

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Parent-Teacher Conferences Oct 19-20 (11:51 am dismissal) - An email on how to book your conference times for next week was sent out yesterday for parents. On-line sign up times are now available at <http://arbutusglobal.schoolappointments.com/>. The website will walk you through the registration and booking process. All families will need to create an account since the accounts from last year have been deleted for security purposes. We hope all parents can make it into the school on one of these conference days next week for these important appointments with teachers.

Basketball Season - Soccer and Cross Country finish up this month and Basketball team sign-ups have now begun. Please make sure your child is listening for important PA announcements about meeting times. Also, we are still looking for coaches to volunteer and coach Arbutus teams. Please email Mr. Howe at clhowe@sd61.bc.ca if you are interested. *Go Avs go!*

PAC Meeting: Thank you to our PAC for providing a second emergency water container and 100 more emergency food bars for our Earthquake Container this summer. The PAC is also funding a new LCD projector in the Drama Room this year and we are grateful for their support!

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)- As discussed at our PAC meeting this week, the Board of Education has recently established a new policy and regulation to support students who may be struggling with gender or sexuality issues. To this end, high schools and middle schools are developing GSA clubs for LGBTQ students and allies to take part in discussions on this topic, and as a source of support. One of our teachers, Mrs. Andrea Scott will be sponsoring a GSA at Arbutus starting later this month. Please see the District website for information on this policy that will help our schools become safer places for all.

Rob Parker, Principal

The Great BC Shakeout - AGMS will be taking part in this province-wide Earthquake Drill next **Thursday, Oct 20** at 10:30 am to help practice our response and prepare for an earthquake in Victoria. Please support our **Blanket Drive (details next page)** to further our efforts and preparation in this area -thank you Arbutus families!



Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill practice with the **Arbutus Choir** early Wednesday 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**.

For Soccer Game and Cross Country Meet dates and times go to:

<http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools>

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 17	3 pm Boys 6/7 Soccer practice - moved from Wednesday 3:45 pm Grade 7/8 Boys Soccer game at Lansdowne Middle School
Tuesday, Oct. 18	12:06 pm Tech Club - cafeteria 3:45 pm Girls 6/7 Soccer game at Gordon Head Middle School
Wednesday, Oct. 19 (NO lunch program)	Choices Conference - Victoria High School, <i>Lego Club CANCELLED</i> 11:51 am Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, Oct. 20 (NO lunch program)	<i>Power of Being a Girl</i> Conference - YWCA 11:51 am Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:45 pm Boys 6/7 Soccer game at Gordon Head Middle School
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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Drama class in action this week with Mrs. Hill.

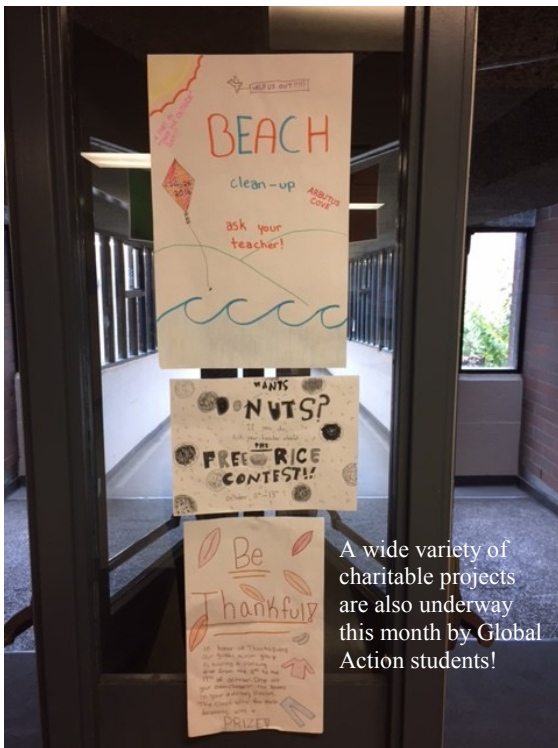


AGMS Earthquake Blanket Drive

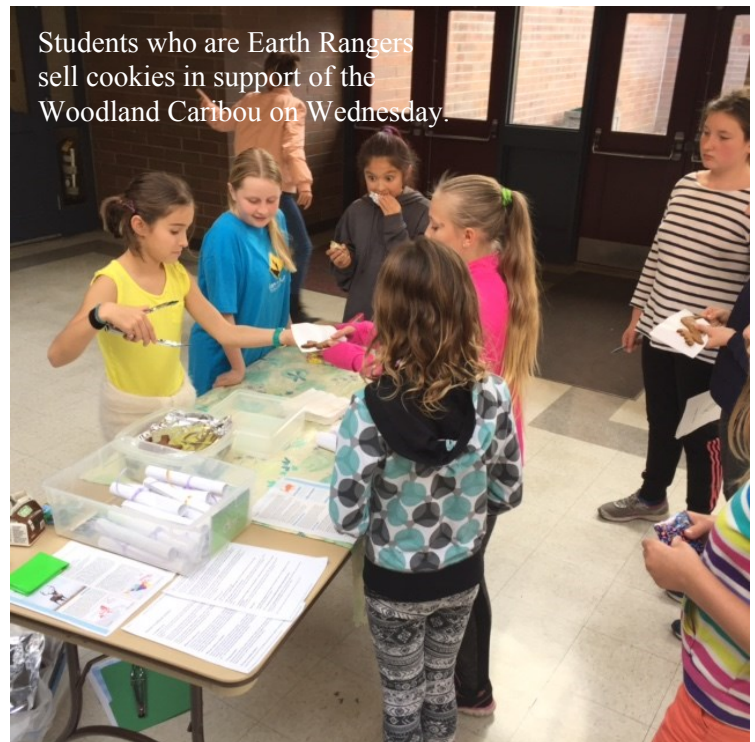
We are kicking off a Blanket Drive next week to support our **Earthquake Preparedness** Program at AGMS. We are looking for donations of clean, washed, **wool or fleece** blankets that may be surplus in your home. They would be used in an emergency situation to keep students warm.

Blankets should be put in a green or clear plastic garbage bag if possible, and labelled Blanket Drive. They can be dropped off in the Office during the Parent-Teacher Conferences, or sent with your child to school. No cotton blankets or sheets please—we are looking for warm blankets.

Thank you to any families who can help out with any clean spare wool or fleece blankets!



A wide variety of charitable projects are also underway this month by Global Action students!



Students who are Earth Rangers sell cookies in support of the Woodland Caribou on Wednesday.

Parents: Would you like to help your child complete assignments or do effective research? Use the subscription databases that our district and our Arbutus PAC provide. This includes access to **World Book (encyclopedia)**, **Discovery (video)**, **EBSCO and Gale (periodicals and encyclopedias)**.

To access subscription databases from home please go to the library page at the Arbutus homepage <https://arbutus.sd61.bc.ca>. You will find the links for the databases and login information. Please note that for Discovery the user name for some students will include an "a" at the end of the number.

If you would like support using these resources please contact our Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. Popovic at dpopovic@sd61.bc.ca.



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