community event will showcase the expertise of local emergency management bodies and first responders and aims to build awareness and resiliency around outdoor safety and emergency preparedness.

The event consists of an outdoor trade show and smaller group information sessions/workshops hosted by participating organizations. Those in attendance will speak with local experts and get up close to emergency vehicles and equipment used in real-life rescues.

### School Calendar

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

### 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.

### 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!

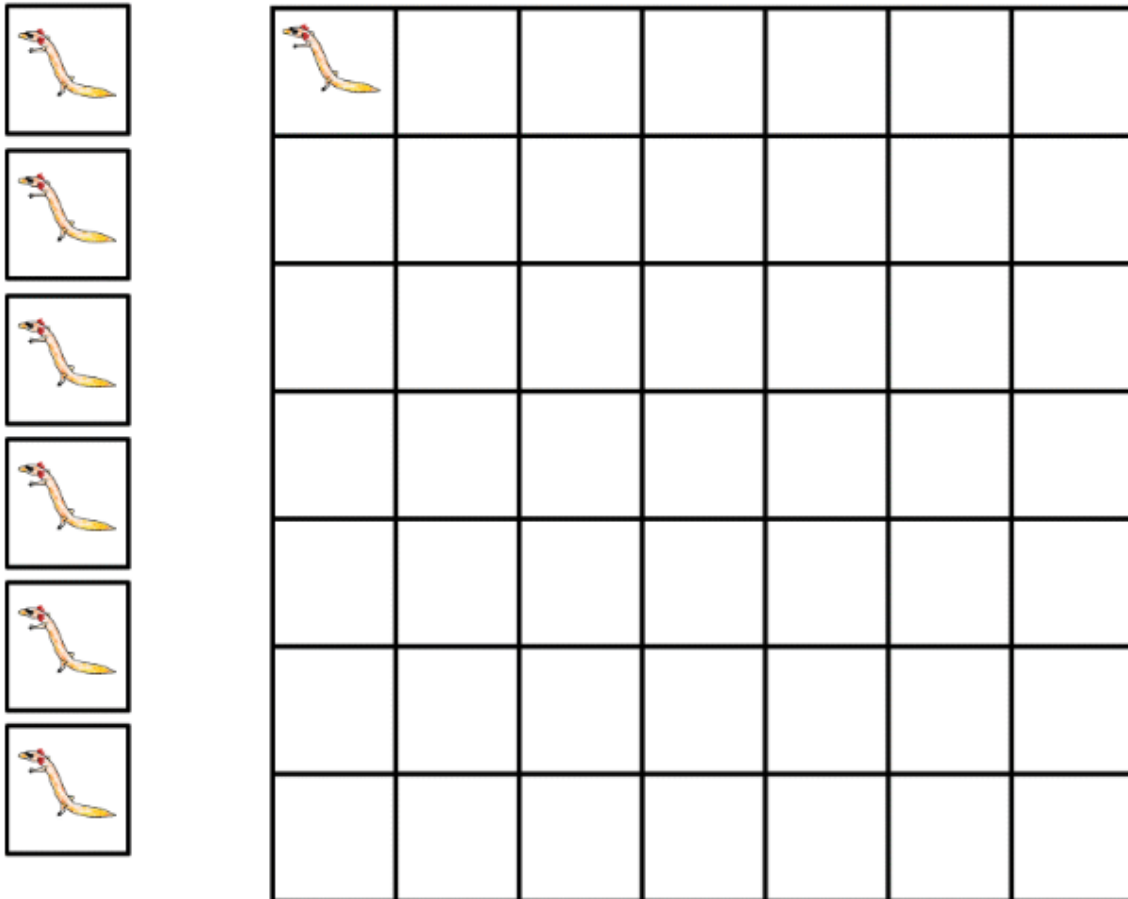
Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal

# ★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

## Salamander Line-Up

Place the other 6 salamanders on the board so that no salamander is in the same line (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) as another salamander. There are 4 possible solutions.



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.math-salamanders.com](http://www.math-salamanders.com) for the puzzle



## WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

### Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- The protection of your child. Without proper rest a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be open to other illnesses
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school
- The protection of other children and staff
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need

### Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. COVID-19, Norovirus, Whooping Cough, influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, measles or any other undiagnosed rash)
- Keep your child home until they cannot infect others or as told by a health care provider
- Have vomiting or diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 48 hours before returning to school
  - Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the schools call back procedures. Make sure you have arranged an emergency contact in case the school finds it necessary to send your child home due to illness and you are not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

### Where can I find more Information?

- COVID-19 self-assessment tool: <https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/>
- COVID information <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>
- Health Link BC – online [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca) or dial 811
- North Shore School Health Manual: <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/children-youth-schools/school-health/north-shore-school-health-manual>