

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Families,

AGMS Social Justice Art Exhibit -

You are invited to visit an AGMS art exhibit on social justice on display at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre until Tuesday. This project, organized and designed by Mrs. Petrini and Mme. O'Connor, features the work of many Arbutus students.

Canadian Cancer Society

Fundraiser - On May 30th Grade 8 student, Jaqi Hinkle, is going to have her head shaved and donate her hair to the Canadian Cancer Society. Please consider supporting this great cause at the following link:

<http://convio.cancer.ca/goto/jaqihinkle>



Bike League

Many thanks for all the parent support in getting students out every week to enjoy the various middle school bike events. This past week (left) they were at the Westshore Velodrome in Langford.

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

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

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 29	12:06 pm Dance Club - Gym 12:06 pm GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance Club) - Rm. 105 3:45 pm After-school Monday Yoga Classes start up.
Tuesday, May 30	12:06 pm <u>TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Long /Triple Jump, High Jump Practices 3—5 pm <u>TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Discuss & Shot Put Practices 3:30 pm Freeride Cycling
Wednesday, May 31	4—6 pm TRACK & FIELD MEET at UVic Stadium
Thursday, June 1	7:45 am <u>TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Sprints, Relays, Hurdles Practices 12:06 pm Art/Cartoon Club 12:06 pm <u>TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Long Jump/Triple Jump and High Jump Practices
Friday, June 2	12:06 pm Dance Club—Gym 3 - 4 pm <u>TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES</u> : Sprints, Relays, Hurdles, Middle Distance Running

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Upcoming Dates to Remember!

June 7: Track Finals @ UVic all day

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

June 14-15: Gr 8 Music Overnight Trip to Vancouver

June 26: Gr 8 Recognition Ceremony 10:30 am (more details to follow)



Mural Project at the VAG

A mural painted by artist Jessie Campbell and students from our Gifted Program is now prominently mounted on the outside wall of the Victoria Art Gallery. Students visited the Art Gallery on Wednesday for a field trip to view their work (right). Many thanks to Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Petrini for their work in leading this project.

Ramadan

This religious observance is starting this week for many of our students. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar (moon Calendar). It is the holy month of fasting where all Muslims around the world are trying to do more good deeds such as prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-accountability. During the holy period of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. The fasting during Ramadan is one of the five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam. It is a time of self-examination and increased religious devotion. The fast is broken with prayer and a meal after sunset, called *iftar* - featuring many kinds of food, especially dates. Muslims broaden their compassion for the hungry and less fortunate people when they fast, and they should be more patient and self-controlled during the holy month of Ramadan. Special prayers known as *Tarawih*, are held every night in the Mosque. Ramadan ends when the first crescent of the new moon is sighted. *Eid-al-fiter* is the Islamic holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. This year Ramadan starts on Saturday, May 27. Muslims congratulate each other at the beginning of Ramadan saying "Ramadan Mubarak", which means have a blessed Ramadan.

We are fortunate to have families from many cultures at Arbutus Global Middle School. If you have a cultural or religious tradition you would like to share from your family, please let the school know. We always want to celebrate and recognize the strength of our diversity, and help everyone deepen our understandings of each other.

AGMS: Seeking Sustainability; Celebrating Diversity

2017 Vikes Nation Summer Camps!

Registration is now open! UVic Vikes offer an array of sport and activity camps in a friendly, inclusive environment, taught by high caliber coaches and camp leaders.

For more information: www.vikescamps.com



Attendance Line - 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 boys get ready for Long Jump at Wednesday's meet.

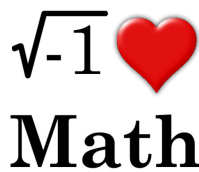


Grounds Crews started working on our new *Healing Garden*, to be built near the front entrance. A round concrete pad will surround the garden with 8 benches for students to sit on.

Gauss Math Competition

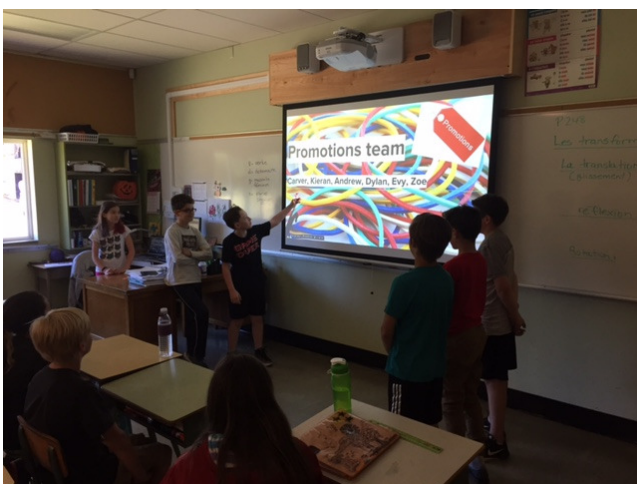
Once again we had great participation at Arbutus in this annual math contest put on by the University of Waterloo.

We had 91 students take part, many receiving awards of recognition. Many thanks to Mrs. Hill who organized the event at Arbutus this year.



Junior Achievement

We want to thank members of the Junior Achievement Program for visiting Mme. Englebrecht's class this month to teach them about entrepreneurialism. Members of the Promotion Team are seen below explaining their part in the class venture.



Jersey Day

Thank you to all student organizers for a fun Jersey day on Friday. A lot of teams and sports were represented!



National Aboriginal Day at VNFS - June 21st

Please see the attached poster on the upcoming Aboriginal Day. As aboriginal education takes a more prominent role in our curriculum, we are working hard to ensure all of our students have a strong sense of aboriginal culture and traditions.