The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

<u>Arbutus Spirit Wear</u>: Just in time for Christmas! Order forms were sent home by email this week for our new Arbutus Avalanche spirit wear. We have added on a new Avalanche design in addition to our global theme this year, and there are hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants and toques available in youth and adult sizes.

Litter Free Lunch: In an effort to reduce waste, we are asking parents to move to a litter free lunch by using reusable containers in packed lunches and to not send any food with wrappers. We know this will take time as families adjust to this, but believe it will help us better support our global education goals. Despite our best efforts to recycle as many products as possible, some of the waste material and wrappers brought in lunches are not recyclable in the District. We would like students and families to buy into a "pack it in—pack it out" approach and take any



waste home where it can better be recycled. Similarly, we have changed some of our hot lunch choices this year to reduce the amount of waste. We would appreciate any help we can get from home that can further our efforts as a global school working on sustainability.

Blanket Drive: Thanks to all families who have been able to donate blankets for the Blanket Drive this month 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 and sent to our school office. Thank you parents!

Rob Parker, Principal



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 Basketball game dates and times go to: http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 24	12:06 Dance Club
	3 pm Grade 6/7 Boys Competitive Basketball Team practice
Tuesday, Oct. 25	7:30 am Grade 8 Boys Competitive Basketball Team practice
	Photo Retake Day
	3 pm Grade 6/7 Boys Recreation Basketball Team practice
	12:06 pm Tech Club - cafeteria
Wednesday, Oct. 26	National Take Me Outside Day
	Great Canadian Beach Clean up at Arbutus Cove
	12:06 pm Grade 8 Boys Competitive Basketball Team practice
	3 pm Grade 6/7 Girls Competitive Basketball Team practice
	3:45 pm Cross Country Finals at Juan de Fuca Rec. Centre
	3 pm Lego Robotics Club Rm. 120
Thursday, Oct. 27	12:06 pm Tech Club - cafeteria
	3 pm Grade 8 Boys Competitive Basketball Team practice
	3:15 pm Swim Team
Friday, Oct. 28	12:06 Dance Club

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Grade 8 girls from across the district attended the **Choices Conference** at Vic High on October 19 to explore the many career opportunities available to young women.

Members of the Grade 6/7 Girls' Soccer team give a cheer before their last game of the season on Tuesday.

Poinsettia Sales

Order forms were sent home this week by email for band students to start their poinsettia sales. This fundraiser is for the Music Program and a great way for students to raise money for the Grade 8 band trip held every June.



<u>PAC News:</u> The Arbutus PAC is working along with the Mt. Doug PAC to organize a parent education evening next month on **youth mental wellness**. We hope to feature a panel of speakers who can provide insight and resources for parents on this important topic. Look for a published date for this event coming soon.



