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Boundary e-News

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Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: June 19 to June 23, 2023

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
	Hot Lunch Moveable Feast	Indigenous Peoples Day BPAC Meeting		

Dear Boundary Families,

On this special day, we want to extend warm wishes to all the dads out there, as well as to the cherished father figures and those dads who are no longer with us. Happy Father's Day to every devoted father who gives their time, love, and energy to their families. May this day be filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments, as you are honoured and celebrated. To those who have lost a father or father figure, may you find comfort in the memories and legacies left with you and your family.

It is hard to believe that we are winding down another year of learning, growing, and connecting with all of you. While some students and families are becoming quite excited with the upcoming summer vacation, others may be feeling a sense of loss, uncertainty, and anxiety as the familiar routines of school and community programs are coming to an end in a couple of weeks. Grade 7 students and their families are saying goodbye to Boundary and thinking about the high school experience ahead and some of our Boundary Staff members are also moving on to new adventures. With change comes the opportunity stretch ourselves, while also working hard to keep our emotions and anxiety manageable. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you or your child during this time of excitement and uncertainty. We know that everyone processes these experiences differently.

On the note of farewells, we wanted to remind families to notify both your child's classroom teacher and the main office if your child is leaving school earlier than June 30th. We need a few days' notice to prepare any year-end information and to gather your child's belongings and schoolwork to take home. Please continue to keep an eye on your email and on your child's planner for any yearend field trip or classroom event information.

Calendar

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

Friday June 30 – Administrative Day (students not in session)

Tuesday September 5 – School Opens (Grade 1 to 7); 8:56 (first bell at 8:51) – 10:56

Wednesday September 7 – First full day of school; 8:56 (first bell at 8:51) – 3:00

Wednesday September 7 – K Gradual Entry Begins

Boundary News

Departing Staff

As we reach the end of the year, it is time to bid farewell to our grade 7 students transitioning to high school, other students leaving Boundary, as well as some of our staff who are embarking on new adventures.

Mrs. Rispin will be taking a well-deserved break from Boundary and will return for the 2024-2025 school year. We wish her a restful and healthy year ahead. Once again, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Burke, although it feels like just yesterday we did the same. History has shown us that we are likely to see Mrs. Burke again in the near future!

Similarly, we must say farewell to Ms. Remple, who joined us this school year but had been a part of our community in previous years. Ms. Remple has been reassigned to Upper Lynn, where she will be working alongside Mr. MacLeod. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Coffin, who will be starting a full-time position at Eastview after having worked with us at Boundary in the past.

Due to staffing changes, we unfortunately have to say goodbye to Kelly Lee, Chantelle Chow, and Dorota Zamiara. It has been an absolute pleasure having these three educators at Boundary, as they have brought fresh ideas and energy to our school. Although we bid farewell for now, we recognize the Boundary tradition of staff members returning. It's like the Hotel California: "You can check out anytime you like, but you can never leave!"

To all the departing staff, we extend our sincerest wishes for success and thank them for their valuable contributions to the students and community of Boundary. You will be missed.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. We are conscious that Indigenous culture, songs, games, stories, and community traditions were previously banned, but now we need to celebrate and honor these Nations' contributions. Please ask your child

about their classroom experiences and learning about Indigenous culture, as this sharing tradition is an important step toward reconciliation.

Library Books Are Now Due

A reminder to students and parents to have a good look around the house, the car, backpacks and send any Boundary library books back to school. The books are stamped "Boundary" inside the cover and have a "NVSD LIBRARIES" barcode on the front cover.

Lots of books, graphic novels are missing, and it would be great to recover them - not all of them are on the overdue lists, so please bring them in and we can check.

If you aren't sure if it's a Boundary book, please bring it in and we can scan to verify.

Report Cards

Report Cards for the end of the school year will be available for viewing on Tuesday, June 27th at 4:00pm on the Parent Portal accounts.

Please Note: Parent Portal accounts will be disabled at the end of July. These accounts will remain disabled until September. Parents are reminded to save report cards from the 2022-2023 school year PRIOR to the end of July because all published report cards from this year will disappear as of July 31st. In September, the parent portal accounts will not display any past report cards.

Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony

The Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony is on Tuesday, June 27th from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The doors will open at 12:40pm for grade 7 families and the grade 7 students should be at Boundary by 12:30pm. There will be a reception for the grade 7 students and their families immediately following the ceremony. Thereafter, the grade 7s will their activities which have been organized by parents. More details will go home to grade 7 families later in the week.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

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.

Lost and Found

We have a large assortment of lost and found items displayed in the main foyer. Please come by the school and take a look. For a sneak peek (updated June 17), please see our webpage at <https://bit.ly/3dl0Pgs>.

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 is ON for the 2023/24 School Year

Thank you to the 2 volunteers (Jenny Kim and Trina Windsor) who stepped up to take on hot lunch, in addition to Tammy Gamel who will be in her second year with the program. This important program that raises ~\$14k for the school, will be in effect again!

In September we will be looking for volunteers to help about once a month with the actual distribution of hot lunch and trust that with this wonderful community we will be able to count on you for your support.

BPAC Annual General Meeting

We will be hosting our Annual General Meeting June 21st virtually. Details will be emailed separately.

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

Reminders

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

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 made conveniently through SchoolCash Online.

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 upcoming (<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!

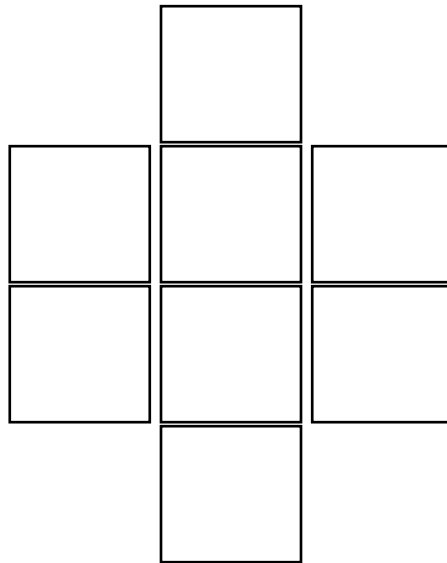
Tim MacLeod
Principal

Ilona Wardas
Vice-Principal

★ PUZZLE OF THE WEEK ★

Hopscotch Numbers

Arrange the numbers 1 through 8 into the boxes so that no consecutive numbers are touching either diagonally, horizontally, or vertically. For example, the number 2 cannot be touching the boxes that contain 1 or 3. Good luck!



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.schoolentrancetests.com for the puzzle