

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Report Cards: First Term report cards will go home on December 14th and to help match the changes to the renewed curriculum the Ministry of Education has issued new reporting guidelines so schools will report on the curricular competencies and provide letter grades in all main subjects three times per year. As a result, teachers can use one of three options for report cards this year: the MyEducation BC format used last year, the Freshgrade online format (with letter grades each term), or a new district format called Communicating Student Learning or CSL. The latter option is a locally developed format that has been developed to include aspects of the new curriculum. I welcome your feedback this year on any of the formats you are receiving at home. All three formats will have letter grades and comments that focus on what your child can do in relation to the learning standards, what they may need to focus on or develop further, and ways to support their learning in the school or at home. We will be sending a more detailed document home next week outlining these report card options to parents next week.

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Enjoy your weekend!

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, Nov. 21	12:06 Dance Club 3:45 pm Grade 8 Boys' Rec Basketball Team game at Arbutus
Tuesday, Nov. 22	12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria 12:06 pm Grade 6 Boys' Recreation Basketball practice 3:45 pm Grade 6/7 Girls' Competitive Basketball Team game at Arbutus
Wednesday, Nov. 23	12:06 pm Grade 8 Boys' Recreation Basketball practice 3 pm Lego Robotics Club Rm. 120 3:45 pm Grade 8 Boys' Comp. Basketball Team game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Grade 8 Girls' Rec Basketball Team game at St. Margaret's
Thursday, Nov. 24	12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria 12:06 pm Grade 7/8 Girls' Basketball Team practice 3:45 pm Grade 6 Boys' Rec Basketball Team #1 game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Grade 6 Boys' Rec Basketball Team #2 game at Rockheights 3:45 pm Grade 7 Boys' Comp. Basketball Team game at PCS 3:15 pm Swim Team
Friday, Nov. 25	Curriculum Completion Day - some students dismissed at 11:35 am. Please see the letter coming home on Nov. 21 or 22 from your child's teacher.

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Congratulations to all members of the **Arbutus Cross Country Team** who represented our school so well in the fall season. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Psaila and Mrs. Beatty for coaching these students in this health activity!



Mrs. Porter's Grade 7 class celebrates their study of the novel ***The Lightning Thief*** this week. The students created dioramas to capture a scene or significant quote from the story.



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