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Boundary e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: May 15 to May 19, 2023

Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
Immunization Gr.6	Track Practice Track Qualifications Sutherland 12:00-3:00 K-3 Sport Program 3:00-4:30	Track Practice Cancelled		

Dear Boundary Families,

This past weekend has been a warm, wonderful taste of the summer ahead of us. We hope you all were able to have some fun out there with family and all the mothers and mom-figures who care for children and family members. Our hearts also go out to those who have lost a mother or are otherwise not able to spend today with their mother today.

We wanted to send out a huge thank you to all parents and to our current PAC for funding this past week's 'Artist In Residence'. Jordan Hanson worked with every Boundary class and introduced students to African Drumming techniques, rhythms, and story. On Thursday afternoon, the upper Intermediate students also performed in front of the school and Jordan amazed us with a demonstration of instruments from around the world! Staff members also joined in, demonstrating their percussion prowess!

This coming week is an exciting one for students participating in the Track program. If your child participates in Track, please pay close attention to the details below. There is an early morning practice on Tuesday at Sutherland followed by the Qualification Meet during school hours on Tuesday afternoon. We invite you to join as a spectator, and all athletes must be picked up from Sutherland by 3:00 and sign out with a Boundary Staff member.

The heat will be with us for the next full week. This means that students will need to make sure they have a water bottle, stay hydrated, perhaps have sunscreen applied, and are wearing safe footwear for playing outdoors. We know it is tempting to wear 'flip flops' in this heat, but inevitably we end up with many foot and tripping injuries at this time of year. Please ensure that your child is wearing close-toed running shoes to help prevent injuries when running and playing outdoors.

Stay cool!

Calendar

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
Friday May 26 – Argyle Cabaret (adult only event)
May 29 – 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
Tuesday June 13 – LFI Orientation
Wednesday June 21 – Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday June 21 – BPAC AGM
Tuesday June 27 Grade 7 Farewell; 1pm
Thursday June 29 – Recognition Assembly
Thursday June 29 – Last Day of Classes

Boundary News

Track

We would like to remind you about the upcoming track practice scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16th at 8:00**. This practice will specifically focus on training for the relay events at Sutherland which will commence in the afternoon. We kindly request all track team members to wear their jerseys to school on Tuesday, creating a fun mini-spirit day for the team.

Additionally, we would like to emphasize that students should not return to their regular classes once their track events are completed at Sutherland. Instead, students will be dismissed directly from the field at 3:00. To ensure a safe departure, students must sign out with a teacher before leaving the field.

Furthermore, we would like to extend an invitation to all parents to come and support their children during the track event. Your presence and encouragement mean a lot to the team, and we would be delighted to have you as spectators.

Thank you for your attention and ongoing support of the track and field.

Roll to School Week

From May 30th to June 3rd, we are encouraging all students and parents to join our annual celebration to bike, roll, or walk to school. Classroom teachers will be recording the number of students that “roll” to school to enter in a school-wide class contest. Each student that “rolls” to school will count for one entry for the class. At the end of the week, we will do a draw for the class prize. Don’t worry if you live too far away, you can always park a few blocks away and roll the rest of the way to the school.

Staff Parking Lot

This is an important safety reminder that the staff parking lot should be clear of all students and parents (as well as pets) before and after school. Lately, there has been an increase in pedestrian traffic in the parking lot which increases the risk of a collision or injury. Please use the walkways around the school to enter and exit the school premises.

Also, parents should not be using the staff parking lot to drop-off their children or use as a turn-around. We have a limited amount of parking spaces for staff who come and go throughout the day. There is plenty of parking on the streets around the school. Thank you for keeping the Boundary Community Safe.

Hot Lunch Selection Update

We are happy to announce a new addition to the Hot Lunch Order system. Students with food sensitivities or allergies now have a special selection available to them. To activate this feature, simply navigate to the Student profile section in the system. By doing so, the coordinator gains the ability to easily identify and highlight these students when placing orders with the vendor. This enhancement ensures that we cater to the unique dietary needs of our students, promoting inclusivity and ensuring a safe and enjoyable lunch experience for everyone.

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 – Friday, May 26th 4-7pm

We are really looking forward to the Carnival, but we need help to make this a success.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – this event cannot run without your help. Please sign up for a 1-hour slot (or more) to help make this a fun event for your children: <https://signup.com/go/VmBwJJU>

Hot Lunch Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a highly organized individual to take over the role hot lunch coordinator. This position does not require you to be on the PAC Executive team or attend extra meetings.

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.

Our current coordinator has been tremendous so the handoff would be easy!

Please email chair@boundarypac.ca for more details.

Upgrade in technology

In case you missed it in the last newsletter, the PAC has given the go ahead for the school to purchase \$28,000 worth of new technology in the form of 15 AirMacs, iPads, two locking carts and a few other things.

Having the ability to aid in the enhancement of the learning environment is why we do what we do as a PAC. Thank you for all your support!

BPAC Annual General Meeting

We will be hosting our Annual General Meeting June 21st. Stay tuned for details.

Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Website: boundarypac.ca

Boundary PAC Executive

Chair – Sue Cleall (chair@boundarypac.ca)

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

Reminders

Hello from your Edge Imaging Photographer

Recently we were in your school to take group photographs. Each student will be receiving a free class group photo as a keepsake for this school year. We have had requests from families that they would like the option to order other group photos that were also taken. Those photo(s) available for purchase are included here. We kindly ask if you could please forward this e-mail to your school community to give them the option if they would like to have their own copy. Thank you for your continued partnership with Edge Imaging. We really appreciate working with you!

To purchase your group photo please click on this link: Panorama: <https://bit.ly/44F1lw8>

Tennis/Pickleball

Boundary Elementary is excited to offer an in-school tennis and pickleball program delivered by Tennis XL from May 29 to June 14, 2023. This program aims to introduce students to the game and skills of tennis and pickleball in an engaging and enjoyable way. Each class will receive 3 to 4 lessons, which have been carefully designed by Tennis XL to teach the fundamentals.

Permission forms were sent home last week, and payment for the program can be made online. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. MacLeod. We hope that your child will take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn new skills and have fun!

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 no later than May 27th, 2023. Please visit the following link to find out more information: <https://bit.ly/3bFw2dl>

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!

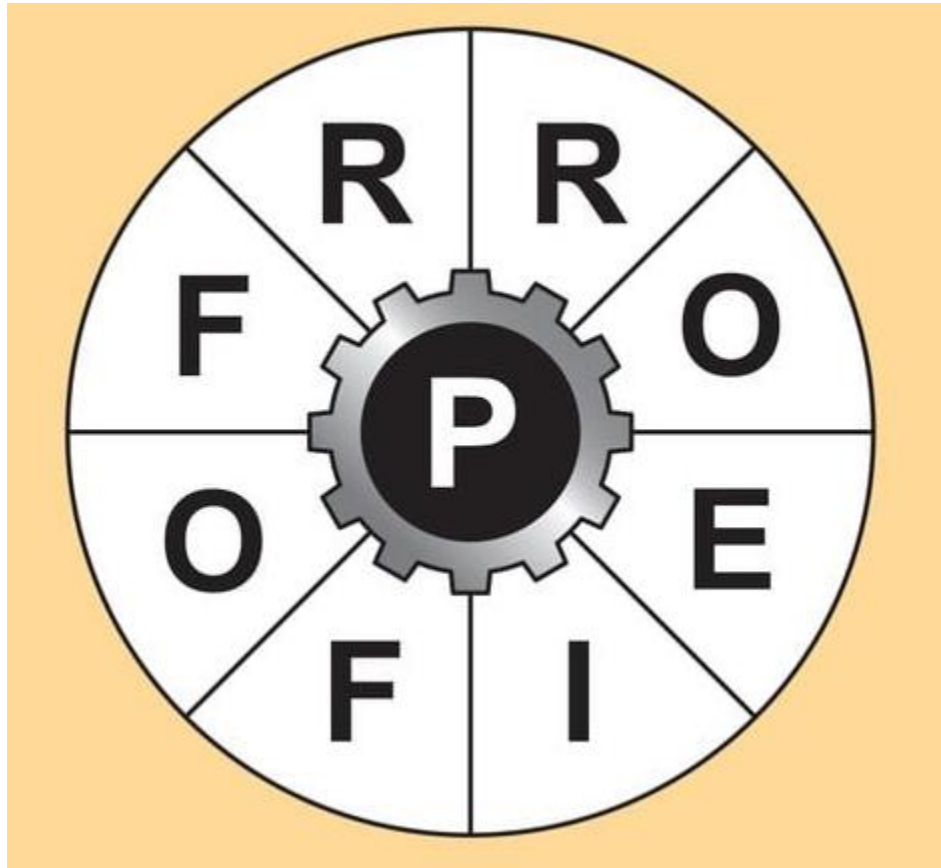
Tim MacLeod
Principal

Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Word Wheel

How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at the center of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? No plurals or conjugations. I found 17, including one nine-letter word. Can you do better?



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.rd.com for the puzzle