

Month Events

Tuesday, April 9 – PAC meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 – Arbutus Night of Music

Thursday, April 15 – Class, teams and grad 8 Photo day

Monday, April 22 – Earth Day

Friday, April 26 – Spring Gala

Student Placements for Next Year

In May, teachers will place Grade 6, 7 and 8 students in tentative classes for 2013 – 2014. These class organizations may change prior to school starting, but they give us a starting place for next year.

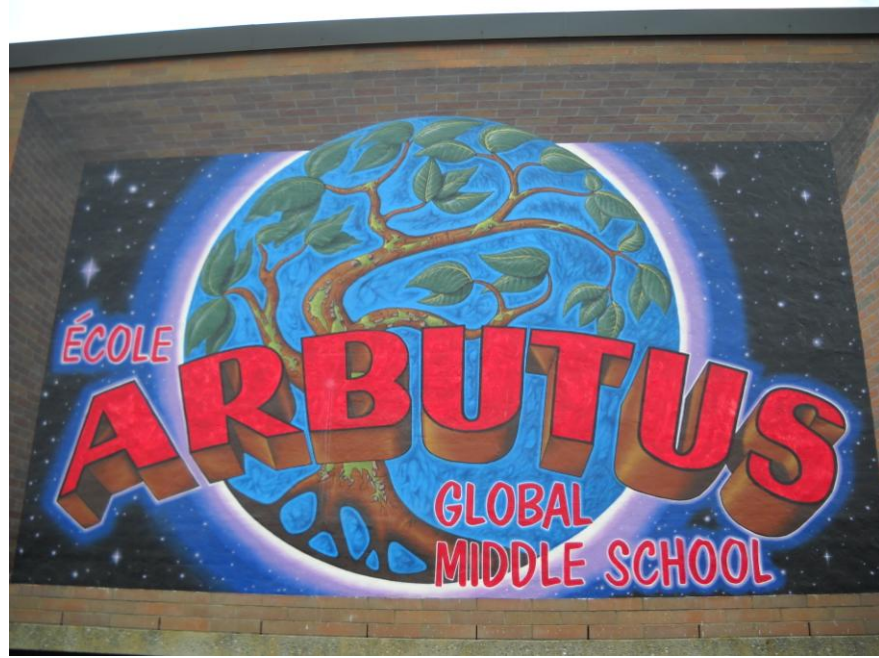
There are many factors that teachers consider, such as academic needs, social interactions, emotional needs, etc. Placing children in classes is a huge endeavor and there is tremendous thought and effort put into class placement. At this time of year, we invite parents to provide us with input that we may not be aware of, such as a child's desire to be with a particular friend, a child's need for structure, etc. You can outline if your child works well or does not work well with a particular student. Please do not request a specific teacher.

We cannot guarantee that we can honour your request, but we do our best to keep parental input in mind when making placements for next year.

If you have input that you would like us to consider, **we must receive written input from you by May 3, 2012.** Please address your letters or emails to Sean Powell at spowell@sd61.bc.ca.

Intentions for 2013 – 2014

If you are planning on moving next year, please contact the office as soon as possible.



APRIL 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Spring Gala, on April 26th is quickly approaching. This will be the second year that the PAC has organized the adult only event. It is an evening to come out to socialize, participate in a silent auction (if you like) and listen to great, live music. I had many parents remark last year on what a great event that it was.

Our committee is madly working on ordering linens, making signs and printing tickets (among many other things). We need help!

- 1) We need donations for the Silent Auction. If you own a business or have a friend that does- please ask them to consider donating to our cause.
- 2) Purchase a ticket. Tickets (\$10 per person) will be available in the office starting on April 10, 2013.

This year we are hoping to fundraise \$7500 to purchase a 20ft container and fill it with emergency preparedness supplies for our community.



Thank you,
Sean Powell

Arbutus Music

Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.
University of Victoria

Each year, Arbutus presents an evening performance showcasing our bands, jazz bands, string ensembles and choir. It is an incredible evening of music involving over two-thirds of our school. The performance will take place on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Farquhar Auditorium at the University of Victoria.

Tickets can be purchased at the UVic Auditorium box office.
For more information, see www.arbutusmusic.ca



Student Olympics put on by Uvic Students

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT ARBUTUS

World Partnership Walk www.worldpartnershipwalk.com
Arbutus Global Middle School will have a team participating and all students are invited to join us Sunday, May 26 at Beacon Hill. This is a student initiated, community project which supports international issues and global poverty. Please sign up - the donation request can be skipped, however CIDA will match all donations. Thank you Hassan and Alex!

Division 5 - Salmon Release to Mount Doug Creek. As part of our stewardship program of incubating salmon in the school, division 5 will be releasing fry at the end of April.

Global Literacy Project: Ms. Hill, Ms. Huyter, & Ms. McDougall will be exchanging 'flat stanleys' with a class in Bedford UK - stay tuned.... www.flatstanley.com

ACT

(Arbutus Change Team)

April 8th - May Talent Show, audition signup sheets posted outside Ms McDougall's room (115)

Earth Day Groceries Project - Pepper's Grocery Store is donating paper bags for student decoration to promote Earth Day April 22. These will be handed out to customers.

Ecuador Day Care Bake Sale - week of April 22. This student initiated project will help support single mothers in Sofia's country of origin.

PEANUT AND NUT ALLERGIES in OUR SCHOOL

Just a reminder, that a number of students and some staff at Arbutus have severe allergies to peanuts and nuts. Please be aware that this is a life-threatening allergy. Please be respectful of this serious situation and keep food items containing peanuts, nuts or nut and/or peanut products at home as much as possible. Your support is appreciated by the families of children with nut allergies. Thank you.

Conversation Works.

In the last weeks of February two of our grade 7 classes, Ms. Krigolson's and Ms. McDougall's, were fortunate to work with Christopher Bowers and his *Conversation Works* program.

Christopher spends one sixty minute period teaching students the value of effective questioning. During this first meeting Christopher introduces the guest speakers that the class will be interviewing. He then works with the students to formulate effective questions for the speakers that will be coming the following week.

The next session the students were joined by: Justin Blanchfield, Engineer; Anne-Marie Daniel Partner, RoyGroup, Phillipe Rouget, Marine Biologist, and Elizabeth May, MP.

Please check out a video Elizabeth may be interviewed by Arbutus students:

<http://www.greenparty.ca/video/2013-02-23/questions-and-answers-elizabeth-may-arbutus-global-middle-school>

School Hours:

Monday: 8:30 – 2:45

Tuesday: 8:30 – 2:45

Wednesday: 8:30 – 2:45

Thursday: 8:30 – 2:45

Friday: 8:30 – 2:45

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Call back Line 250. 360.0725
Please call this line if your child will be arriving after school starts.

PAC News

April PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9 from 7:00 – 9:00 in the library, all parents are welcome.

ARBUTUS GLOBAL SPRING GALA

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction and volunteers to assist on the day of the event. If you are able to help with set-up, clean-up, beverage serving/bar tending or serving appetizers, please contact Kami, our PAC President, at arbutus.pac@vcpac.ca.

Get R.E.A.L.

Reynolds Eco-Action Leaders

Invites everyone to attend

“Where We Live” Eco Fair

Reynolds Secondary School
Saturday, April 13th from 1 – 4 p.m.

FREE – drop in or plan to stay for the afternoon. Speakers, Workshops, and over 25 Display tables to check out.

Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools Update:

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

April 22nd is Earth Day and is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 1 billion people in over 170 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. Earth Day provides the opportunity for positive actions and results. Below are a few actions you can take (if you haven't already) that make a difference!

Which household appliance uses the most energy?

- A) Refrigerator
- B) Toaster
- C) Dishwasher
- D) Washing machine

A-Refrigerators use about 11% of a household's total energy consumption.

Take Action: Make sure your refrigerator is set to optimal energy use temperatures between 2°C and 3°C. When buying new appliances ensure they are Energy Star endorsed which use less energy and save you money.

What percentage do heating costs rise by for every degree above 20°C that you set your household thermostat in the winter?

A) 2% B) 4% C) 5% D) 7%

The average Canadian home is illuminated by how many light bulbs?

A) 31 B) 41 C) 51 D) 61

A typical 5-minute shower uses how many litres of water?

A) 50 B) 100 C) 150 D) 200

How many litres of water can be saved on average if you turn off the tap when you brush your teeth or wash your face?

A) 5 litres B) 7 litres C) 9 litres

D) 11 litres

Composting can reduce your household waste by:

A) 10% B) 25% C) 50% D) 75%

C-Don't overheat your home in the winter.

Take Action: Put on a sweater and dress accordingly in order to save money and to use less energy.

B-Take Action: Use compact fluorescent light bulbs which use much less energy than incandescent bulbs; thus, saving you money.

B-Take Action: Use a low flow showerhead and you can reduce the amount of water used during a five minute shower to 35 litres. You will save water and money on your water bill.

D-Take Action: Turn off the tap when not needed, or partially fill up the sink with water to use and plug it, then turn the tap off so that it doesn't run.

C-Take Action: Separate your food waste from your regular garbage and recycling. Designate a small household container or bucket for your food scraps and then dump the contents into your backyard composter or green bin daily.