### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



TEAM AVALANCHE

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Many thanks to all our music students, and **Mrs. Hill** and **Mr. Mazza** for putting on two wonderful Poinsettia Concerts this week. Thank you also to Yra Binstead for organizing the Silent Auction and all parents who supported our music program in this fundraiser. We also appreciate all our teachers who came out to help support these events.

We are also very grateful for the *Staff Appreciation Luncheon* that our PAC and so many parent volunteers provided for staff today. It was much appreciated at this very busy time of year. Thank you PAC!

**School Goals 2016-17:** As part of an appreciative inquiry process undertaken in the fall with staff and some PAC members, two school goals have emerged



this year. One is to focus on **improving student wellness** (mental health, physical literacy and activity), and the other is to **further expand our global education programming** and improve **student social responsibility**.

**Digital Citizenship** will continue to be a big focus area for our students in the new year. We continue to see issues with social media communications and appropriate on-line etiquette amongst some students. We will be ensuring that all students continue to take part in lessons on the safe and respectful use of technology that is so prominent in their world today. We need help from parents to be monitoring and managing student's on-line communication at home, and continuing to have conversations about the realities of living in a digital world. Your help in this area is very important.

Rob Parker, Principal

#### Fabulous Medieval Fair

Please join us for Div. 16's *Fabulous Medieval Fair* on Wednesday, December 7 from 4 pm-7pm in the school cafeteria! Students will be dressed up in medieval wear, working at "booths" that they have designed, selling delicious treats and beautiful handmade goods. It's the perfect after school/work event! When you arrive, you will be invited to exchange your modern dollars for our ancient money pieces, which can be used to purchase delightful products from our student entrepreneurs. We hope to see you there!

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

Volleyball starts in January—listen to the announcements for practice times!

|                   | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE   |
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| Monday, Dec. 5    | 12:06 Dance Club  |
| Tuesday, Dec. 6   | 12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria                                |
| Wednesday, Dec. 7 | Inspire Trades Workshops for all Grade 7 classes in cafeteria |
|                   | 3 pm Lego Robotics Club Rm. 120                               |
|                   | 4 pm Div. 16 Fabulous Medieval Fair - cafeteria               |
| Thursday, Dec. 8  | 12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria                                |
|                   | 12:06 pm Grade 7/8 Girls' Basketball Team practice            |
|                   | 3:15 pm Swim Team   |
| Friday, Dec. 9    | 12 pm Cookie Sales  |

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The Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) were at Arbutus today presenting on various careers in this area. These talks are organized by our District Careers Coordinator amongst other programs at Arbutus this year.



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Mrs. O'Connor's Sustainable Living class looked at the environmental costs of the fashion industry this week, and held a Sustainable Fashion Show this week. The fashion industry is the second biggest polluter after the oil industry.



Welcome to December!



