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We are very proud of the many projects that our students are passionate about. If you have any suggestions or feedback about these activities please contact Mr. Maxwell or Ms. Petrini at the school

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# Global Action News

## Welcome to the first Global Action News

This is a periodic newsletter to let you know what is going on with our Global Action classes and other action projects in the AGMS school community. We will send it out near the end of the Exploratory rotations so that you are informed about the upcoming events and projects

### *Pies for Poverty*

Over the last couple of weeks, students in Division 14 have been fundraising for non profits helping those in poverty. Funds have been raised by students purchasing tickets, each ticket a vote to pie a teacher/ administrator of their choice. Eight teachers received a face full of whip cream by winning students at the assembly this week. It was a fun way to support a great cause! Thanks to all those who bought tickets and all the staff who volunteered!



### Going Green

One of our groups is concerned about waste and hoping to increase waste reduction at our school. Over the coming week, they will be seeing what classes in our Grade 6's have the highest number of litterless lunches. A great reminder to use those containers and less packaged items. Another group is looking to increase awareness around idling and to find ways to ensure our school is idle free.

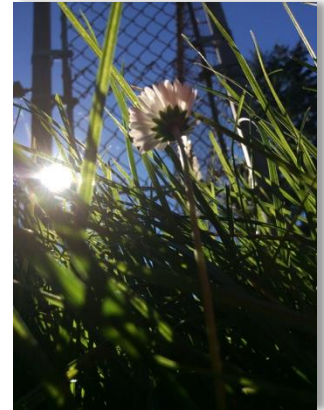
### WE DAY

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 14 students from Arbutus joined 20,000 youth from BC to participate in WE Day. This day is dedicated to inspiring youth to make positive changes in the world around them. From inspirational speakers, singers and entertainers, it was a day of high impact!



### Outdoor Education:

We are just beginning our Nature Photography Unit. Students are out moving around different outdoor spaces using 5 simple tips for taking great nature photos! We will be assembling these photos for a presentation on the last day of class.



### *Pulling Together with Saanich Parks and Victoria Green Team*

We continue our work on habitat restoration at Hollydene Park. This is a park that we started working on two years ago and it is amazing to see the native plants come back to life in areas we have been pulling in. We are working with the district of Saanich "Pulling Together Program" and are concentrating on one area and trying to rid it of the alien plant species. As well, this month classes also partnered with Victoria Green Team to participate in invasive species pulls within the Haro Woods area. We will continue this good work and partnerships to make a positive impact on our nearby natural areas that serve as an extension of our classroom.



### Best Buddies Program

Another group of students is focusing their efforts on implementing a Best Buddies Program at Arbutus this year. This program is a mentorship program, connecting interested students with students who have unique needs. This mentorship provides opportunities for students to connect and learn from one another and have fun!

### Other projects on the go....

- Some students are facilitating presentations from the SPCA to speak about social justice issues and animals
- Another group is increasing awareness about gender neutral bathrooms
- Another group is raising awareness about issues of gender neutrality
- A group is educating students about life under water and issues affecting our oceans through a fun contest
- And others are looking at topics such as....

Another great month of student's making positive impacts on their community, both local and global!