

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Organizational Skills - We all know the importance of organizational skills both in our professional work, as well as in keeping family schedules flowing smoothly each week. Additionally, these skills are critically important for success in student learning. Our staff is working hard this year to ensure that each student has a **“trusted system”** to organize their learning materials and stay on top of pending assignments. Students can choose from a wide array of systems ranging from traditional agendas and planners, to the latest on-line apps, or a combination of both. This trend to move to direct instruction with respect to these skills is proving to be very effective. Please discuss with your child what trusted system they use to stay organized. They may even have a hot tip for you to use!

Social Emotional Learning - The work to improve the social-emotional well-being of our students continues at AGMS. Staff are using a number of resources from the **Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning** (CASEL) to promote learning in this area. Personal and Social Development is one of the core competencies in the BC curriculum, and dovetails nicely with this school goal area.

Attendance - One of the biggest determinants of school success is regular attendance and getting to school on time. Missing 2 days per month, results in approximately a 10% absence rate, and can have a dramatically negative impact on the chances for a student to successfully graduate. Our staff is continuing to work hard to address student attendance issues by engaging with students at risk and their families. Please do everything you can to have your child arriving at school on time and attending regularly to reap the benefits available at school each day. It can truly alter the success your child will experience in life.

Yours truly,

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Mon., Feb. 12		
Tues., Feb. 13	7:30 am Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice 12:06 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Recreational Volleyball Practice 3 pm Gr. 6 & 7 Boys Competitive Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr. 6 Girls Competitive Volleyball Game at Gordon Head 3:45 pm Gr. 7 Girls Competitive Volleyball Game at Lansdowne 7 pm <i>Parent Evening on Social Media—Cafeteria</i> (presented by our PAC)	
Wed., Feb. 14	2:45—4 pm Homework Club in The Learning Centre 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Game at Lansdowne	
Thurs., Feb. 15	7:30 am Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice 12:06 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Recreational Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr. 7 Boys Competitive Volleyball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr. 6 Boys Competitive Volleyball Game at Gordon Head 3:15—4 pm Arbutus Swim Team Practice at Gordon Head Rec Ctr	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Student Transfer Process Feb 15—23 </div>
Fri., Feb. 16	Grade 8 Ski Trip 12:06 pm Dance Club in Drama Room, Media Team (Rm 114), Debate Club in Art Rm 3 pm Gr. 6/7 Girls Rec & Gr. 6 Comp Volleyball Practices	

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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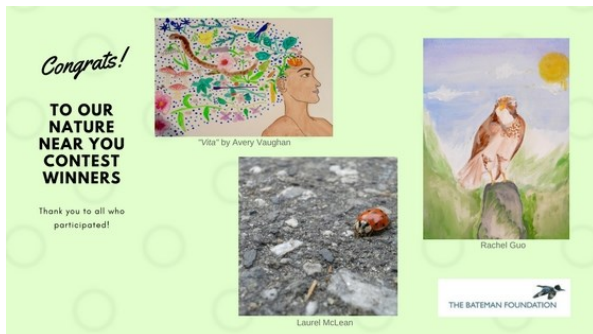
Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

- Fri. Feb. 23 Pro D Day—no school for students, 3 pm deadline for Student Transfer Forms (*please submit to our office staff prior to Feb. 23 Pro D*)
- Wed. Feb. 28 CC Day—early dismissal at 11:35 am

Robert Bateman Gallery Art Contest

Congratulations to Grade 7 student **Rachel Guo** who was one of three winners in this contest. Her winning artwork will be one of three pieces that will be a part of a provincial "Bird's Eye View" travelling exhibit. It is wonderful to see an AGMS student experience this level of success in our community!



Reminder to Parents of Gr. 8 Students:



If your child wants to attend a school other than their catchment Secondary School, OR wishes to change from French Immersion to English, a **Student Transfer Process form** must be completed at our school between Feb. 15—23. Since Feb. 23rd is a Pro D Day, please come into our office and complete the form (with proof of address – per district's guidelines) by 3:30 on Feb. 22nd.

Please refer to the district's **2018-19 Registration Guide** for details (attached).

Community Service

Each student in Div. 8 has been developing a community service project and today Kyssen Yu independently organized a native species planting at Phyllis Park. Kyssen sent parent letters home and contacted Saanich Parks to coordinate the event with Saanich staff members. Over 120 native plants were planted at the park today near Wedgewood Estates. Well done Div. 8 and Kyssen!



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.