

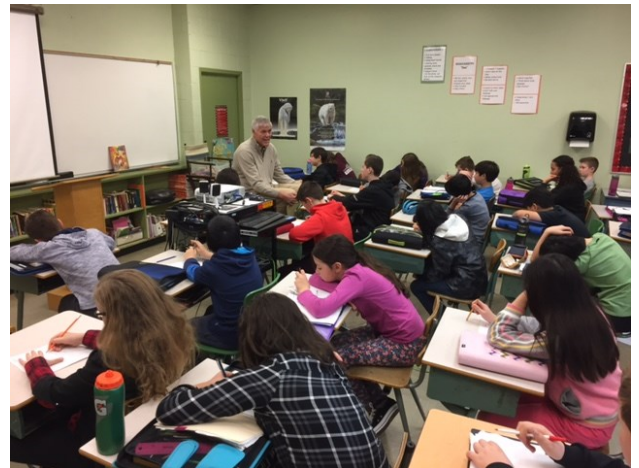
The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

We were pleased to have Superintendent of Schools, Piet Langstraat, here on Friday (photo on right). He taught in four different classes in subjects ranging from medial literacy, to Grade 8 science. We appreciate Piet’s interest in getting into our classrooms and experiencing the new curriculum.

I also want to thank our Aboriginal Education Team for holding a drum making workshop on Wednesday. Through a special grant we will now be one of the first schools in the district to have a class set of drums. Teaching aboriginal cultural awareness and understanding is an important part of today’s curriculum in BC and we are al-



ways seeking effective ways to support these efforts.



We will again be reinforcing anti-bullying skills next week as we prepare for **Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 22**. Your help at home in reinforcing important tools such as: speaking up for yourself with a respectful but assertive voice, and getting help from adults if things get serious will be helpful. This is a year-round effort at Arbutus and we appreciate your support at home.

Enjoy the weekend!
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
	K—Gr. 12 Student Transfer Process (Feb 16—24) Forms available in office
Monday, Feb. 20	12:06 pm Dance Club—Gym 12:06 pm GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance Club) - Rm. 105
Tuesday, Feb. 21	12:06 Tech Club Gr. 7 Grief & Loss Presentations - Div. 4 and 14 Parent Education Evening - Identifying and Preventing Anxiety in Children (Mount Douglas Secondary Library at 7 pm)
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day 12:36 pm Aboriginal Drum Making Workshop Gr. 7 Grief & Loss Presentation - Div. 6
Thursday, Feb. 23	Gr. 7 Grief & Loss Presentations - Div. 5, 7 & 13 12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria 12:06 pm Cartoon and Drawing Club - Art Room 3:15 pm Swim Team
Friday, Feb. 24	Pro D Day (tri-district) - no school for students



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Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Mar. 1st:** Curriculum Completion Day—Early Dismissal 11:35
Gr. 8 Band - Bandfest at UVic
- Mar. 3rd:** Gr. 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington
Gr. 7 Band - Bandfest at UVic
- Mar. 6th:** AGMS Choir goes to “Victoria Sings” at UVic (*no Band this day*)
- Mar. 14th:** PAC Meeting in Library at 7 pm
- Mar. 10th:** Mount Doug Football Coach here at lunch to promote their program
- Mar. 15th:** Report Cards go home



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

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 Performance at 9:00 am.

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



**PLEASE
REMEMBER
to
Pack-In &
Pack-Out
Snack and lunch
wrappers**



Superintendent visits Summit Jazz!



Swan Lake Nature Program on Owls in Div. 11