

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

A reminder to our families that the GVSD **K-12 Student Transfer Process** is February 16—24. Students who wish to transfer to a school other than their designated school for 2017/18 will need to complete the form. Parents must date and sign the form and deliver or mail to the School Board Office by Friday, **February 24, 2017, no later than 3:00 pm**. Forms are available between Feb. 16th and the 23rd on the district website, www.sd61.bc.ca or in any school office.

It was quite a week in the weather department! Despite the problems it caused parents and drivers getting around town, students absolutely loved the novelty of the snow this week. The District always announces if schools are open during inclement weather **by 6:30 am every morning on the SD61 website**. Hopefully that is the last of it for the season!

Staff used the time on Friday to work on developing new lesson plans and strategies for the new BC curriculum. Some of our staff attended sessions at Central Middle School on integrating aboriginal cultural awareness into their teaching, while others were here studying new resources available in Science and Social Studies. We appreciate this time to help successfully roll out this new curriculum.

Enjoy the Family Day holiday!

Rob Parker, Principal



Volleyball Parents: Please see attached schedule for game and practice times, or check the LIMSSA website at <http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools>

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 13	Family Day—school is closed
Tuesday, Feb. 14	12:06 Tech Club <u>PAC Meeting is CANCELLED</u> this month—next meeting is Tues. March 14
Wednesday, Feb. 15	12:36 pm Aboriginal Drum Making Workshop
Thursday, Feb. 16	K—Gr. 12 Student Transfer Process (Feb 16—24) Forms available in office 12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria 12:06 pm Cartoon and Drawing Club - Art Room 3:15 pm Swim Team
Friday, Feb. 17	12:06 pm Dance Club

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Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Feb. 22nd: Pink Shirt Day - wear pink to support Anti-Bullying

Feb. 24th: Pro D Day (tri-district)

Mar. 1st: Curriculum Completion Day—Early Dismissal 11:35

Mar. 3rd: Gr. 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington

Mar. 15th: Report Cards go home

Mar. 20—31: Spring Break



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

Global Education

Grade 7 students Josh Wallace, Michael Ho, and Wyatt Brandsema Stokes are working on a project to stop idling. You can help by turning off your engine when you're stopped and dropping your children off or picking them up at school.

Why Idle Free?

Unnecessary idling wastes fuel, decreases air quality and contributes to climate change.

"If vehicles avoided idling by just three minutes a day, over the year Canadians would collectively save 630 million litres of fuel, and \$945 million in fuel costs (assuming a fuel cost of \$1.50/L). This would also save 6.3 billion kilograms of GHG (greenhouse gases) emissions." <http://www.idlefreebc.ca>

To learn more check out <http://www.idlefreebc.ca>. Thanks for helping!

Arbutus Music Program Update

Choir: Performance at Victoria Sings March 6. Please see attachment.

Grade 7 and 8 Band: Bandfest

The Grade 7 and 8 Concert Bands will be performing at Bandfest at the University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium. Students should arrive at University of Victoria Centre at 7:45 am in the main lobby on their band's performance day dressed in full uniform with their music, instrument and warm clothing to wear for our walk back to Arbutus. The uniform is very important as it is part of our adjudication. Parents are welcome to attend this free festival performance.

Bandfest performance times:

Grade 8: Wednesday, March 1. Students arrive at UVic Centre at 7:45am. Performance at 9:00 am.

Grade 7: Friday, March 3. Students arrive at UVic Centre at 7:45 am.

Performance at 9:00 am.

Please note that students must arrive on time as we will be leaving lobby at UVic shortly after 8:00 am. After our performance student walking as a group back to Arbutus.



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Pack-Out
Snack and lunch
wrappers



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Parent Education Evening

As a follow-up to the November evening on Youth Mental Wellness, the Arbutus Global and Mount Doug PACs are organizing a second evening this month:

“Worries and Woes: Identifying and Preventing Anxiety in Children”

Tuesday, February 21, 7 pm

Mount Douglas Secondary Library.

Webinar presented by Lynn D. Miller PhD, Registered Psychologist

Lisa Tate, Family Smart (F.O.R.C.E) Parent in Residence will be answering questions.



Thanks to Mr. Maxwell for organizing a visit by the UVic Vikes basketball athletes who came and spoke at three grade-level assemblies this week on the power of being active and importance of physical health. They played a variety of games with students and shared their top basketball skills as well.



**Pink Shirt
Day
Feb.22, 2017**

