

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...

*Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports*



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**Student Safety:** We had a near miss last week as a student walking to school in the early morning was nearly struck by a car. With the rainy weather now here and darker mornings and afternoons, please make sure you speak to your child about pedestrian safety, and when crossing streets **the importance of making eye contact with the driver, scanning for vehicles, and using a cross walk**. We also ask that students do not wear dark clothing but have **bright and reflective clothing**. Early morning music students are recommended to carry a **flashlight** in the dark.

**Oct. 20 Pro D Day:** Thank you for the professional learning time afforded to staff for today's **Provincial Professional Development Day**. Our staff took part in various sessions including an in-service on the *new PE and Health curriculum, strengthening our Mini-X offerings, and using Google Classroom*. Some also attended a conference in Vancouver put on by the Provincial Specialists Association featuring educational subjects on virtually every aspect of the BC curriculum.



**Global Action:** One of our Global Action classes is hosting a Haunted House for students to walk through on Monday, October 23rd. A suggested donation of \$2 will go directly to the BC Children's Hospital.

**Music Program Update:** Important notices were sent home with music students this week about upcoming concerts and fundraisers. Please see the attachments to this e-mail for copies.

The Meridien Wind Orchestra (which includes Mrs. Hill) invites you to their concert "Celebrate Canada" on **October 23 at 7:30 pm at First Metropolitan United Church**. Admission is by donation. This is an excellent chance for music students and their families to see a high level concert band.



Rob Parker, Principal

**Attendance** - Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. You can email to [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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. 23	7:30 am Gr. 7 Boys Basketball Practice 12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 2:45—3:45 pm Junior Strings 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys Competitive Basketball Game at AGMS 4 pm—5 pm Yoga Classes in Cafeteria
Tuesday, Oct. 24	12:06 pm Choir 12:06 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Practice (Mr. Parker's tea 3 pm Gr. 7 Girls Competitive Basketball Game at AGMS
Wednesday, Oct. 25	<i>National Take Me Outside Day</i> 7:30—8:35 am Choir 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys Competitive Basketball Game at <b>Monterey</b> <b>11:51 Early Dismissal</b> for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, Oct. 26	7:30 am Gr. 6 Boys Basketball Practice 3:15—4:00 pm Arbutus Swim Team Practice at Gordon Head Rec Ctr. <b>11:54 Early Dismissal</b> for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, Oct. 27	Gr. 6 Immunizations <b>3 pm Gr. 7 Girls Basketball Practice cancelled</b>

For additional sports practices, students should listen to daily announcements and/or see daily announcements on whiteboard outside the office.

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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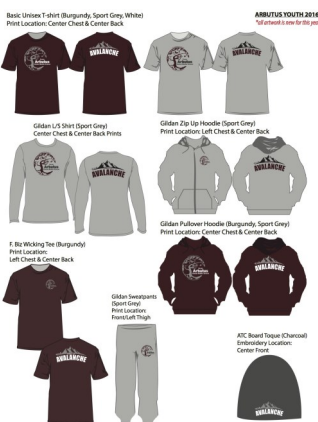
### Dates to Remember:



Tues, Oct. 31st  
 Wed, Nov. 1st  
 Fri, Nov. 3rd  
 Thurs. Nov. 9  
 Mon. Nov. 13  
 Tues. Nov. 14

Orange & Black Day  
 Photo Re-take Day  
 Gr. 6 Immunizations for missed students  
 Remembrance Assembly at 10:30 am  
 Remembrance Day Stat—school is closed  
 Parent Emergency Preparedness Workshop & PAC Mtg 7 pm

### Arbutus Avalanche Spirit Wear



Families can order Arbutus Spirit Wear on **School Cash Online** starting **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, and orders can be placed until 4 pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Late orders will not be accepted as we need to get final counts in to our

supplier to ensure delivery prior to Winter Break—just in time for the Holidays.

Samples will be available in front of the office for students to try on and/or parents to view. Students are welcome to try on sample sizes during nutrition breaks or before and after school. We will be offering a variety of hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts in both youth and adult sizes. We also have a Arbutus Avalanche toque. You can get a matching set for the whole family!

If you have any questions about ordering Spirit Wear, please contact Hollie Davis in the office at [hdavis@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:hdavis@sd61.bc.ca) or 250-477-1878

### On-Line Safety and Social Media

We are again reminding parents to have regular conversations with their children about who they are conversing with on line, and what makes for appropriate content when using social media. At school we talk about how students may see inappropriate and mean comments on line. This presents students with a choice to be a helpful bystander or a hurtful one. Even joining in on a conversation like this can sometimes signal that they are endorsing such comments, and all students need to be cautious about this. We also remind students that joining in on such a conversation leaves a digital footprint that is usually there forever.



If students see something inappropriate happening in an on-line chat, it may involve a very serious situation where someone is being hurt and needs help. We encourage students to do the right thing and discuss such problems with their parents or a staff member so the problem can be addressed.

Your regular discussions with your child about their on-line use and safety awareness will result in a better experience for your child while on-line, and a healthier community for all.

### Creating, Building, Collaborating.....

These are important concepts present in today's classrooms. We very much try to focus on learning activities that develop competencies - as well as knowledge in specific content areas. An example (right), is this science project that a group of students created to understand the structure of a cell, while at the same time practicing team work and communication skills. Useful skills in 2017 and beyond!

