

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

TEAM AVALANCHE

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...

*Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports*



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**Please remember: *Pro D Day tomorrow— Friday, Feb. 23 (no school for students)***

**Passion Projects - Inquiry-Based Learning** - Students met in their passion groups again this week to further explore an essential question they have about their passion area. In this stage of the process students are collecting evidence and researching information on their inquiry question. Students should be continuing their research in class and at home and should be starting to consider how they will present their learning. Please ask your child about their project. The project will not be formally marked or linked to a letter grade or their report card, to encourage students to take some risks. Students are being guided by a staff member in each group however, and will be given frequent feedback on their learning. We are all going through this together for the first time, and we are optimistic that it will be an interesting and rewarding teaching approach for both students and staff.

## **Survey for Science Fair**

One of our students is conducting a survey on bathroom hygiene as it may relate to cancer rates in different cultures. This research is for a project for the Vancouver Island Science Fair. We have sent it to all students on their sd61learn email accounts, but please know that students do not have to complete the survey if they are not comfortable doing so.



**Field Hockey Lessons** - Thank you very much to teacher Jeremy Ross from Gordon Head Middle School who has been visiting a number of our PE classes to teach field hockey skills. Field hockey season starts in the spring so it is great to expose newcomers to the sport this month. Thanks also to Mr. Howe for arranging this.



**Inclement Weather** - As we experience the first snow in a long time this week, please remember to check the Greater

Victoria School District website any time after 6:30 am, or listen to CFX 1070 for the possibility of school closures on heavy snow days.

Yours truly,

Rob Parker, Principal

## Family



**Friday, March 2, 2018, 6.30pm-9.00pm**

Come play Monopoly, Ticket to Ride, Catan, Carcassonne, Apples to Apples, Quirckle, Trivial Pursuit and more.

Candy bags, chips, juice boxes and water \$1 each

Come with family or friends  
AGMS Students are welcome to attend without parents

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**Arbutus Global:**  
Celebrating diversity;  
Seeking sustainability

### Dates to Remember:

Tues. Mar. 13 PAC Meeting at 7 pm in the Library  
Wed. Mar. 16 Report cards go home  
Mar. 19—Apr. 3 Spring Break

### REMINDERS FOR MUSIC STUDENTS

#### **Bandfest:**

**Band 8:** February 28: Students in Band 8 must meet in the lobby of UVic Centre between 7:45 am-8:00 am wearing their full uniform. Our performance on stage is at 9:00 am.

**Band 7:** March 2: Students in Band 7 must meet in the lobby of UVic Centre between 7:30-7:40 am wearing their full uniform. Our performance on stage is at 8:30 am.

We will be walking back to Arbutus after our performance and clinic. Families are invited to attend our performance. Parent volunteers are needed to walk back to Arbutus with students for both dates. Please contact [arbutusmusic@me.com](mailto:arbutusmusic@me.com) if you can help.

#### **Grade 8 Vancouver Trip:**

There will be an information meeting on **February 26 at 7:00 pm** in the music room for parents of Grade 8 music students wishing to attend an overnight trip to Vancouver June 19-20 to see the musical "Once." Other activities will include a visit to Science World, and activities at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

	<b>YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE</b>
Mon., Feb. 26	7:30 am Gr. 6 & 7 Boys Competitive Volleyball Practice 12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym <b>3:45 pm Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Game at Arbutus</b> <b>7 pm Parent Information Meeting for Gr. 8 Music Overnight Trip to Vancouver</b>
Tues. Feb. 27	7:30 am Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice 3 pm Gr. 6 & 7 Boys Competitive Volleyball Practice <b>3:45 pm Gr. 6 Girls Volleyball Playoffs (Location TBA)</b> <b>3:45 pm Gr. 7 Girls Volleyball Playoffs (Location TBA)</b>
Wed., Feb. 28	Bandfest at UVic, <b>CC Day—early dismissal at 11:35 am</b> ( <i>students bringing home letter by Monday to indicate if they are required to stay and catch up on assignments/work</i> ) <b>3:45 pm Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Playoffs</b> 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Practice
Thurs., Mar. 1	<b>3:45 pm Gr. 7 Boys Volleyball Playoffs at Arbutus</b> <b>3:45 pm Gr. 6 Boys Competitive Volleyball Playoffs at Gordon Head</b> 3:15—4 pm Arbutus Swim Team Practice at Gordon Head Rec Ctr
Fri., Mar. 2	3 pm Gr. 8 Girls Volleyball Practice 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys Volleyball Practice

**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.