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**Weekly Update February 12-16
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
Lost and Found on display this week in the front foyer– so many lost clothes since the break!! Gr. 6/7 Tripleball Game Day @ Lynn Valley Gr.7 Parent Night @ Argyle	Hot Lunch Chess Club Gr. 6 Girls Tripleball Game Day @ Braemar Grade 7 Girls @ Home	Valentine's Day Grade 6 Tripleball Practise at lunch Grade 7 Tripleball practise 3-4 Band and Strings Festival (evening performance)	Argyle Choir to perform @1pm (rescheduled) Grade 6 Tripleball Practise at lunch Grade 7 Tripleball practise 3-4 at lunch	District Professional Day School not in session

WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW...

February is always a time when we engage and focus classroom activities and learning about 'kindness'. Although this is a year-round expectation, we often need reminders and focused instruction on the 'knowledge', the 'doing' and the 'understanding' of what kindness is, what it looks and feels like, and why it is so important for everyone in a community. When we all work together to accept and celebrate differences and to lift each other up with kindness and love, the community becomes strengthened, enriched, and productive. When students have a sense of belonging in their school community, they are better able to learn and thrive. Please ask your child about their lessons, classroom conversations, and their own 'kindness' actions.

Continuing our learning about the contributions of Black Canadians, this week we focussed on **Willie O'Ree** (first Black player in the NHL), **Violet King** (first Black female lawyer called to the bar in 1954), **Mary Ann Shad** (American-Canadian anti-slavery activist, journalist, publisher, teacher, and lawyer), **George Bonga** (famous Voyageur who paddled through central Canada), Black families who founded "**Africville**," a small community in Halifax, and **Joe Fortes** (the first lifeguard and swim instructor in Vancouver)

The coming week 12-16 and the following (19-23) will be shorter 4-day weeks, with a Professional Day next Friday and the Provincial Family Day holiday on Monday, February 19th. Next Friday, all educators throughout the School District will be engaged in professional learning opportunities. We value this time to add to our practice and to bring new knowledge, skills, and understanding into school. We hope that all of you will be able to take advantage of this coming weekend to engage in family activities that celebrate and connect with each other.

And finally, wishing all families who recognize or celebrate Chinese New Year to enjoy the "Year of the Dragon" celebrations happening this weekend. Dragon is powerful, endlessly energetic, and full of vitality, goal-oriented yet idealistic and romantic, and a visionary leader. They know exactly who they are and possess the keenest sense of self among the 12 zodiacs of Chinese astrology.

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

Communication, being able to give and receive thoughtful feedback, is part of creative thinking and makes all of our work better. Creativity includes working hard, on purpose, on skills that you need to develop to make your ideas work. Creative thinkers persevere. They are good at 'having a go' and then using their experiences to make their next try even better. Creative thinkers always "try, try again!"



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Why is creative thinking important?

- Creative thinking is at the heart of invention and innovation. Sir Ken Robinson said: “Creativity is putting your imagination to work, and it’s produced the most extraordinary results in human culture”.
- Positive self-talk helps is the best friend of creativity. Susan L. Taylor reminds us that: “Every problem has a solution. Stress and worry, they solve nothing. What they do is block creativity. You are not even able to think about the solutions (when you worry)”.

Every two weeks we are recognizing students who exemplify the attributes taught through the Second Step lessons.

Today we are recognizing students who are **original and accepts differences in others**. It’s great to be different and to let others be as they are. Thank you to the following students for shining bright at Boundary!

Kyran, Keefe, Sughoon, Rory, Kate, James, Mackenzie, Mason, Matthew, Rylie, Payton, Adolfo, Blake, Ethan, James, Max, Elena, Tiiu, Bradley, Alexa, Levi, Avry, Charlotte, Tristan, Ciara, Luke, Zoe, Levi, Hayden, Jack, Hudson, Mason, Gabe, Andrey, Johannes, Evan, Tess, Cordelia, Audrey, Helena, Artemis, Harrison

Congratulations! We are so thankful for your contributions to Boundary!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12	Grade 7 Parent Meeting at Argyle 7pm
February 14	Band and Strings Festival
February 16	District Wide Professional Day - School Not in Session
February 19	Family Day (School closed)
February 23	Grade 7’s visit Argyle for Cyber Safety Presentation
February 23	PAC hosted Parent Social – \$35.00 /tix Black Kettle Brewing see below for tix
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 28	Staff Collaboration Day – 2pm dismissal

GRADE 3 and 4 UPDATE Skw’une-was and Outdoor School

For families of Grade 3 and 4 students, we can now confirm the dates and cost of the Skw’une-was and Outdoor School Programs held at Cheakamus Centre.

Grade 3: **June 18** leave Boundary – overnight – return 3PM **June 19 cost \$152.00**

Grade 4: **May 8** leave Boundary – overnight 8th/ 9th/ return 3PM **May 10 cost \$247.00**

More information will be coming to parents shortly. We are in the very beginning stages of planning and will be able to provide permission forms, etc. very soon. Please reach out to your child’s classroom teacher if you have any immediate questions or concerns.

If a family has financial concerns and would like to apply for a bursary, please send a confidential email to Principal Kelly La Roue (klaroue@sd44.ca).



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PAC NEWS

[Lunch Grit
at Boundary](#)

You can
register [here](#)

Engage with us on Instagram and Facebook @boundarypac

There are still a few spots open for **Lunch Grit at Boundary**. These sessions will be held from 12:10-12:45 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room on Wednesdays from February 21-March 13. The program is open to students in grades 3-5 and costs \$60 / participant.

Lunch Grit is a 4-week workshop held at lunch time at Boundary. In it, we un-pack how to be a happier human at school (while the students eat lunch). We find tools for finding calm in stressful situations, we navigate our way through the landmine of tricky friendships, we deal with the pressure of expectations, we laugh - we create - we move our bodies. It's the perfect break for half-way through the day.

North Vancouver Wolf Pack: Thank you to all the families who came out to support! We raised \$500!

Special thank you to Amanda Wood Cook and all the students who participated in singing the national anthem.

You made the night extra special.

Cobs Fundraiser: Cobs has offered some yummy options this year. From classic hot cross buns to scones and even fun buns! Place your order through our hot lunch site. For every 6 pack sold \$2 goes back to Boundary! <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/>.

Parent Social: Join us at the parent social on February 23 at Black Kettle Brewing from 6:30-11 p.m. Tix (\$35) can be purchased at: <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/>.

Wine Donations: If you have a bottle of wine to donate for the wine pull at the Parent Social, please email chair@boundarypac.ca OR bring it to the office where we have a box for donations.

Online Auction Donations: We are accepting donations for our online auction, which will be from April 28-May 5. Email chair@boundarypac.ca if you have an item to donate!

Carnival Committee: Save the date for the Boundary Carnival on May 31! We are looking for volunteers to join the Carnival Committee. Please email chair@boundarypac.ca.

Upcoming Fundraisers: Neufeld Farms - details to come soon!

FreshSchools – Visit 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, along with additional hot dog days to support the Grade 7 students. Sign up now: <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/> (code **BEHL**). Check out the FAQ at <https://boundarypac.ca/support-our-school/hot-lunch/> for important info.

GRADE 7 NEWS

Want to help save the planet one load of laundry at a time?

The Grade 7 Grad Committee is pleased to announce their partnership with Eco Living Club for their Winter fundraiser! **15%** of all purchases will go towards the Grade 7's year end festivities!

Eco Living Club offers Laundry, Toilet & Dishwasher Strips that are certified hypoallergenic, and more importantly free from harmful chemicals to you and the planet. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#) until May 1st, 2024. GET 10% OFF USE CODE: "**BOUNDARY**" Please share with your family, friends and co-workers as items are shipped directly to their address (free shipping within Canada!). You may also copy and paste the following: [HTTPS://ECOLIVINGCLUB.COM/?REF=BOUNDARYGRADE7GRADS2024](https://ecolivingclub.com/?REF=BOUNDARYGRADE7GRADS2024)



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Got bottles?

The Grade 7 Bottle Drive is also ongoing! Please save those beverage containers for our next drive through event, or return at leisure to your closest Return-It Depot and use phone number **604-903-3260** to have the Grade 7 account credited!

For any questions or comments, please email boundarygrade7grad@gmail.com

School Reminders and Routines

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

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND FOR ITEMS THAT BELONG TO YOUR CHILD

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

HELPFUL WEBSITE LINKS

North Vancouver School District Website: www.sd44.ca

École Boundary School Website: [click here](#)

École Boundary School Plan: [click here](#)

Boundary PAC website [click here](#)

Argyle School Website: [click here](#)

New Reporting resources for parents and caregivers: [click here](#)

North Shore Family Services: [click here](#)

North Vancouver District Public Libraries: [click here](#)

North Vancouver Recreation: [click here](#)