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Boundary e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: June 5 to May June 9, 2023

Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
Pro-D Students Not in Session	Track Finals Sutherland 8:00-12:30			Pancake Breakfast K-3 Fun Day Grade 4/5 Activities Grade 6/7 Playland

Dear Boundary Families,

The heat is on again! We hope you were able to find some fun and comfort in the pre-summer sunshine this weekend. The Strawberry Moon was brilliantly bright last night, and this signals the beginning of the fresh berry season here on the west coast. We are in for hotter temperatures this coming week, so please remember to send your child with a refillable water bottle, perhaps sunscreen, and comfortable clothing for the upcoming heat.

This past week was a busy one with students participating in Tennis and Pickle Ball lessons. The coaches have been impressed with the Boundary students and their ability to listen, practice, receive feedback, and make improvements to their technique and play. This openness to learn and develop life-long sport and fitness habits and skills has also been seen in the "Walk & Roll to School" campaign this past week, with many classes achieving a 95%+ participation rate. The Boundary intermediate Track and Field athletes have also placed well in the past Field Finals. Many more athletes are excited to capture some podium positions in the Track Finals this coming Tuesday. We want to thank all Boundary families for making fitness and sport a priority together. The long-term health, learning, and community benefits are tremendous.

June is National Indigenous History Month. A month in which we celebrate the rich and varied stories, achievements, and resilience of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. We cannot separate Indigenous history from Canada's history of colonialism. It continues to have lasted impacts, including systemic racism, inequality, and discrimination against Indigenous Peoples. It is up to all of us to seek out the educational opportunities. Perhaps engage in local Indigenous-led events or discover movies, books, movies, and music by Indigenous artists. The focus of this month is to learn more about inspiring Indigenous trailblazers and to continue to learn more about the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to action.

This coming week will be a busy one at Boundary so please keep an eye on the calendar and on your email for more details from the school and from your child's classroom teacher. After a long hiatus, this coming Friday, Boundary will host a Pancake Breakfast at the school. The day will continue with "Fun Day" for the Primary Students on site, and long-awaited field trips for Intermediate Students. More information below and more to come.

We will see everyone on Tuesday, as Monday is a Professional Development Day, with Boundary staff all working together on a variety of School Based professional learning and project development.

Calendar

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

Saturday June 24 – Kidsport Sports Equipment sale at Carson Graham

Tuesday June 27 - Grade 7 Farewell; 1pm

Tuesday June 27 – Reports Published

Thursday June 29 – Recognition Assembly

Thursday June 29 – Last Day of Classes

Boundary News

Boundary Principal

We are pleased to introduce Kelly La Roue as the new principal of École Boundary Elementary School. Mrs. La Roue joins us with an extensive background, currently serving as the principal of Queensbury Elementary and having previously held the position at Lynnmour Elementary. She will officially assume her role in the first week of July, bringing her wealth of experience to our school.

School Calendar

The 2023-2024 school calendar has been posted to the Boundary website (<https://bit.ly/2V4gSZQ>)This calendar is a broad view of the school year and does not include daily events to Boundary. Specific events related to Boundary's school year will be posted on the school's website in September and will continue to evolve through the school year. The length of the instructional school day has decreased by three minutes to 294 minutes.

Boundary Bell Schedule (New for 2023-2024)

Entrance Bell	8:51
First Instructional Period	8:56
Recess	10:30
Second Instructional Period	10:50
Lunch	12:10
Third Instructional Period	13:00
End of Day	3:00

Track Finals – Sutherland

This Tuesday, we will be holding our annual track finals at Sutherland Secondary School. Due to track issues, we have secured an alternate location at Sutherland instead of Swangard Stadium.

The meet will commence at 8:00 am and conclude at 12:00 pm. It is crucial that all participants arrive on time, as the track meet will strictly adhere to a tight schedule. Parents are kindly requested to refrain from parking in the staff parking lot, and as always, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Limited food services will be available, though it is anticipated that the options may not be highly nutritious. Additionally, T-shirts will be available for purchase.

To ensure a comfortable and successful experience, please remember to bring appropriate track attire, snacks, ample water, a hat, and don't forget your sunscreen! We kindly ask students not to return to Boundary until 12:00 pm to avoid disruptions to ongoing classes.

For the detailed Track Order of Events, please visit the following link; <https://bit.ly/3Ci2e6h> .

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Dale or Mr. MacLeod.

Pancake Breakfast June 9

Pancake Breakfast is back! After a 3 year covid hiatus, the Grade 7s and their families are pleased to host the return of the Boundary Pancake Breakfast on Friday June 9th, between 7:15am and 8:30am.

Price is \$3 per person. Cash at the door. There will be pancakes, fruit, yoghurt, juice, coffee & tea.

We can do gluten-free pancakes too - these will be made on request at the door, so please let the kitchen know when you arrive.

Bring the whole family - everyone welcome!

Walk and Roll to School

The Walk and Roll to School Week achieved great success, as our school witnessed an increasing participation rate each day. On average, 87% of our students chose to Walk or Roll to School. We collected data only in the

mornings regarding the students' mode of transportation. Among all the classes, Mrs. Burke's class in Division E08 achieved the highest participation rate at 99%, closely followed by Mme. Mavor's class at 95%. Mme. Hall's class had an impressive 93% of students Walking and Rolling, while both Ms. Warren/Lee's class and Ms. Rispin/Lee's class reached 91%. On Wednesday, we will announce the lucky winners of the random draw, who will enjoy a Pizza Party.

Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies

The Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to engage in deep, lifelong learning. Your child's classroom teacher will communicate with you regarding their method for sending home these reflections. We encourage you to talk with your child about their self-reflection and ask them to share their evidence when it comes home during the week of June 12.

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

Hot Lunch in Jeopardy for next year

As it stands right now, we will NOT be able to run hot lunch next year unless we are able to fill the role of hot lunch coordinator. We have split the duties for this role and are looking for a highly organized individual to take over the ordering portion of this position.

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

Please email chair@boundarypac.ca for more details.

BPAC Annual General Meeting

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

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

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

School Supplies and Planners

The information regarding school supplies and planners for the 2023-2024 school year has been sent to parents and guardians via email and paper copies. In case you have misplaced any of these documents, you can access them at <https://bit.ly/3tP46wP>. Payments for the school supplies and planners can be conveniently made through SchoolCash Online.

Summer Reading Club

At NVDPL, Summer Reading Club will officially launch on June 12th, and will go all summer long until September 17th. Children can participate by visiting their local library to pick up an SRC reading record OR they can participate online through www.bcsrc.ca. Kids are encouraged to read over the summer, keep track of their reading achievements in their reading records or on the [BC SRC website](#), and visit the library to pick-up a special sticker for each completed week of reading. After they've completed 50 days of reading, they will be rewarded with a Summer Reading Club medal and a book prize!

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>) 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

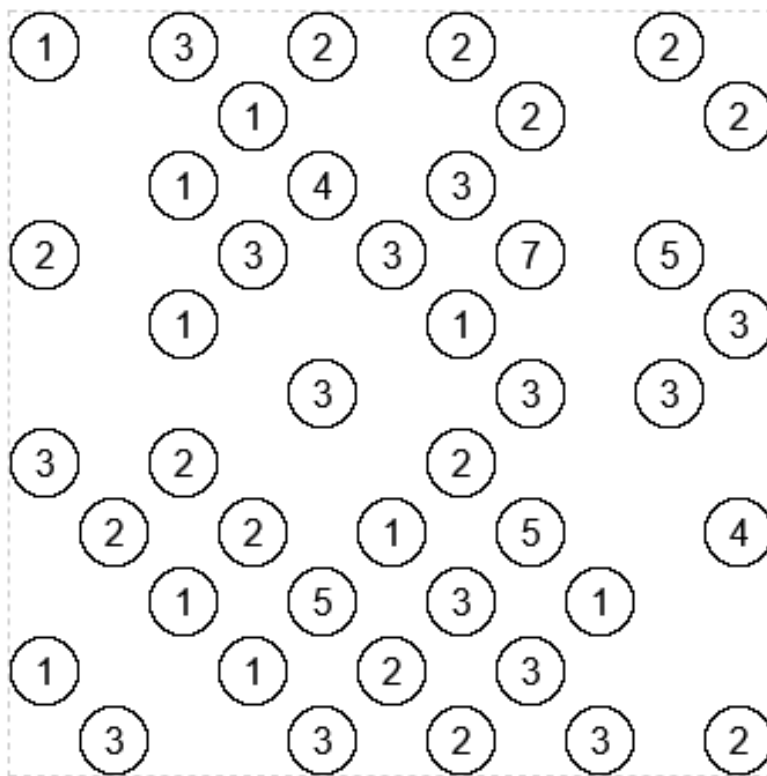
Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Hashi Puzzle

Hashiwokakero is a Japanese phrase that translates directly as '**build bridges**'. Each puzzle is based on a rectangular arrangement of islands where the number in each island tells how many bridges are connected to it. The object is to connect all islands according to the number of bridges so:

- There are no more than two bridges in the same direction
- Bridges can only be vertical or horizontal and are not allowed to cross islands or other bridges.
- When completed, all bridges are interconnected enabling passage from any island to another



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.hashi.info for the puzzle