

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

**District Transition Afternoon Thursday, May 18th** - Grade 8s will be visiting their new high schools next Thursday afternoon, as detailed in a parent letter sent earlier this month. We will also be welcoming next year Grade 6 students that afternoon here at Arbutus.

**New Curriculum Implementation** - On Friday's May 19 Pro D Day we will focus on continuing to develop strategies to implement B.C.'s newly revised curriculum. Staff will be involved in sessions on **numeracy, differentiating instruction for various learning styles, aboriginal education, and the Fitness and Health components in the PE curriculum.** Thank you to all parents for this valuable learning time for our staff.



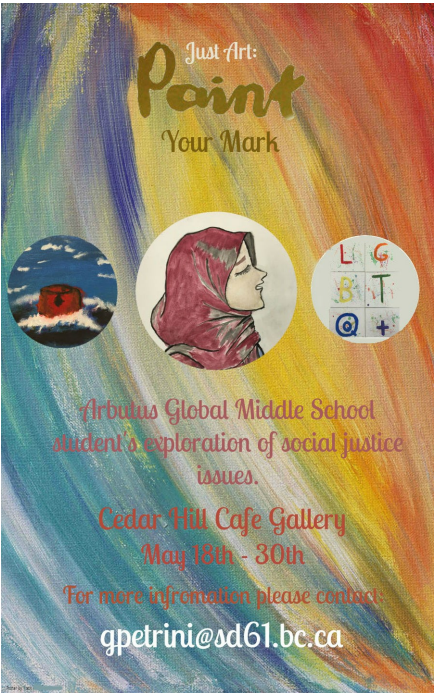
### Muscular Dystrophy Walk

Thank you to all families and staff who came out or supported the Muscular Dystrophy Walk at UVic last Sunday (left) . The Arbutus team won first prize for raising over \$2000 for this important cause!

### Yoga Classes

Please see the attached after school opportunity for Arbutus students to join in on. Classes start May 29!

Rob Parker, Principal



The AGMS Student Social Justice Art Exhibit at Cedar Hill Café (Rec Ctr) will be starting next Thursday. A launch party will be happening Thursday May 25th from 6-8 at Cedar Hill Cafe. Everyone is welcome to attend; bring families, friends.

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 15	Gr. 7 Camp Thunderbird Trip (May 15—17) 12:06 pm Dance Club - Gym 12:06 pm GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance Club) - Rm. 105 Rugby Jamboree at SMUS 9 am—2:30 pm Girls Field Hockey Practice at UVic after school 4—6:30 pm: <b>Track &amp; Field League Meet #2 at UVic Stadium</b>
Tuesday, May 16	12:06 pm <u>TRACK &amp; FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Long /Triple Jump, High Jump, 3—5 pm <u>TRACK &amp; FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Discuss & Shot Put 3:30 pm Boys Field Hockey Game at UVic Turf 3:30 pm CX Cycling
Wednesday, May 17	Rainbow Day: International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia Grade 7s return from Camp Thunderbird by bicycle
Thursday, May 18	7:45 am <u>TRACK &amp; FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Sprints, Relays, Hurdles 12:06 pm Art/Cartoon Club 12:06 pm <u>TRACK &amp; FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Long Jump/Triple Jump and High Jump <b>District Transition Day</b> (Gr. 5's come visit AGMS and Gr. 8's visit High Schools) 3:30 pm Girls Field Hockey Game at UVic Turf
Friday, May 19	<b>Pro D Day—no school for students</b>



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## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

**May 22:** Victoria Day Stat Holiday—school is closed

**May 24:** Track & Field League Meet #3 (4—6:30 pm at UVic Stadium)

**May 31:** Track & Field League Meet #4 (4—6 pm at UVic Stadium)

*\*For specific info on which events are at each T&F Meet, see attachment or LIMSSA website\**

**June 9:** CC (Curriculum Completion) Day—Early Dismissal



Arbutus took part in **Student Vote 2017** on Monday (left), just ahead of the provincial election. The mock exercise was a great opportunity to engage students in issues in the province and the democratic process.

The Boys Grade 6 Rugby team heads to the District Jamboree on Monday at SMUS. They have come a long way this year thanks to our UVic Vikes coaches! Thanks to Mr. Scigliano for sponsoring the team this year.



Walk on the wild side with the Greater Victoria Public Library's Summer Reading Club. In this free, self-paced reading program, your child will earn prizes for weekly reading, including stickers, a pizza coupon and a swim pass. To register, pick up a free reading record from any public library branch starting June 29. The library also offers more than 300 free programs for kids throughout the summer. Go to [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca) for more information.



GREATER VICTORIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Please check the LIMSSA website for middle school sports and Track & Field meet info at <http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools>

**Attendance Line** - Please email [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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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## Greater Victoria School District Student Enrolment Priorities

Enrolment projections indicate that the Greater Victoria School District could see an increase of 2,000 students over the next 10 years. When space is limited in a school, student enrolment priorities determine the order in which students will get into a school.

Thank you to the nearly 4,000 parents and students who responded to the recent student enrolment survey. Recommendations have now been developed by a Transfer and Registration Committee made up of staff, parents and Trustees. The recommendations will be discussed in May and June and formally considered by the Board of Education in June 2017.

The recommendations propose the following changes for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Change to the order of registration priorities, placing higher priority on catchment students for both French and English programs
- Non-catchment students will need to apply for transfer at middle school and high school transitions.

Recommendations also include:

- Review of registration process to improve information, explore online registration options and identification requirements
- A cap on the total number of International Students in the district, and equitable distribution across district schools.

The detailed recommendations is available on website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/recommendations-for-student-enrolment-priorities/>



## LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS

Have teens or soon will? Join us for up-to-date important info and tips geared to helping our kids survive and thrive in today's world where drug use is common.

- Learn about current trends related to youth substance use
- Gain the skills to talk comfortably
- Strengthen your relationship with your teen
- Learn about resources and services that can help!

The panel will include representatives from Island Health and the Centre for Addictions Research of BC.



University  
of Victoria



Centre for Addictions  
Research of BC

**JOIN US!**

**ASK  
QUESTIONS!**

**GET  
INFORMED!**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7pm – 9pm**

**Burnside Gorge  
Community Centre**

**471 Cecelia Road**

PRESENTED BY • **Island Health** •  
**Victoria Police Department** •  
**Centre for Addictions Research**  
of BC • **Burnside Gorge**  
Community Association



Congratulations to all **Track and Field** team members who have joined the team this year. The first Track Meet took place yesterday and the next one is Monday at 4 pm.

