

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Parent Math Night Nov. 14

Many thanks to our PAC and all parents who attended this week’s math evening with local math specialist Nikki Lineham. Please see the attached tip sheet for parents on ways to support your child improve their mathematical thinking.

Fit Quest Round 2: An application form for Round #2 (*starting Nov. 22*) of the Saanich Recreation/Arbutus Fit Quest Program for Grade 7 and 8 students is attached. This *free* opportunity is available to the first 12 applicants, it happens every Thursday after school for six weeks, and is open only to Arbutus students! Thank you Saanich Rec!

Note from our PAC (Parent Advisory Council):

The next PAC meeting is on **Tuesday, November 20th** at 7:00 pm in the school's library. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any topic you wish to add to the agenda please email Erin Farris-Hartley at agms.pac@gmail.com

Active and Safe Routes to School Committee Walkabout Nov. 16: Thank you to all parents who joined us with staff from Saanich Engineering, the CRD, and BC Transit at 7:30 am this morning to look more closely at areas of concern in the neighbourhood identified in a recent Arbutus parent survey. A report will be provided in the new year and recommendations will be made to the District of Saanich for safety improvements in the area. Please see the attached report showing the survey results.

Arbutus Student Success! Congratulations to Grade 8 student *Emily Gao* who won the overall Island Golden League award for the girls’ 12-13 year old division in karate recently! We also were proud to see Grade 6 student *Haimavathy Saibish* be selected to dance at the legislature last week to celebrate the start of Diwali! Well done!

Rob Parker, Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Nov. 19th	7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 8 Boys & Girls Basketball Practice 12:06 pm Drama Club with Mrs. Forbes, Volleyball Sign-up 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Basketball Game at Bayside Middle School 3:45 pm Gr 8 Boys Basketball Game at Central Middle School
Tuesday, Nov. 20th	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 12:06 pm Volleyball Sign-up 3:00 - 4:00 pm Homework Club in Learning Centre (across from gym) 3:45 pm Gr 6 Girls Basketball Game at Cedar Hill 3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Competitive Basketball Practice
Wednesday, Nov. 21st	7:30 am Gr 6/7 Boys Recreational Basketball Practice 12:06 pm Gr 7/8 Girls & Boys Basketball Practice Gr 8 Basketball Games at Arbutus (Boys - 3:45 pm / Girls - 5:15 pm)
Thursday, Nov. 22nd	12:06 pm Volleyball Sign-up 3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Basketball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 7 Boys Basketball Game at Glanford 3:45 pm Gr 6/7 Boys Recreational Basketball Game at Lansdowne
Friday, Nov. 23rd	Pro D Day (no school for students)

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Tues. Nov. 20th	PAC Meeting at 7 pm in Library
Fri. Nov. 23rd	Pro D Day (no school for students)
Fri. Nov. 30th	CC Day (early dismissal at 11:35 am)
Dec. 5 & 6	Poinsettia Music Concerts (see attachment)

ATTENDANCE REPORTING - 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.



**GREATER VICTORIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Did you know that the Greater Victoria Public Library offers free Pro D and Spring Break opportunities for children and youth?

For example on November 23rd they have a Pro D: Codemakers session for 10 - 12 year olds.

Visit their calendar at:

<https://www.gvpl.ca/events/>

Recharge, Perform and Smile Nov. 20

As part of our efforts to increase social-emotional well-being, students are invited to come hear a lunch-time talk next Tuesday in the cafeteria by Zoran Stjokovic from Kizo Performance who is a mental performance consultant who works with local athletes. His talk will focus on how students can take care of their "battery" and keep it fully charged every day when involved in an active and busy lifestyle. This talk is not just for athletes but for any student facing the challenge of balancing school responsibilities, part-times and family life.



Grade 8 Boys in action this week.



Grade 7 Boys against SMU on Thursday.

Key Areas of Concern in Arbutus Neighbourhood

The attached Active and Safe Routes to School survey found the following areas mentioned as areas of concern:

- Dawnview and Edgelow St. - no crosswalk, congestion, no sidewalk on southside of Edgelow
- Edgelow St. and Finnerty Rd. - busy intersection, two crosswalks (upgrades coming soon to this area)
- Feltham Rd. and Gordon Head Rd. - busy intersection, blind spot with left turn lane and cars not stopping

Additionally, after the walkabout this morning these other areas were also mentioned:

- Edgelow and Gordon Head Rd. - cars conflicting with pedestrians when light turns red, cars turn left onto Gordon Head Road from Edgelow on red light are rushed, very congested for part-time light, pedestrians not waiting for light to turn red
- Lexington and head of walkway/cut-through path to back door of school - very congested, used as drop-off and pick up time, students coming out of trail on bikes or walking into busy traffic, no signage on road regarding school, traffic calming needed