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**Weekly Update February 19-23**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
Family Day School Not in Session	Hot Lunch  Chess Club  Gr. 6/7 Girls Tripleball Game Day	Gr. 7 Tripleball Practice 3-4	Grade 6 Tripleball practice 3-4	

**WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW...**

Another busy week at Boundary ended with an amazing performance by the Argyle Choir. It is fabulous to listen to the talent and joy of former Boundary students and students from the Argyle Family of Schools.

*Continuing with our Black History Month learning, last week we focussed on the contributions of:*

**Viola Desmond** in 1946 in Nova Scotia, Canada. Born in 1914 to mixed parents (her father was Black and her mother was Caucasian), she was one of 10 children. In 1946, Viola Desmond challenged racial discrimination when she refused to leave the segregated Whites-only section of the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. On December 9, 2016 Viola Desmond became the FIRST Canadian woman to appear on a banknote (the \$10 bill). Beside her picture is an excerpt from the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination."

**Emma Stark**, became the first Black teacher on Vancouver Island at age 18. Her mother, Sylvia, was a living legend. People loved gathering to hear stories of her childhood. She lived to be 106 years old! "**Maharaja**" is a Sanskrit word for **GREAT RULER**. **Oscar Peterson**, a Canadian jazz pianist, virtuoso and composer has been called the "**Maharaja of the keyboard**". Born in Montreal in 1925 to immigrant parents from the West Indies, Oscar was "wowing" musicians with his ability on the piano by the time he was 9 years old! Is anyone interested in finding some GOLD? BC's first dentist sure was! **William Allen Jones** was the FIRST dentist in BC to be granted a licence under the British Columbia Dental Act. He was a Black pioneer who originally moved to Saltspring Island with his two brothers.

**Boundary Elementary Grade K-3 Multi-Sport After School Program**

**Dates: Fridays, April 5th - June 14th (No session May 31st)**

**Times: 3:00 - 4:30**

**Grades: K-3**

**Cost: \$270 + GST**

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!

Registration: [Sign up here](#)



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

Being brave on purpose and trying new things is part of creative thinking. Follow your interests. The great musician Yo-Yo Ma believes that: "Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something, then you're more willing to take risks".

How are creative thinking and communication connected?

- Active listening means whole body listening. We listen not only with our ears but also with our eyes and body. The brain is turned on when paying attention and is open to new and creative ideas. Focus on what the speaker is saying so that you can listen to understand and add on to their thinking.
- Communication is connecting with other people to share your thoughts, add on to each other's ideas, and create better ideas together. Einstein said: "Creativity is contagious, pass it on".

**FROM THE MINISTRY**

Another gentle nudge... please consider completing the student learning survey. Thank you!

## **Student Learning Survey 2023/2024**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2024** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades \_\_ and \_\_, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

**The e-survey site will be open until May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the school at [boundary@sd44.ca](mailto:boundary@sd44.ca).**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Pink Shirt Day
February 28	Staff Collaboration Day – 2pm dismissal
March 4	Self Assessment of the Core Competencies are sent home this week
March 11	Ramadan begins
March 11	Learning Updates Published today (Report Cards)
March 12	2pm dismissal for Parent / Teacher conferences (please check with your child's classroom teacher)
March 13	2pm dismissal for Parent / Teacher conferences
March 14	2pm dismissal for Parent / Teacher conferences

## PAC NEWS

Engage with us on Instagram and Facebook @boundarypac

**Parent Social:** Join us next week 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/> (\$20 / ticket can be put towards food).

**Cobs Fundraiser:** Cobs has offered some yummy options this year. From classic hot cross buns to scones and fun buns! Place your order at <https://boundary.hotlunches.net/admin/>. For every 6-pack sold, \$2 goes back to Boundary! Orders accepted until March 3.

**Wine Donations:** If you have a bottle of wine to donate for the wine pull at the Parent Social, please email [chair@boundarypac.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chair@boundarypac.ca).

**Upcoming Fundraisers:** Neufeld Farms - details to come soon!

**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, 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.

## Lunch Grit at Boundary

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.



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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.

You can register [here](#).

### School Reminders and Routines

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

### 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](http://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](#)