

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



Dear Parents/Guardians:



Arbutus Orchestra Wins National Prize!

We were given extremely exciting news this morning that our entry in the **CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge 2017**, featuring an Arbutus band, led by Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill, was awarded **1st place** in Category 3: Junior High Instrumental! A big congratulations to Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill and all of the students that participated! For a full write-up and to see the video, go to: <http://www.cbcmusic.ca/posts/19434/canadian-music-class-challenge-2017-winners>



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Distracted Walking





Please speak with your child if they have a phone they bring to school, about the dangers of distracted walking. We had a near miss this week when a student walked out on to Edgelow St. while looking at their phone, and was nearly hit by a car. It is critical students are aware of their surroundings and are making eye contact with drivers as they move amongst traffic in the city. This is particularly important at busy times before and after school and on darker, rainy days. Thank you for having this discussion this evening.

Multiculturalism

We work hard at Arbutus Global to promote the importance of celebrating diversity and the wonderful differences that exist amongst cultures and people in our world. As we approach the Christmas holidays and parents may be buying gifts for children, I wanted to make sure parents are aware of the biases that can exist in some popular video games that we are hearing about recently. Sadly some of these games stereotype certain religions and can inflame racism amongst children who may play them. Your help at home in promoting media awareness will support the work we are doing at school to have a kind and caring community where everyone feels safe.

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 or phone and leave a message on our call back line at 250-360-0725.

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Dec. 18	12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 2:45—3:45 pm Junior Strings 3—5 pm Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Sorting <i>Drop off Gingerbread houses for cake walk on Tuesday</i>	
Tuesday, Dec. 19	12:06 pm Choir APEX Gingerbread House Cake Walk 12:06 pm Gr. 6 Staff vs. Students Santa Soccer Slam 3—5 pm Grade 6/7 Girls Volleyball Sorting	
Wednesday, Dec. 20	7:30—8:35 am Choir 2:45—4 pm <u>Homework Club</u> in The Learning Centre 3—5 pm Grade 8 Boys Volleyball Sorting Term 1 Report Cards go home	Holiday Headwear or Ugly Holiday Sweater Day  
Thursday, Dec. 21	3—5 pm Grade 6/7 Boys Volleyball Sorting 3:15—4 pm Arbutus Swim Team Practice at Gordon Head Rec Ctr	
Friday, Dec. 22	P.J. Day and Hot Chocolate (<i>students should bring their own mug</i>) 12:06 pm Dance Club in Drama Room 12:06 pm Media Team (Rm 114), Debate Club—Art Room	

DECEMBER 15, 2017

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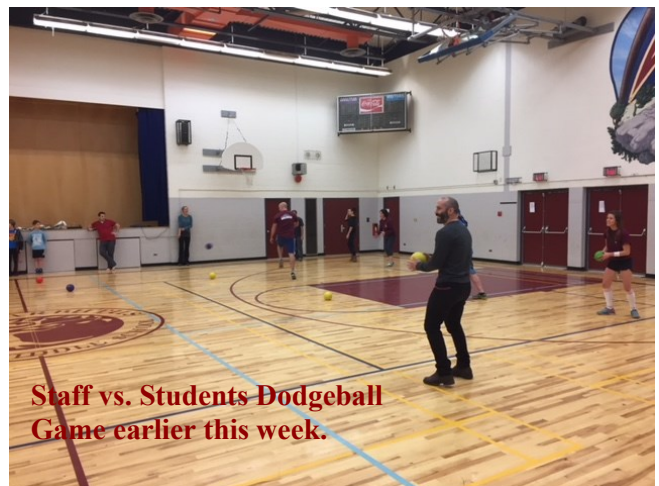
Arbutus Global:
Celebrating Diversity;
Seeking Sustainability

January 2018 Dates to Remember:

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| Tues. Jan. 9 | PAC Meeting—7 pm in Library |
| Mon. Jan. 15 | Pro D Day at Arbutus Global Middle School |
| Wed. Jan. 24 | Student-Led Conferences , 7 pm Open House for Grade 5 Families and Band 8, Choir, Intermediate and Summit Strings perform at Campus View & Frank Hobbs |
| Jan. 29—Feb. 2 | Late French Immersion Registration Week |



Aboriginal rattle making on Thursday.

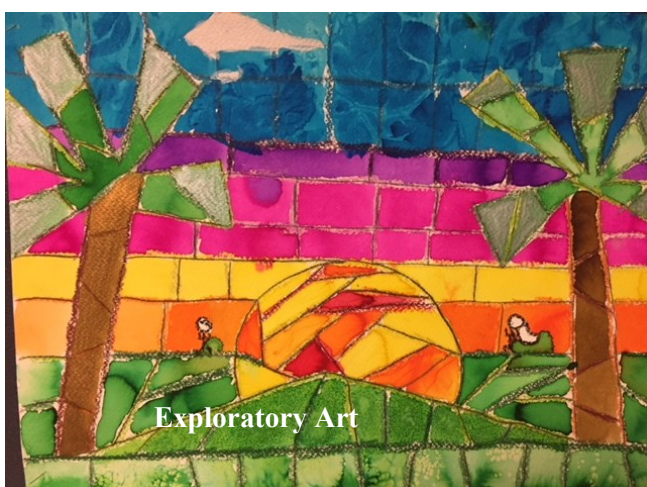


Staff vs. Students Dodgeball Game earlier this week.



Annual Sing-a-long

Staff in Ms. Huyter's Resource Room hosted their annual Christmas Party today for students and families which always features a great sing-along with Uncle Cam and amazing snacks and treats prepared by the team. Alumni and their families always come by as well. Thank you to all of the staff and our specialists who support all our students working in this room, and this wonderful tradition at AGMS.



Exploratory Art



On Tuesday December 19th, APEX is hosting a **Gingerbread House Walk**. A gingerbread house walk is the same as a cake walk but with gingerbread houses. We are hoping that students and their families can make and donate a gingerbread house to be dropped off at the school by Monday, December 18th. (Please no nuts or nut products on the houses).

The gingerbread house walk will raise money for local families in need with all proceeds going to this cause. If you have any further questions, please contact gpetrini@sd61.bc.ca.