

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...

*Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports*



Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been a tough few days in our community with news of the accident involving one of our Grade 6 students on Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Bui family, and although I do not have much more information to share with you, we know Leila is getting good care in the hospital. It has been a real shock for all of us and particularly for friends and classmates. Thank you for all of the outpouring of support that AMGS families have shown. We have also been well looked after by a District support team. Please continue to monitor your child’s emotions and do not hesitate to contact me should you need any support. We will be monitoring the situation closely over the holidays and making sure the Bui family is well supported at this time.

Thank you to the parents who helped out with the **Hot Chocolate Morning** in the cafeteria before school today. Along with the caroling led by Mrs. Hill and Mr. Mazza. This tradition is a wonderful way to end the term.

Finally, I am pleased with the progress we have made in Term 1 on our two main school goals: *to improve social emotional well-being in our students, and to further develop our inclusive education model at Arbutus*. PAC supported Mindfulness sessions, digital citizenship lessons across every grade level, and various health classes and resources such as suicide awareness for Grade 8s have supported our social and emotional development goal. Staff have also worked hard to adapt or modify programming for children with special learning needs, and we have worked hard to further promote celebrating diversity and all cultures through activities and discussions in advisory time each week. These focuses will continue in 2018.



The ANED (Aboriginal Nations Education) Winter 2017 Newsletter can be accessed via the following link: <https://aned.sd61.bc.ca/> Click on the **ANED Notices** box and scroll down the page depending on your browser.

Wishing you all a very restful and happy holiday,

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.

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan 8	12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 2:45—3:45 pm Junior Strings 3 pm Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice
Tuesday, Jan 9	12:06 pm Choir 3—5 pm Grade 6/7 Girls Volleyball 7 pm PAC Meeting in the Library 3 pm Gr. 7 Girls Competitive & Gr. 6/7 Rec Volleyball Practices
Wednesday, Jan 10	7:30—8:35 am Choir <b>2:45—4 pm Homework Club in The Learning Centre</b> 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys & Gr. 6 Girls Competitive Volleyball Practices
Thursday, Jan 11	3 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Competitive & Rec Volleyball Practices 3:15—4 pm Arbutus Swim Team Practice at Gordon Head Rec Ctr
Friday, Jan 12	12:06 pm Dance Club in Drama Room 12:06 pm Media Team (Rm 114), Debate Club—Art Room 3 pm Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice



DECEMBER 22, 2017

TEAM AVALANCHE

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**Arbutus Global:**  
*Celebrating Diversity;  
Seeking Sustainability*

## January 2018 Dates to Remember:

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



## Santa Soccer Slam

Thanks to Mr. Lemon for organizing Tuesday's staff vs. student soccer game. Staff were able to redeem themselves after last week's Dodgeball loss! Below Mr. Maxwell gets a red card from the very strict ref! :)



## Volleyball Coaches Needed!



- **Grade 6/7 Girls Recreational**
- They will play 3 jamborees on Tuesdays
- **Grade 6 Boys Competitive**
- 6 weeks worth of games on Thursdays
- **Grade 6/7 Boys Recreational**

They will play 3 jamborees on Thursdays starting in February.

Please email our Athletic Director, Clayton Howe, if you can assist as a Coach :

[clhowe@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:clhowe@sd61.bc.ca)

**If we don't have coaches by Jan. 10th, we may have to fold the teams.**