



Newsletter March 2014

Arbutus by the Month- March

Have you penciled in “The Spring Gala” on your calendars for Friday, May 2nd? This is a PAC sponsored event with a very important focus of fundraising this year. This year we are fundraising to equip a storage container to serve as our Emergency Preparedness storage centre. The estimated cost for emergency supplies for our school community is \$3000.

So, how can you help? Well first off you can show up at the event on the May 2nd (6:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m.). Another big way you can help is by finding silent auction items for that evening. Make a list of all of the community members that you could call/email to ask for a donation to the Arbutus Global Middle School Spring Gala. After securing an item for the Silent Auction, please contact me at spowell@sd61.bc.ca

The Spring Gala is not just about raising funds. It’s also about making connections with other parents in our community!

On another note, if you are interested in staying completely up-to-date with the events at Arbutus Global, may I suggest three other methods (in addition to the Newsletter):

- 1) Our website and all of its updates <http://www.arbutus.sd61.bc.ca/>
- 2) Our blog which can be accessed on the website (left hand side button)
- 3) Follow my twitter account: [@smorganpowell](https://twitter.com/smorganpowell)

Sean Powell
Principal

March Reminders

March 10 through March 21 – Spring Break – school is **NOT** in session

March 24 – School RE-OPENS – 8:35 a.m.

March 30 - Vocal Jazz perform with UVic at UVic Centre at 7 pm

Global Update

Solar ovens, Ecosystem restoration and more!

On Thursday, March 27th Arbutus Global Middle School will be having a **solar oven cooking contest**. Any student that is interested in building a solar oven and trying to cook a tasty treat is welcome to take part. There will be prizes for the most efficient, tastiest food, best design, and an overall prize for the participants that enter. Hopefully students that are interested can build an oven over the break and then bring it on the 27th to test it out. Good luck.

That day another of our Global Action classes will be headed out to Fort Rod Hill to work with a local restoration group to try to restore some of the Garry Oak ecosystem that is found there. Another great example of students trying to give back to our community.

Also a big congratulation to Division 4 for organizing another successful Trade Day back on January 30th. Many students took part and the leftover items were donated to the Women in Need society. It was a great event.

And lastly thanks to the students in Division 15 who completed a series of random acts of kindness. We are currently putting together the video to show you the variety of ways that they chose to give back to their community. They chose everything from visiting elementary schools, to habitat restoration, to singing for a local retirement home. It was very impressive to see the diversity of ideas that came out. Well done!

Mr. Maxwell



Congratulations to all of our students that have completed a very successful volleyball season. We will be starting rugby, badminton and track and field after spring break.



Students taking part in the Flash Mob dance which was part of Pink Shirt Day Feb 26th at the legislative buildings.

ARBUTUS SPORTS

Our volleyball season is winding up and all of the teams had great results! Thank you to all of our volunteer coaches and timekeepers. We couldn't have done it without you!

The badminton team has already had some practices and will get into a regular schedule shortly. Students need to listen to announcements for regular practice times.

Our boys' rugby is beginning to be organized. Boys need to listen to announcements for more information. We are trying to get enough girls interested to hopefully have a team for them, too. The girls would need a coach if the interest is there. Please contact the school if you think this is something you could do.

We will also be trying to organize a field hockey team! Please let us know if you are interested in helping out with this.

Track and Field will also be starting shortly after spring break. Stay tuned for announcements. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with track and field too!

Please let us know if you can help!



ARBUTUS CLUBS

Drama - Thursdays at 3 pm

Media - Fridays at lunch

Environmental Leadership -
Fridays at lunch



