***Weekly Update***

***For January15-19***

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| Monday15 | Tuesday16 | Wednesday17 | Thursday18 | Friday 19 |
| Black Excellence DayGr. 6/7 Boys Tripleball Practise/Games (games begin Jan 29) | Hot LunchChess Club week 2 (lunch)Gr. 6/7 Girls Tripleball Practise/Game(games begin Jan 29) | Boys gr. 6/7 Tripleball Practise at lunchPAC mtg 7pm (virtual – link to follow) | Girls gr. 6/7 tripleball practise at lunch | After School Sport Club begins |

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| HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK! |

We’ve enjoyed a fabulous week of welcoming students and staff back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to the coming year!

Given the time of year, we invite you to please familiarize yourself with the school district’s [Winter Weather procedures](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/xxBds9OPoJ6gt2JtvMYKzA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRngDZoP0RLaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc2Q0NC5jYS9EaXN0cmljdC9XZWF0aGVyUHJvY2VkdXJlcy9XaW50ZXIvUGFnZXMvZGVmYXVsdC5hc3B4Iy89VwdzY2hvb2xtQgplnegCn2U2hCIIUhFudnNkY29tbXNAc2Q0NC5jYVgEAAAAAg~~). In the rare event of a district-wide closure, the closure will be communicated via multiple channels, inclusive of Metro Vancouver media stations, school district and school website, SchoolMessenger notification for families, and communication to staff.

Student and staff safety is of the highest priority and a shared responsibility. Please ensure children have suitable clothing / footwear and safe routes to school. Leave a bit of extra time for travel in the event of snow or ice. It would be very helpful to have “inside” shoes to change out of their boots.

Out of an abundance of caution for today’s extreme cold and wind chill, students and staff will stayed inside at recess and lunch. Different areas of the school will be utilized to allow students a variety of activities (gym, computers, etc).

As a lead up to Black History Month, Black Excellence Day is observed in Canada on January 15th. Black Excellence Day is a day to learn about Black history, black art, black stories, and a time to stand in solidarity with Black Canadians to honour the rich history, contributions, achievements, resilience, and joy of Black people. January 15th was chosen in honour of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was born on January 15, 1929. There are two very notable North Vancouverites who have contributed to this community. Do you know the contributions and achievements of Harry Jerome (former Ridgeway student) and John Braithwaite? Click here for more information about [Harry Jerome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Jerome) and [John Braithwaite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Braithwaite_%28criminologist%29). For more information about Black Excellence Day, [click here](https://blackexcellenceday.ca/index.php/resources/)

15 spots added rated cost and it's also open to all the families that need financial assistance as well and their kids can join at no cost if they email me- thank you!

<https://ecoleboudarychess2.eventbrite.ca>

Chess Master James has setup another signup link for those that still want to join at a pro-rated cost. Please contact Ms. La Roue if financial assistance is required.

<https://ecoleboudarychess2.eventbrite.ca>

***Our lessons and learnings with the Core Competencies this month continue with:***

What is creative thinking?

* Creative thinking is a way of looking at problems or situations from a new or fresh point of view. Some of the ideas that you come up with when you think creatively will work and others won’t. The purpose of creative thinking is not to be ‘judge-y’, but rather to be open and accepting of new ideas and different points of view.
* Creative thinking comes from free play, exploration and experimentation. Jean Piaget once said: “Play is the work of children”. In real life, play is also the work of creative adults!

*As we look forward to the excitement that term 2 brings, we anticipate a busy and engaging time ahead for students, staff, and families. Wishing you all the best for a happy and healthy start to 2024.*

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| UPCOMING EVENTS |

January 17 PAC meeting (7pm, virtual – link to follow)

January 22 FSA’s for grade 4 and 7 being sent home today – please check backpacks

January 23 Late French Immersion Parent Info session 6-7:30 at Argyle

February 3 North Vancouver Wolf Pack Boundary night

February 9 Argyle Band performs at Boundary

February 12 Grade 7 Parent Meeting at Argyle 7pm

February 13 Band and Strings Festival

February 16 District Wide Professional Day - School Not in Session

February 19 Family Day – School Not in Session

February 23 Grade 7’s visit Argyle for Cyber Safety Presentation

February 23 PAC hosted Parent Social – details to be confirmed

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| LATE FRENCH IMMERSION NEWS |

**Bienvenue! Welcome to the Late French Immersion Program.**

## Overview

The Late French Immersion Program is a two-year intensive prog​ram offered to all students who have successfully completed Grade 5. In Grade 6, 100% of instruction is delivered in French with an emphasis on oral French, to ensure effective language acquisition.  English Language Arts are re-introduced in Grade 7 and represent 20% of instruction time, while all other subjects continue to be taught in French. In Grade 8, Late French Immersion students join their Early French Immersion peers for continuation of the French Immersion Program at the secondary level through to Grade 12.

This highly popular second language program is offered subject to space availability and the requirements of the North Vancouver School District enrolment and registration process.

[Information Video Click Here](https://vimeo.com/889581155/d46d88f620)

 [**Information Session — January 23**](https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/FrenchImmersion/LateImmersion/Pages/default.aspx#3dfa30f2-99de-4ba3-b07e-0ed5701c91033)

An information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in learning about the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) will be held at École Argyle Secondary on January 23rd, 2024 from 6:30-7:30pm. Both Grade 5 students and their families are welcome to attend. While optional, you are encouraged to [RSVP using this link](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDic4Z6NToJLNGfMPkeRCn_Nd2PwmUeNUMVVITE1DV1dHNFU1UTk1WEJQNzc0RkdTTy4u).

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| **2024/25 Elementary Band & Strings - Registration Opens January 15, 2024** |

Registration for the 2024/25 Elementary Band and Strings program will open on Monday, January 15, 2024.  The NVSD public webpage for the [Band and Strings](https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx#/=)has been updated and now contains the information for the 2024/25 school year.

There are two registration options and fees for 2024/25:

·         Registration between January 15 - February 29, 2024 – the fee is $535 and can be paid through a monthly instalment plan that will be in place until September 1st.

·         Registration between March 11 - September 27, 2024 (Late Registration\*) – the fee will be $600.  No monthly installment plan is available for this option.

\* As noted below, low early registration numbers may impact the Late Registration option.

Families can withdraw their child from the program and receive a FULL refund up to June 14, 2024. After this date, a $75 fee will be charged.

Applications for bursaries are available internally through PVP’s only.  Bursary Applications and can be found [HERE](https://my44.sd44.ca/managercentral/PVPweeklymessages/supplementalmaterials/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?guestaccesstoken=Gl6cDj426MHXwRI4Di%2fNLyMsl3ZefF5c98h401l8wBU%3d&docid=2_1c4089c2a57d845cb9781c340d51a5bea&rev=1) or on the Forms portal page under Manager Forms/Learning Services.  All applications are due on February 15 and are to be emailed to bandandstring@sd44.ca.

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| GRADE 7 NEWS |

**Attention all Grade 7 Parents!**

Have you bought your ticket to the **Grade 7 Parent Social**? Come join us and catch up with old friends or make some new ones! Share some stories and get to know one another as our kids wrap up their elementary school years and head into high school. It's all happening Friday, January 19th at Black Kettle Brewing. Tickets are $25, and includes a Smash Cheeseburger and beer! Payment is not accepted at the door so please e-transfer payment to the Grad Committee for purchase at **boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com** (include your child's name in the comments/notes field)

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**Grade 7 Yearbook Photos and Release Forms** are due February 1st! Please get those in as soon as possible!! If you need assistance or have any questions, please email the Grad Yearbook Committee at **boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com**

**Grade 7 Grad Bottle Drive is ongoing!**Thank you to those grade 7 students and parents who braved the snow/hail/sunshine we had on Sunday! Their efforts brought in 33 bags of beverage containers and added to their farewell activities fundraising account! If you or your family or your neighbours would like to support this ongoing endeavor for our grade 7 students, please save those empties for the next bottle drive OR use phone number **604-903-3260**at any Encorp Return-It location and have our account credited with your deposit.

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| School Reminders and Routines |

Please communicate absences by school messenger app, OR email to boundary@sd44.ca & teacher(s) OR absence line 604-903-3264

*Thank you!*

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| After School Art Programs at Boundary |

Artists for Kids is pleased to offer three After School Art classes at Boundary Elementary this winter! For more information and to register, visit the [Artists for Kids website](https://www.sd44.ca/school/artistsforkids/learn/afterschoolart/Pages/default.aspx#/=).

### **Winter 2024 - Watercolours (Grades K-2)**

In this wonderful watercolour class, the children will be introduced to the basics of watercolour techniques and be able to use this medium to explore their creativity. We will learn about mixing colours, wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry painting, brushstrokes, washes, and blending. There will be a focus on "Nature as Inspiration" to encourage a connection with the environment and spark imagination. Join us as we dive into the world of watercolours where the colours flow and imaginations soar!

Wednesdays (8)
Jan. 17 - Mar. 6
3:45 - 5:00 pm
Grades K-2
Boundary Elementary - Rm . 011

Class fee: $195

[Register here!](https://www.sd44.ca/school/artistsforkids/learn/afterschoolart/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

### Winter 2024- Watercolours (Grades 3-7)

Welcome to the vibrant world of watercolours! In this class, young artists will embark on an exciting journey of creativity and self-expression through the medium of watercolors. Inspired by the beauty of nature, students will have the opportunity to paint landscapes and still life scenes. They'll develop observational skills, brush techniques, colour mixing and blending, and learn how to translate what they see onto paper with the magic of watercolours.

Tuesdays (8)
Jan. 16 - Mar. 5
3:45 - 5:15 pm
Grades 3-7
Boundary Elementary - Rm . 011

Class fee: $195

[Register here!](https://www.sd44.ca/school/artistsforkids/learn/afterschoolart/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

### **Winter 2024 - ​Éducation Artistique**

Students will explore a variety of painting and drawing mediums inspired by artists throughout history - all the while extending their French language learning! The class will be conducted in French and is suitable for students enrolled in French Immersion, Late French Immersion or English with an interest in pursuing French language learning.

​Tuesdays (8)
Jan. 16 - Mar. 5
3:45 - 5:15 pm
Grades 4-8
​Boundary Elementary - Rm. 010

Class fee: $195

[Register here!](https://www.sd44.ca/school/artistsforkids/learn/afterschoolart/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

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| **PAC NEWS****Engage with us on Instagram and Facebook @boundarypac** |

  **North Vancouver Wolf Pack:** Saturday, February 3, 2024 is Boundary Night at the North Vancouver Wolf Pack. Buy tickets online and 50% of sales will go to Boundary (Enter promo code Boundary at checkout). Please note that tickets will not be available at the door. You can purchase tickets here: <https://www.showpass.com/wolf-pack-regular-season/>.

**Parent Social:**Get your tickets now to the Boundary parent social on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Black Kettle Brewing Company. Tickets are $35 (includes a $20 voucher to use towards food) and can be purchased on the Hot Lunches website: <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/>. We will be doing a 50/50 raffle as well as a wine pull - please contact chair@boundarypac.ca if you have a wine bottle to donate.

**BPAC Meeting:**Please join our BPAC meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held virtually. The link to join will be sent out prior to the meeting.

**Online Auction:**We're excited to bring back our auction this year. The online auction will be held in late April-early May. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact  chair@boundarypac.ca. All money raised benefits our students and school community!

**Upcoming Fundraisers:**We will be announcing new fundraisers with COBS Bread and Neufeld Farms - details to come soon!

**"All I Want for Christmas" Youth to Youth Gift Card Campaign:**Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign with the Christmas Bureau. Our community was able to raise more than $350 in gift card donations to local teens.

**White Hatter Presentations:**Digital literacy and internet safety educators, White Hatter, are holding a virtual presentation on January 22 at 7 p.m. on teens and social media use. Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea4ewdCg0eijOL7NdTEL6Mmn7wCDE89UgSDEYBEf44zYhkWA/viewform>.

**FreshSchools**– Visit [boundarypac.ca](http://boundarypac.ca/) to sign up for this platform and stay up-to-date on all Boundary-related events.

**Hot lunch Registration** – The next round of hot lunch ordering (February-June) is live on the Hot Lunches website, along with additional hot dog days to support the Grade 7 students. Sign up now: <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/> All students must register each year using code **BEHL** If you have an existing credit, please use the same email and user name. Check out the FAQ at <https://boundarypac.ca/support-our-school/hot-lunch/>for important info about ordering, and more.

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| School Wide Focus |

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

​Caring for Self and Others
Caring for Learning
​Caring for the Environment

**SCHOOL GOALS FOR 2023-2024**

**Goal 1:**  To develop in students the knowledge skills, and understandings to enable them to be socially, emotionally, and physically healthy

**Goal 2:** To develop in students the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed to approach and complete tasks and routine, even in the face of change

**Goal 3:** To develop oral language and reading skills that enable students and families to experience joy, learning, and creativity through language and story

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| HELPFUL WEBSITE LINKS |

North Vancouver School District Website: [www.sd44.ca](http://www.sd44.ca)

École Boundary School Website: [click here](https://www.sd44.ca/school/boundary/Pages/default.aspx)

École Boundary School Plan: [click here](https://vibrantlearning.sd44.ca/school-plan/boundary-elementary/)

Boundary PAC website [click here](http://www.boundarypac.ca/)

Argyle School Website: [click here](https://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Pages/default.aspx)

New Reporting resources for parents and caregivers: [click here](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting-for-families)

North Shore Family Services: [click here](https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/)

North Vancouver District Public Libraries: [click here](https://nvdpl.ca/)

North Vancouver Recreation: [click here](https://www.nvrc.ca/)