

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

New water filters were installed on our main water fountains this past summer, to address a problem that arose last June about possible lead contamination in our water lines. (A number of schools in the District were affected.) All drinking sources should have filters installed before October, and are now clearly marked if they do not have filters installed yet.

Sign-ups took place this week for **Soccer, Cross Country, Athletic Leadership, and the Media Team** for students. Sports team letters will come home soon outlining coaching personnel and practice and game times.

Tech Club will start next week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch recess in the cafeteria with Mr. Maxwell. This is part of our new device-use policy to allow students to learn about new apps, technology etc. in a forum led by a staff member twice a week during the breaks. Students are encouraged to bring their own personal devices to this club.

We have decided that our new team names, the **Blizzard, Frostbite, Glaciers, Ice, Hail and Storm** will continue from now on. A new Spirit Committee will develop Avalanche challenges and events this year to continue to promote teamwork and fun to maximize student engagement.

- **Student Pack-Ups:** please try to return the completed school forms to school office asap.
- **Picture Day** is Tuesday, September 20. Order portraits now at mylifetouch.ca, or up to 48 hrs after photos, using Picture Day ID QU476477Q0, or students can bring form and payment to photographer.

Yours truly,

Rob Parker, Principal

For information on school sports game and meet dates visit:

<http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/>

Early morning music practices have started this year. Intermediate Strings practiced their first piece together on Thursday morning.



Attendance - Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. You can email to attendance62@sd61.bc.ca or phone and leave a message on our call back line at **250-360-0725**.

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Sept. 19th	Pro D Day - no school for students
Tuesday, Sept. 20th	Photo Day - individual photos (Class photos in Spring) 12:06 pm Tech Club - cafeteria 3 pm Girls 6/7 Soccer Practice - field 6 pm PAC Barbeque - front of school 7 pm - Meet the Teacher Night Welcome in the gym
Wednesday, Sept. 21st	
Thursday, Sept. 22nd	12:06 pm Tech Club - cafeteria
Friday, Sept. 23rd	Cookie Sales outside cafeteria—12 pm

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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The Greater Victoria School District is very pleased to be a participating member of the Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation's *No Child Without*® school program.

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation has developed a **free** program to protect children living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs. This program is called No Child Without. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from age 4 to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education.

Each participating school has No Child Without bar-coded brochures specific to the school. If you are interested in having your child participate in the program, please ask the office staff for a brochure and follow the information provided.

Students will have a choice of identity bracelets, listing their medical conditions and membership number. As a member of MedicAlert, you will receive a wallet card with all of the member's information, access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contact at the time of an emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call has been made to the Hotline. Should your child move to another school in Canada, they are still protected.

Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.



Technology Education!



Teamwork and collaboration!



French Immersion.....



Global action exploratories....

The first full week of school underway at Arbutus Global!



Literacy skills!



Summit Strings.....