

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

TEAM AVALANCHE

The AGMS Week at a Glance...

Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Victoria Muscular Dystrophy Walk Tomorrow-Join the Arbutus Team!

Registration starts at 12 noon; the walk begins at 1 pm at Gorge Kinsmen Park Walk, Wheel, Run or Roll! To join or donate follow the link below:



<http://bit.ly/TeamArbutusWalkForMuscularDystrophy>



Arbutus Vocal Jazz last Sunday at Beacon Hill Park

"Music in the Air, Music Everywhere"

Congratulations to Vocal Jazz and Summit Strings on their excellent performances at the opening ceremony of the "Music in the Air, Music Everywhere" festival. This festival continues until May 16. It is a collection of concerts across the city to showcase our school music programs. Arbutus Global has two more performances in the festival: **May 12 -Grade 8 Band - Buccaneer Days Parade**-Parade starts at 10 am. Students meet at 9 am at marshalling point #12 on Old Esquimalt Rd near Victor

Brodeur School. We are in the parade between the Boys and Girls club float and the Victoria Police Department vehicles. Students should come in their blue festival t-shirt, dark pants, and in comfortable shoes for marching with their instrument but no case or anything else that would need to be carried. Pick up is at approximately 11 am at the corner of Esquimalt Road and Canteen Road (past Admirals Road and the fire hall).

May 15 - Junior and Intermediate Strings - District Strings concert at UVic McKinnon Gym. Students will be performing in mass string ensembles with students from across our district. Students should arrive at 6:15 in their Arbutus Music uniform. Concert starts at 7:00. Volunteer parents are needed to help chaperone this concert. Please e-mail Mrs. Hill at jhill@sd61.bc.ca if you can help. Parent volunteers are also needed to help set-up chairs at 2:00 that afternoon. Please contact Mrs. Hill if you can help.

Grade 8 Parent Meeting - I would like to meet with a group of Grade 8 parents on **Wed. May 16 at 5 pm** to organize the *Mon. June 25 Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon*. Our PAC provides a budget for this day, so please join us if you would like to help organize this special day for our Grade 8s. The ceremony is at 10:30 am that day.

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Mon., May 14	Camp Thunderbird Trip for Gr. 7's (Mon-Wed) 12:06 pm Dance Club in the gym 12:06 pm Long Jump Practice outside (Track and Field) 3:00 pm Girls Field Hockey Practice at UVic 4:00 pm Track & Field Meet #2 at UVic
Tues., May 15	District Strings Finale at UVic at 7 pm
Wed, May 16	Gr. 6 Immunizations-Clinic #2 12:06 pm High Jump Practice in the Gym (Track and Field)
Thurs., May 17	Rainbow Day-Int'l Day Against Transphobia, Homophobia and Biphobia 7:30 am Running Events Practice (Track and Field) District Transition Afternoon -our Gr. 8's visit their secondary schools, Gr. 8's 3:45 pm Girls Field Hockey Game @ UVic Social Justice Student Art Show at Cedar Hill Rec Centre, May 17-31
Fri., May 18	Pro D Day (no school for students)



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.

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

- Mon. May 21 Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
Wed. May 23 Track & Field Meet #3 at UVic (4-6:30 pm)
Thurs. May 24 PAC Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Thank you!!!)
Mon. May 28 Track & Field Meet #4 at UVic (4-6:30 pm)
Wed. May 30 Monthly Assembly and Talent Performances at 2 pm
Wed. June 6 Track & Field Championships at UVic (all day)



Boys Rugby - Congratulations to the Boys Rugby team on a very successful season. They improved in every game and had a lot of fun in the process!

Class Placement Requests for 2018-19

This is a 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.



Congratulations to the Arbutus Dance team who were selected to perform at the Highlights Evening on Monday night. Thank you to Mrs. Forbes for all her dedication with this group!



Thanks to all Track coaches and students participating in Track and Field Season, which kicked off on Thursday night at UVic. We have a lot of students participating which is always great to see!

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.

