

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



Dear Parents/Guardians:

April 25 Parent-Student Reunification Earthquake Drill - I want to thank all parents who took time to help us practice our first Reunification Drill on Wednesday. I know it would have been frustrating waiting in the long line-ups and not getting processed. Clearly, we learned a great deal regarding what changes and improvements are needed. New Emergency Release Forms, anticipated for this September, should help expedite the process, as well as increasing the number of staff working the Check-In Gate 1. The whole point of this new process is to reunite you with your child as quickly and safely as possible, so we have some work to do in this area and appreciate your feedback and help as we practice the process.



Class Placement Requests for 2018-19 - This is a first reminder for next year's class placements, that if parents have any extenuating circumstances or feel a specific request would be helpful, to please send those in by letter addressed to the Principal **by May 18**. I ask that you not use email for requests, but rather a letter dropped off at the office. While most parents should not have to write a letter, we may need to know about any special or important information from you that will help us place your child. Please note that it can be challenging to build successful class groups, and certain factors may limit a parent request being accommodated.

We use a wide-variety of criteria when placing students in classes, including but not limited to: their academic and social/emotional needs, maturity, physical size, any special needs, past teacher experiences, and class size limits.

Music update: Our school is participating in a district wide festival - "Music in the Air, Music Everywhere." Summit Strings and Vocal Jazz will perform in the opening ceremonies on May 6 at the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park at 1:30 pm. Grade 8 Band will be marching in the Buccaneer Day Parade in Esquimalt on May 12. Junior and Intermediate Strings will be performing at the District Strings Finale at UVic McKinnon Gym on May 15. More information will come soon about arrival times, uniforms, etc.

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Mon., Apr. 30	12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 12:06 pm Long and Triple Jump Practice outside (Track and Field) 3:15 pm Gr. 6 Badminton Tourney at SMUS 3:00 pm Girls Field Hockey Practice at UVic 3:00 pm Boys Rugby Practice 3:00 pm Throwing Events Practice (Track and Field)
Tues., May 1	7:30 am Running event practice (Track and Field) 3:15 pm Gr. 7 Badminton Tourney @ SMUS
Wed, May 2	12:06 pm High Jump Practice in the Gym (Track and Field) 3:15 pm Gr. 8 Badminton Tourney at SMUS 3:30 pm Boys' Rugby Game at Arbutus vs. Gordon Head and Glenlyon Norfolk
Thurs., May 3	7:30 am Running Events Practice (Track and Field) 3:45 pm Girls Field Hockey Game @ UVic
Fri., May 4	3:00 pm Running Even Practice (Track and Field)

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.

APRIL 27, 2018

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

Tues. May 8 PAC Meeting at 7 pm in the Library
Thurs. May 10 Track & Field Meet #1 at UVic
May 14—16 Gr. 7 Camp Thunderbird Trip
Mon. May 14 Track & Field Meet #2 at UVic
Thurs. May 17 District Transition/Orientation day
Friday, May 18 PRO D Day—School not in session

UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS at AGMS



May 4: "May the 4th Day" by APEX and Student Leadership—Here's your chance to wear your STAR WARS themed attire.



May 17: Rainbow Day—International Day Against Transphobia, Homophobia and Biphobia

By APEX and GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance) **Wear your rainbow colours!**



Rugby game at Lansdowne Middle School on Wednesday

Victoria Muscular Dystrophy Walk 1 pm Saturday, May 12 Gorge Kinsman Park

Please join or support team Arbutus at this fundraising event coming up in two weeks. The link to join or donate is below:

<http://bit.ly/TeamArbutusWalkForMuscularDystrophy>

You can donate or join the team!



Moving Next Year?

Please remember to let our office know if your child will not be at AGMS next year, if they are currently in Grade 6 or 7. This information really helps us with our planning.

Grab and Go Bag Contest

Please see the attached flyer from our PAC on the family contest for earthquake preparedness. Just send in a picture of your family building their emergency bag and you can win some great prizes!

