

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone! Things are quickly getting busy with exciting opportunities happening this month for Grade 8s in the **Mini-Trades and Culinary Spotlight programs**, as well as the **Construction Challenge** for students in the Gifted Program on January 19 at Monterey Middle School. We also have a number of health and social responsibility initiatives to support our goal to improve student wellness, including the **Suicide Awareness Programming** happening for Grade 8s next week, and a **Connections Project** to strengthen relationships between staff and students. In addition, we are re-doubling our efforts to ensure all Arbutus Global students are well educated and knowledgeable in the area of **digital citizenship**. All Grade 6 students will receive three lessons this month on online safety and social media issues, and Grade 7s and 8s will receive a refresher lesson to build on last year’s Digital Citizenship lessons led by our Vice Principal, Mr. Maxwell. This topic will also be regularly weaved into the new curriculum, to ensure it is discussed consistently and not just a “one -off”. **Your help at home, in monitoring and regularly discussing your child’s involvement with social media and their online activities is vital in this process.** We need your help in this area and cannot do it alone here at school.

Schools across the region are also busy preparing for Open House evenings at this time of year, to begin welcoming new students who will be registering for next year. **January 25th** will be one of our busiest days of the year as we take our Grade 8 Band, Intermediate Strings and Choir students on tour to Frank Hobbs and Campus View Elementary Schools in the morning, hold our Student-Led Conferences here in the afternoon, and have our **Arbutus Open House** for current Grade 5 incoming families in the evening.

Also this month, please encourage your child to join a **Volleyball team**, as that season is just getting underway. Students should also look for upcoming opportunities from the **UVic Recreation Department** featuring **Squash lessons, a Fitness Sampler, and Floor Sports**. These lessons are usually fairly affordable and take place one day a week after school at the CARSA building at UVic. More information to follow!

Lunch Program - A reminder that our current program continues through to Fri. Feb. 3rd. A new session will start Mon. Feb. 6th . Watch for ordering information being emailed home in a couple of weeks.

Attendance - Please email attendance62@sd61.bc.ca or phone 250-360-0725 and leave a message on with your child’s name, homeroom teacher and date/time of absence. Thank you

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 9	12:06 pm Dance Club—Gym 12:06 pm GSA (Gender Sexual Alliance Club) - Rm. 105 3 pm Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball Practice
Tuesday, Jan. 10	PAC Meeting 7 pm in Library 3 pm Grade 6/7 Girls Volleyball Practice
Wednesday, Jan. 11	3 pm Lego Robotics Club Rm. 120 3 pm Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball Practice
Thursday, Jan. 12	12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria 12:06 pm Cartoon and Drawing Club - Art Room 3 pm Grade 6/7 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:15 pm Swim Team
Friday, Jan. 13	12 pm Cookie Sales 12:06 pm Dance Club—Gym

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TEAM AVALANCHE

PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will be
Tues, Jan. 10th
at 7 pm
See you then!

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PLEASE REMEMBER
To
Pack-In & Pack-Out
Snack and lunch wrappers



Dates to Remember!



- Jan. 23-27:** Late French Immersion (Gr. 6) Registration Week
- Jan. 25th:** **Student-Led Conferences - Early dismissal at 11:51 am**
Arbutus Global Open House (Grade 5 families) 7 - 8 pm
- Feb. 6th:** Grade 8 Music Trip—Parent Meeting 7 pm
- Feb. 9th:** Grade 8 Ski Trip
- Feb. 10th:** Pro D Day (New Curriculum Implementation)
- Feb. 13th:** Family Day Statutory Holiday
- Feb. 16—23:** K-12 Student Transfer Process For more info:
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-map/>

Pink Shirt (Anti-Bullying) Day

Feb. 22, 2017

Wear your pink!

<http://pinkshirtday.ca/>



Thank you to all staff and parents who have volunteered to coach our four volleyball teams this season. **Go Avalanche!**

2017 VANCOUVER ISLAND PARENT CONFERENCE
PARENTS AND EDUCATORS LEARNING TOGETHER

CONNECTING THE DOTS: School, Home & Community

Saturday February 25, 2017
8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Royal Bay Secondary School
3500 Ryder Hesjedal Way in Colwood

WITH PRESENTATIONS BY

KATHY LYNN Vacuums Suck & Twixt Twelve & Twenty	JENNIFER GIBSON E ³ : Educated, Empowered & Engaged	GARY ANAKA Our Precious Brain & How to Grow a Child's Brain
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Let's Talk; Sex, Brains, Letting Go & Connecting

Registration: \$140 includes lunch and refreshments
Early bird rate: \$100 if registered by Feb 10th. Email for special rates for groups of 10 or more.
For info updates or to register visit www.vipc.ca or email: info@vipc.ca
Presented by District Parents' Advisory Councils of Greater Victoria & Sooke

Icons: MINEFIELD of PUBERTY, CHILD'S BRAIN, SEX ED, MATH APPS, ANXIETY, LETTING GO!

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76 Trombones! (Almost)

Grade 6 brass students get right back to practicing on Wednesday as they prepare for the **Night of Music** coming up in April at UVic's Farquhar Centre.