

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



May the Fourth be With You!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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.

Grade 7 Bike Training

Thank you to the Bike to Work Week staff and Mr. Maxwell for leading the training of all Grade 7s in bicycle

safety. In addition to increasing their cycling skills and knowledge, this training will also prepare students for their Camp Thunderbird trip on May 14-16 when they will be biking there and back on the Galloping



Goose Trail. As usual, it should be a very exciting trip!

Arbutus Music students continue to work hard preparing for various public performances coming up in the next few weeks. The Choir is seen right as they practice a classic Beatles song on Wednesday morning.



Rob Parker, Principal

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YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Mon., May 7	12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 12:06 pm Long and Triple Jump Practice outside (Track and Field) 3:15 pm Badminton CITY FINALS 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 8	7:30 am Running event practice (Track and Field) 7:00 pm PAC Meeting
Wed, May 9	12:06 pm High Jump Practice in the Gym (Track and Field) 3:30 pm Boys' Rugby Game at Glanford Middle School
Thurs., May 10	7:30 am Running Events Practice (Track and Field) 3:45 pm Girls Field Hockey Game @ UVic 3:30 pm First Track Meet at UVIC (from 4—6:30 pm)
Fri., May 11	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.

MAY 4, 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 -By APEX and GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance)

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

Wear your rainbow colours!



Sunday May 6, 2018. Music in the Air, Music Everywhere Opening Ceremony Cameron Bandshell, Beacon Hill Park Vocal Jazz and Summit Strings

Arrival time: Sunday, May 6. Summit Strings: 12:45 Sound Check

Vocal Jazz: 1:00-1:15 pm (at Cameron Bandshell in front of stage)

Concert starts: 1:30.

Uniform:

Vocal Jazz - Music In the Air, Music Everywhere festival shirt. Black pants.

Summit Strings-wear Arbutus Music Uniform.

Please contact Mrs. Hill or Mr. Mazza ASAP if your child cannot attend.

Concert order:

Drum Circle (vocal jazz)

Arbutus- Vocal Jazz

South Park Elementary School Choir

Intermission

Arbutus- Summit Strings

Central Middle School Concert Band

Students are not required to stay once their performance is complete, but if they are able to stay to help with set up and clean up it would be appreciated. Students must check-out with Mr. Mazza or Mrs. Hill before departing. The concert will finish at approximately 3:00.

Congratulations to our Arbutus Dance Team!

Congratulations to the students on our Dance Team who were selected at last week's Dance Festival to perform at the **Highlights Concert on Monday, May 7**. Thank you to Mrs. Forbes for all her leadership and coaching!



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](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.

