

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We will again be introducing our **Digital Citizenship** lessons at all three grade levels this year to help teach students to use technology, the internet, and social media safely and appropriately. This an ongoing challenge as various technologies become more widely available, and with the proliferation of popular social media apps with young people. We believe that this proactive approach is an important part of the overall response needed to guide children through the pressures that digital technology places upon them. However, as I have written before, we cannot do it alone. An even more important part of keeping students safe with technology is appropriate parent supervision and open conversations at home about the dangers and pitfalls of the internet and social media. We know there are many benefits to these modern tools but please make sure you are knowledgeable about, and monitoring who your child interacts with online. Checking to see if they are practicing safe online habits when online (e.g., not sharing personal information, understanding their digital footprint, etc.) is important as well. As much as we can teach the safe use of technology, much of students' time online may be outside of school. Your help in having regular dialogue with your child about these issues will really support the work we do at school.



New Bleachers in Gym

The installers have now arrived to put new bleachers into the gymnasium, after the floor was completely replaced, re-painted and refinished earlier this month and over the summer. We had students in the gym for a mini re-opening ceremony on Wednesday and the floor looks fabulous. The bleachers should be operational by the end of next week. We look forward to hosting many events and games in this new improved space in the coming years!

Yours truly,

Rob Parker, Principal

REMINDER—Hot Lunch orders and payment **DUE** by 4 pm on **Monday, October 2nd!** Order and pay with School Cash Online: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com>

Attendance - Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. You can email to attendance62@sd61.bc.ca or phone and leave a message on our call back line at **250-360-0725**.

For information on school sports game and meet dates visit: <http://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/>

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 2	12:06 pm Cross Country Practice 12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 2:45—3:45 pm Junior Strings 4 pm—5 pm Yoga Classes in Cafeteria
Tuesday, Oct. 3	12:06 Choir 3 pm Boys 6/7 Soccer Practice
Wednesday, Oct. 4	7:30—8:35 am Choir 12:06 Junior Strings
Thursday, Oct. 5	8 am Cross Country warm up for race day 3:45 pm Cross Country Race 3:45 pm Soccer Game or Practice
Friday, Oct. 6	12:06 pm Dance Club in Drama Rm 12:06 pm Media Team in Rm 114 12:06 Cookie Sales outside cafeteria

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Opportunities Galore!

There are new events, clubs and opportunities announced daily at AGMS. Students should listen to the PA announcements at 8:45 am daily or see the posted announcements just outside the office on the small whiteboard. Consent forms are usually available in the office so please ask.

2017/2018 Pacific Coast Swim Team

Registration is open. See forms and information attached. The first practice is Thursday, October 12th from 3:15 pm to 4:00pm at Gordon Head Rec Centre.



Aboriginal Drumming at Sept. 27 Assembly

We thank Mrs. Hill and Mme. Calestagne for having their class perform the **Residential School Survivor Dedication Song** at this week's assembly. As students learn more about aboriginal culture and increase their awareness we very much appreciate these school-wide performances. Our AGMS Aboriginal Committee is planning a number of coordinated aboriginal education activities and projects for each grade this year as we continue to work to develop programming in this area.



Food Waste

Members of Mr. Tran's Grade 6 class did a presentation on food waste at our school assembly on Wednesday. One of the key components of our Global theme at AGMS is to promote sustainability. It was great to see our students encouraging others to reflect on this issue!

Dates to Remember:

Monday, Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Day (school is closed)

Friday, Oct. 20th Pro D Day (no school for students)

Oct. 25th & 26th Parent-Teacher Conferences (more information to follow)

Friday, Oct. 27th Gr. 6 Immunizations (Island Health will contact families directly to coordinate.)