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# Boundary e-News

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## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: June 26 to June 30, 2023

Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30
	<b>Grade 7 Farewell</b> 1:00pm <b>Progress Reports Uploaded</b>		<b>Last Day of Classes</b>  <b>Recognition Assembly</b> 10:50pm	<b>Administrative Day</b> <i>Students not in Session</i>  <b>Have a great summer!</b>

Dear Boundary Families,

As my time as your principal comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to say goodbye. These past nine years have been a remarkable journey, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of such a close-knit school community.

From the very beginning, this school has felt like home to me. The strong bonds and support among our staff, the thoughtfulness and kindness of our students, and the unwavering dedication and expertise displayed by the school community have made this place truly special.

To the students, you have been the heartbeat of this institution. Your resilience, curiosity, and care for one another have inspired me since my first day at Boundary. It has been a privilege to witness your growth and development, and I have no doubt that you will continue to make a positive impact on the world.

To the staff, your commitment to excellence and your passion for teaching have been commendable. Your knowledge and dedication have shaped countless lives, and I am grateful for the unwavering support and teamwork we have shared throughout my time as principal.

As I say farewell, I am reminded of a quote by Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." While I may be leaving this role, the memories and connections we have formed will remain with me forever. Our paths may diverge, but the impact we have had on each other's lives will always endure.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this incredible community. It has been an honor and a privilege. As I embark on new adventures, I will carry the spirit and warmth of our school in my heart.

Tim MacLeod

# Calendar

Tuesday June 27 - Grade 7 Farewell; 1pm

Tuesday June 27 – Reports Published; 4pm

Thursday June 29 – Recognition Assembly 10:50 am

Thursday June 29 – Last Day of Classes

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

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

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

Wednesday September 7 – K Gradual Entry Begins

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## Boundary News

### Staff Appreciation

A big thank you to the Boundary PAC as well as all families for your unwavering support of École Boundary. Last Friday, all staff enjoyed a buffet style lunch sponsored by the Boundary PAC. It was extremely nice to see a few BPAC members in person and enjoy a wonderful lunch.

### Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony

The Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony is on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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 back 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 continue with their activities which have been organized by parents.

### Recognition Assembly

Our year-end recognition assembly is on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:50. This is an invitation to all the Boundary Community to celebrate and recognize the 2022-2023 school year and to say goodbye to our grade 7's, as well as any other students and staff that will not be returning next year. Doors will open at 10:40am to the public. There will be a few chairs available at the back of the gym, then standing room after that.

### 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 as all left over materials will be bundled up Tuesday morning for donation. For a sneak peek (updated June 17), please see our webpage at <https://bit.ly/3dlOPgs>.

### September 2023 – School Startup!

The first day back for grades 1 to 7 is on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at the new start time of 8:56 (warning bell at 8:51). Dismissal on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is at 10:51 am. All returning students will report to their “line up spots” from this school year, where they will be greeted by last year’s teacher, or another staff member. New Boundary students will receive more information regarding ‘first day arrival’ routines. Wednesday will be a full day of school ending at 3:00.

Gradual entry schedules will be mailed to kindergarten families over the summer.

### Puzzle of the Week

Puzzle of the week is done for the year. Thank you everyone who participated!

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# BPAC News

As we come to the end of another school year, it is important to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of our BPAC (Boundary Parent Advisory Committee) members. We would like to express our sincere gratitude and bid a heartfelt goodbye to those who are stepping down from the PAC this year.

A special thank you goes out to **Sue Cleall**, who served as our chair, **Nicole Durnin** as the Vice-Chair, **Samantha Gutmanis** and **Leanne Menzies** as Directors at Large. We are immensely proud of the accomplishments we have achieved at Boundary Elementary over the past year, and even longer during their tenure. We also want to acknowledge their confidence in passing the baton to the new members, knowing that the BPAC is in good hands.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Co-Chairs, **Tania Kennedy** and **Lindsay Marret**, who will be leading the way. We are excited to have **Amanda Wood** as our Communications lead, and we warmly welcome **Renee Janzen**, **Marsha Taylor**, and **Jessica Wall** as Members at Large. We are also thrilled to have **Tammy Gammel** join the BPAC, as she will continue to support the Hot Lunch Program.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the entire Boundary community for your unwavering support of École Boundary Elementary. It is through your commitment and involvement that we are able to create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students. Your contributions are truly valued and make a significant difference in the lives of our school community.

As we embark on a new chapter, we look forward to the continued collaboration and positive impact that the BPAC will have on our school. Together, we will strive to create an inclusive and thriving educational experience for our students.

Thank you once again for your support.

## Social Media

Instagram: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Facebook: [Boundary Pac](#)

Twitter: [@BoundaryPAC](#)

Website: [boundarypac.ca](#)

## 2023-2024 Boundary PAC Executive

Co-Chair – Tania Kennedy ([chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca))

Co-Chair – Lindsay Marret ([chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto:chair@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 – Renee Janzen, Marsha Taylor, Jessica Wall, Zoe Guillemette, Tammy Gamel

Communications – Amanda Wood

Hot Lunch Coordinator / Special Projects – Jenny Wong / Trina Windsor ([hotlunch@boundarypac.ca](mailto:hotlunch@boundarypac.ca))

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# 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 summer!

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Ilona Wardas  
Vice-Principal