

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are coming up on **October 24 and 25**. More information will be going home in next week's news with details on how to register on-line for an appointment with your teacher. These meetings are very important for parents and teachers and we hope you can attend.

**Art Starts Performance:** We are fortunate to have an *ArtStarts in Schools* performance at our school next Friday called the *Dancers of Damelahamid* . The Dancers of Damelahamid is an Indigenous dance company from the Northwest Coast of British Columbia. Their rich history of masked dance inspires a compelling performance, celebrating the diversity and time depth of the many beautiful Indigenous cultures across Canada. Through dramatic dance, captivating narrative, intricately carved masks, and elaborate regalia the Dancers of Damelahamid transform time and space, and bridge the ancient with a living tradition. (<https://damelahamid.ca/> )

**Online Safety and Social Media Savvy!**

Our advisory teachers will be conducting 3 lessons this fall on digital citizenship, to continue our efforts to ensure students can safely navigate the digital world they now live in. Your help at home is necessary as well, by regularly discussing with your child what they are viewing and who they are communicating with online. Modern online games so popular with our youth require special attention, as they can come with some risks. Frequent dialogue will help you stay aware, and help guide your child if they face issues online or with social media.

**Legalization of Cannabis**

With the legalization of cannabis coming soon in Canada we will be introducing our Grade 7 and 8 students to more programming this year to increase their awareness of the risks associated with cannabis use, and particularly the risks for their age group. Again, conversations at home will greatly help your child be educated on some of the issues they will need to be aware of, in combination with the work we will be doing at school.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful long weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

Check the LIMSSA (Lower Island Middle School Sports Association) website for current information on Middle School Sports. <https://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools/>

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct.8th	Happy Thanksgiving! Statutory Holiday - <i>school closed</i>
Tuesday, Oct. 9th	7:30—8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 3 pm Gr. 6 Girls Basketball Practice
Wednesday, Oct.10th	7:30 am Gr. 6/7 Boys Rec Basketball Practice 11:51 - 12:06 pm Cross Country Practice 3 pm Gr. 7/8 Girls Basketball Practice
Thursday, Oct. 11th	7:30 am Gr. 7 Boys Comp Basketball Practice 3 pm Gr. 6 Boys Comp Basketball Practice 3 pm <b>Cross Country Race at Cedar Hill Golf</b>
Friday, Oct. 12th	7:45—8:15 am Student Meditation Session in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 12:06 - 12:36 pm Gr. 6/7 Boys Rec Basketball Practice 12:06 pm Cookie Sales outside cafeteria 3 pm Gr. 8 Boys Basketball Practice

**ATTENDANCE REPORTING** - 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**.

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

## October Dates to Remember:

Wed. Oct. 10	<b>1st day of Hot Lunch Program</b>
Tues. Oct. 16	PAC Meeting at 7 pm in Library
Fri. Oct. 19	Pro D Day - Province wide
Oct. 24—25	Parent-Teacher Conferences (11:51 am dismissal both days)
Fri. Oct. 26	Gr. 6 Immunization Clinic
Tues. Oct. 30	Photo Re-Takes
Wed. Oct. 31	Orange & Black Day, Halloween, 2 pm Assembly

## PAC UPDATE:

There's still time to donate to our fundraising drive. Your support greatly helps the PAC fund various initiatives throughout the year. (See our attached proposed budget for details.)

There are 3 easy ways to make a donation to help us reach our goal:

1. Click the "Make a Donation" button on our school's website which will direct you to the donation form on SchoolCashOnline.
2. Go to <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/>. Select the items tab, choose the "make a donation" option and choose AGMS PAC as the fund destination, add it to your cart and proceed to checkout.
3. Send in a cheque to the school office. Please make the cheque out to **GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT** and add "PAC Fundraising Drive" in the memo.

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on Tuesday October 16th at 7pm and vote on this year's budget. The October Agenda and September's Draft Minutes are attached.

We are still needing one or two parents to be points of contact for the Active & Safe Routes to School Program (ASRTS). ASRTS is a proven way to improve transportation safety and efficiency and increase the number of students who use active modes of travel. If you are able to help, please email Erin at [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com). More information can be found at: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/regional-transportation/active-safe-routes-to-scho>

## YOUTH ULTIMATE!

Starting October 13th, the Victoria Ultimate Players Society will be hosting weekly games and practices at UVic. We have a new set of fields and a new set of coaches. The **focus will be on the fun!** (see attached flyer)

I do hope that you will come out and join back in.

For more information please see....

<http://vups.bc.ca/e/youth-practices-and-games>

If you have any questions please drop me an email: Darrin Charmley

Youth Coordinator, Victoria  
Ultimate Players Society

[youth@vups.bc.ca](mailto:youth@vups.bc.ca)



Students finding a good way to stay dry on a rainy Friday at lunchtime!

Grade 6 woodwinds practicing this week with Mrs. Hill....another great group this year!



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*Sent on behalf Yen Pham, Parent Coordinator for for the **Arbutus Swim Team**.*

Hello Swimmers and Parents,

My name is Yen Pham, I am the Parent Coordinator for the **Arbutus Swim Team**.

Welcome to a brand new school team swim season! It is time to register for the **F.A.S.T** (Friends Achieving Skills Together) swim program. This program gives the students swimming skills, endurance in the water, teamwork, fitness and fun!

The program includes school team shirts, pool time, coaching, four competitions, prizes and certificates at a cost of \$75 per student. Students are able to purchase caps as well at an extra fee through the school website.

Participants must be able to competently swim 25 meters and be comfortable in the water without an instructor in the pool with them.

This year Pacific Coast Swimming is using their new registration system. Instructions for registering are in the attached document.

Unfortunately they have not been able to set up the payment part yet.

So it will be a two-step process for registration:

**Step 1:** Go to [www.pacificcoastswimming.com](http://www.pacificcoastswimming.com) to register your swimmer/s.

**Step 2:** Go to the <https://arbutus.sd61.bc.ca/> and select Online Fee Payments to pay for the swim registration.

**Swim registration is \$75.**

Arbutus swim cap can be purchased through the school as well for \$7 (this is optional). Once you have paid for the cap, please ask the student to collect their cap from the school office.

Our first practice will be on Thursday October 18, at Gordon Head Rec center. Practice will be every Thursday at 3:15 to 4:00pm until February 28th 2019.

**Tentative F.A.S.T. Swim Meet Dates (All at Saanich Commonwealth Place):**

Sunday November 25th 10am-1pm

Sunday December 16th 10am-1pm

Sunday January 27th 1am-3pm

Sunday March 3rd 10am-2pm

**The F.A.S.T swim meets consist of:**

- 25m of each Free, Back, Breast, Fly and Kick, a 50m Free and 4x25m relay
- A certificate for each swimmer at each F.A.S.T. meet
- Ribbons at the F.A.S.T. Championship meet
- A treat for all participants at the end of each meet.

10/3/2018 Gmail - Registration open for Arbutus Swim Club!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=6f4243fc64&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-a%3Ar6379591499055989297&dsqt=1&simpl=msg-a%3Ar637...> 2/2



We hope to see many swimmers return from last year team and hope to see many new swimmers join our fun team.

If you have any questions you can direct them to me via email [yenmoser@gmail.com](mailto:yenmoser@gmail.com)

Thanks,

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