

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

Grade 8 Ski Trip - Thank you very much to Mr. Golder and the Grade 8 team for organizing another ski trip to Mt. Washington this year, coming up next **Thursday, Feb. 9**. We are looking forward to a great day of fun on the slopes. Grade 8s need to be here by 5:15 am that morning or the bus leaves without you!

Feb. 8 UVic Vikes Basketball Team Visit - The UVic Vikes Women’s Basketball team is here next week to hold an assembly for each grade level on healthy living and how it affects their lives as athletes, and why it’s important for young people to stay active as well. The Vikes will also join in with students on a Staff vs. Students Basketball Game.

Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy - As mentioned previously, lessons on how to safely use devices and take part in on-line activities have been underway at all grade levels this month at Arbutus, in a continuing effort to make sure students are well educated in this area. Please continue to discuss social media and on-line activity at home with your child, as parent involvement is an important part of the process.

Parent Education Evening on Youth Anxiety Feb. 21 - Many thanks to the Arbutus and Mt. Doug PACs who have planned a follow-up session to last November’s evening on Youth Mental Wellness. Based on surveys to parents after the first session, another evening is being organized at Mt. Doug High School for Feb. 21 on anxiety in youth. Staff from local agencies will be there to help parents understand sources of anxiety, and how to support children struggling with this mental health issue.

Enjoy the weekend,

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

Battle of the Books

Thank you to Mrs. Popovic and all the Teacher-Librarians involved in organizing this year’s *Battle of the Books* held at Arbutus today. This middle school literacy event is an annual and popular tradition.



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 6	12:06 pm Dance Club—Gym 12:06 pm GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance Club) - Rm. 105 New Spring Session of Hot Lunches starts today Please note: The Grade 8 Seattle Band Trip Meeting <u>has been postponed</u> from Feb. 6 to a date TBA later this month.
Tuesday, Feb. 7	12:06 Tech Club
Wednesday, Feb. 8	UVic Vikes Grade Assemblies: 9:00 - 10am Grade 7 10:30 - 11:30am Grade 6 Lunchtime - Staff vs Students and Vikes Basketball game 12:45 - 1:45pm Grade 8
Thursday, Feb. 9	Grade 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington— 12:06 pm Tech Club - Cafeteria 12:06 pm Cartoon and Drawing Club - Art Room 3:15 pm Swim Team
Friday, Feb. 10	Pro D Curriculum Implementation Day - <u>no school for students</u>

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Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Feb. 13th: Family Day Statutory Holiday (no school for students)

Feb. 14th: PAC Meeting at 7 pm in Library

Feb. 16—23: K-12 Student Transfer Process For more info:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-map/>

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

Feb. 24th: Pro D Day

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

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



Creative Play at Arbutus

Middle school students are very creative in inventing new games and ways to play. Students on the left try a game of Bottle Flip, which is very popular on YouTube right now. Students below have invented a game called Over the Hedge using a soccer or basketball and the monkey bars to create a modified Volleyball game.

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



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

Members of the Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Team above, play in a game against PCS on Wednesday....

The students were victorious below in Thursday's **Staff vs. Students Dodgeball Tournament**, winning 2 games to 1! They are now the reigning champions, and it was all for a good cause in raising funds to support a family in our community battling cancer. Well done Global Action!



Spring Break Soccer Camp



When: March 27th-31st : 9:30-12:00

Who: Boys and Girls u8-u14

Where: Braefoot Turf

Cost: \$125 +GST

Complementary dri-fit shirt

Full-week, 1/2 Day Camp

Registration at www.epicsport.ca

ALL Players Welcome