

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Traffic Safety - I want to again remind drivers to slow down in and around the school - especially in the parking lot in the morning and on Edgelow Street. I have asked Saanich Police to monitor this road as many drivers seem to be ignoring the School Zone speed limit of **30 km/hr**. Our PAC is writing to Saanich Engineering to look at safety improvements at the corner of Edgelow and Dawnview as well. This would complement safety improvements that Saanich has planned at Edgelow and Finnerty . Please see attached pdf map.

⇒ **2018-19 Transfer Process** - The timeframe to submit transfer applications for next year is the **week of Feb. 15-23**. **Grade 8 Parents please note: 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**. Please refer to the district’s **2018-19 Registration Guide** for details (attached).



Next week we will be emailing and mailing home letters to confirm which Secondary School your child is pre-transitioned to, based on your address we have on record.

Inquiry-Based Learning

We are embarking on a school-wide project meant to inspire students to identify a passion they can use in their learning. Mr. Maxwell and I met with each grade level in assemblies this past week to set the stage for this project, scheduled for every Wednesday morning until Spring Break. Students have responded extremely positively and staff are excited as well.

Yours truly,
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	Late French Immersion Registration Week (Jan. 29—Feb. 2)
Mon., Jan 29	7:30 am Gr. 6 & 7 Boys Competitive Volleyball Practice 12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 3:45 pm Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Game at Lansdowne 3 pm Gr. 7 Girls Competitive Volleyball Practice 3 pm Gr. 6 Girls Competitive & Recreational Volleyball Practice	
Tues., Jan 30	7:30 am Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice 12:06 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Recreational Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr. 6 & 7 Girls Competitive Volleyball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr. 6/7 Girls Recreational Volleyball Game at Cedar Hill	
Wed., Jan 31	3:45 pm Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Game at Arbutus 2:45—4 pm Homework Club in The Learning Centre	<i>Twins Day / Spirit Day</i>
Thurs., Feb.1	12:06 pm Gr.6/7 Boys Recreational Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr. 6 & 7 Boys Competitive Volleyball Game at Central 3:45 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Recreational Volleyball Game at Arbutus 3:15—4 pm Arbutus Swim Team Practice at Gordon Head Rec Ctr 6:15 pm Gr. 7 Parent Info Session (in Cafeteria) Camp Thunderbird Trip	
Fri., Feb. 2	12:06 pm Dance Club in Drama Room, Media Team (Rm 114), Debate Club in Art Rm 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice	

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 13	Parent Evening on Social Media—7 pm at Arbutus
Feb 15—23	Kindergarten to Gr. 12 Student Transfer Process
Fri. Feb. 16	Grade 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington
Fri. Feb. 23	Pro D Day—no school for students
Wed. Feb. 28	CC Day—early dismissal at 11:35 am

Important Reminders for Parents of Grade 8 students:

- ⇒ Letters will be going home to families this week to confirm your child's catchment Secondary School; you can also find this out by using the district's **School Locator Tool**
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator/>
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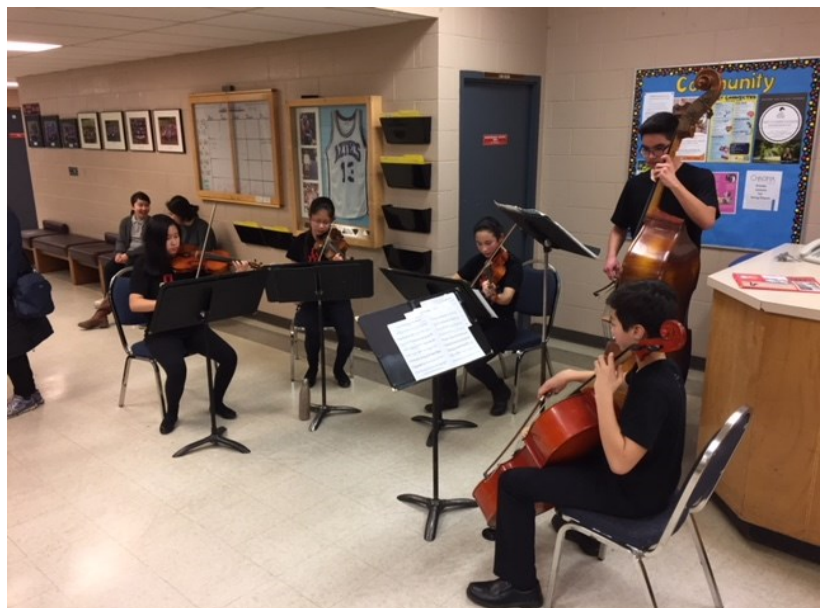


Annual Music Tour

We took the show on the road on Wednesday to visit Frank Hobbs and Campus View Elementary Schools to showcase the various music groups available at AGMS. This annual tour is always a great way to inspire and recruit students for the Arbutus Music Program next year. It always helps that we have some very successful and talented musicians as well! Many thanks to Mrs. Hill, Mr. Mazza, and Mrs. Montgomery who work throughout the year to develop such strong musical abilities in so many of our students.

Grade 5 Open House Evening

We had a lot of help from our current AGMS students in hosting an information night on Wednesday evening at the school for incoming Grade 5 families. Over 20 student ambassadors answered questions and welcomed guests. The Summit Jazz Band helped open the evening in the gym, and Summit Strings entertained parents in the hall with some beautiful chamber music. Thank you to all staff who helped host this event as well.



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.