

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

Provincial Class Size Agreement - You may have heard that a new Provincial Agreement on Class Size will be in place next year, after a December Supreme Court decision. While there will be several challenges such as adding new classes for next year, we welcome the smaller class sizes and believe it will be a positive change for our students.

Moving Next Year? Please let the office know if you are moving next year, or if your child will no longer be at Arbutus. Spaces are limited at our school and it is always helpful to know if students are moving to help us with planning for next year.

Night of Music - On Wednesday, April 12th, all Arbutus music students will be performing in the annual *Arbutus Night of Music* at the University of Victoria Centre Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the UVic Ticket Centre. www.tickets.uvic.ca

Class Placement Requests for 2017-18 - This is a first reminder for next year's class placements, that if parents have any special circumstances or feel a specific request would be helpful, to please send those in by letter addressed to the Principal **by May 15**. I ask that you not use email for requests, but rather a letter dropped off at the office. We need to know about any special or important information from you that will help us place your child. Please note that it can be challenging to build successful class groups, and certain factors may limit a parent request being accommodated. We use a wide-variety of criteria when placing students in classes, including but not limited to: their academic and social/emotional needs, maturity, physical size, any special needs, past teacher experiences, and class size limits.

Grade 7 Parents - Please note that FSA Booklets went home this week with grade 7 students who completed the testing earlier in the year.

Family Games Night April 21 - Please mark your calendar for a fun PAC family event coming up on Friday April 21 (see attached flyer).

French to English Next year- For any parents who may be thinking about moving your child out of French Immersion into the English program, please note that we would need to know this as soon as possible, as space may be limited at the school with our smaller class sizes next year.

Rob Parker, Principal

Badminton Parents: Please check the LIMSSA website for game schedules at
<http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools>

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Apr. 10	12:06 pm Dance Club—Gym 12:06 pm GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance Club) - Rm. 105 3pm Rugby Practice 7 pm Parent Meeting for Gr. 8 Music Trip to Vancouver (Music Room)
Tuesday, Apr. 11	12:06 Tech Club 3 pm Badminton Practice 3pm Rugby Game at Central 7 pm PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting in Library
Wednesday, Apr. 12	3pm Rugby Practice 7 pm Arbutus Night of Music at UVic
Thursday, Apr. 13	12:06 pm Tech Club 12:06 pm Art/Cartoon Club 3 pm Badminton Practice 6 pm Artists Mentoring Youth - Art Gallery of Greater Victoria
Friday, Apr. 14	Good Friday—Statutory Holiday (school is closed)

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Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Apr. 17: Easter Monday Statutory Holiday (school is closed)

Apr. 18: Pro D Day for AGMS (no school for students)

Yearbooks

Get them while you can...

Once again we have been working hard to create a yearbook just for your child.

Quantities are limited so please get your orders in quickly. You have a chance to purchase a 2016/2017 yearbook this week. We will be accepting orders in the office and online throughout this week and next. The books are \$20 each and you order online, or bring your payment to the office (there is a drop off box on the counter).

This year's books will once again be hard cover and are a great memory keeper for the school year. The books will be delivered during the last week of school, but we must have all orders confirmed by Monday April 24. Last year we had some students try to order after the cut off and they were unable to get the books they wanted.

If you would like to order a yearbook there are two ways to do so. The preferred method of payment is online using a credit card you can do so online using the Lifetouch website (<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>). All you need to do is go on the website and enter the code (11671117) in order to access Arbutus Global Middle School's Yearbook selection. Then you can order your yearbook(s) and pay using a major credit card. If that does not work for you, then your child can complete the attached order form and bring your payment (\$20) in cash or cheque (made payable to Arbutus Global Middle School).

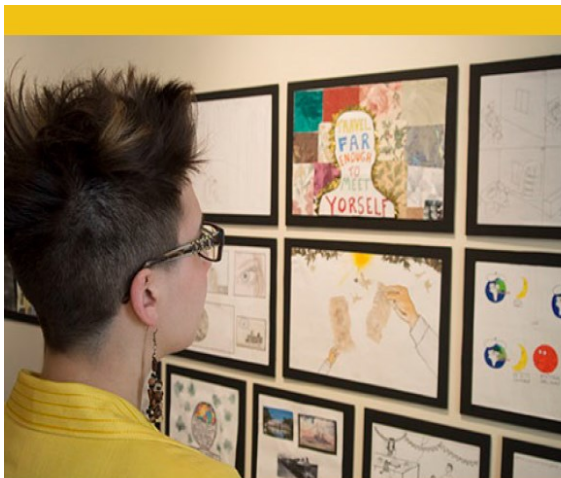
One of the most popular parts of last year's yearbook was the addition of quotes from the students. We are hoping to do this again this year and if you are using the online system please feel free to have your child drop off their quote to the box in the office or send it by email to Mr. Maxwell at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca. Please be sure to include your child's name and division with the quote regardless of the system you use to submit it.

If you have any further questions you can see the attachment or contact Mr. Maxwell at the school at (250) 477-1878.

ARTISTS MENTORING YOUTH

A group of students at Arbutus Global has been working on a mural with local artist Jesse Campbell as part of the "New Extreme: Artists Mentoring Youth" program at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

Our school community is invited to the opening of this exhibit on Thursday April 13 from 6:00 pm-8:00pm at the Art



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NEW EXTREME ARTISTS MENTORING YOUTH

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 | 6-8PM

Please join us at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria to celebrate this year's New Extreme Program!

Enjoy stories and presentations about art projects by students from: Arbutus Global Middle School, Victoria's Home Learning Community and the Pacific School of Innovation and Inquiry (PSII.) Students worked with local artists Jesse Campbell, Kemi Craig and Alexis Hogan, exploring ideas and issues in a wide variety of artistic mediums.

With special guest Bradley Dick, artist and teacher of Lkwungen, Mamalilikulla and Ditidaht ancestry.

Friends, family and neighbours most welcome!



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

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Arbutus Music Update

On Wednesday, April 12th, all Arbutus music students will be performing in the annual “Arbutus Night of Music” at the University of Victoria Centre Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:00pm. Students are to arrive in full uniform (music t-shirt, black socks, black shoes, black pants). Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the UVic Ticket Centre. www.tickets.uvic.ca Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from this event. Students performing in the concert should enter at the side door up the ramp to the right of the main entrance.

Parent drivers are needed to transport equipment to UVic at 12:45 p.m. on April 12th. Please contact Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill at arbutusmusic@me.com if you can help. After the concert we would greatly appreciate your help driving large instruments and music stands back to Arbutus. If you can help, please bring your vehicle to the backstage door behind the auditorium after the concert.

Student arrival times:

6:00 Choir (stage)

6:15 Strings and Summit Jazz (stage)

6:30 Band 7 (warm up room) and Avalanche Jazz

6:45 Band 6 (warm up room) and Band 8 (Green room)

There will be a parent information meeting on April 10 at 7:00 pm in the music room for any parents/guardians of Grade 8 students that participate in Band, Choir or Strings that would like to learn more about the Grade 8 music trip to Vancouver. Information packages will be sent home with kids on April 11 if their parents are unable to attend the meeting.

Around Arbutus.....



Congratulations to all French Immersion students who competed in the **Concours d'Art Oratoire at Arbutus** on Friday. Also, thanks to our French Immersion teachers and Mme. Caletagne for organizing this event!

Students were happy to see the installation of two **new Water Bottle Filling Stations** last month. The stations have cold filtered water at the ready to keep everyone well-hydrated!

