

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Grade 6 Author Visit: Thank you very much to local author *Eric Wilson* who came on Wednesday to share his stories and books written over his career. Literacy development remains a top priority at our school as we work to ensure all students have the necessary literacy skills to gain an appreciation for the enjoyment and pleasure of reading a good book.

On-line Safety: Thank you to all parents for continuing to have conversations with your child about their use of social media and on-line safety. This compliments the work we do at school in the digital citizenship lessons that all Arbutus Global students receive each year.

Please also monitor their use of technology and their screen time in relation to their sleep. Students with access to a screen in their bedroom can often have their mental and physical health disrupted if use is not carefully regulated and limited.

November 23rd Pro D Day: Staff spent today studying a variety of instructional areas, including: Place-Based Education, numeracy, technology, French as a Second Language, Physical and Health Education, and designing programming for complex and diverse learners. Guest speaker Chris Filler from the University of Victoria and the District of Saanich led staff through a session on the benefits and importance of using “place”, local resources and history to enhance student learning in all areas of the curriculum, and the link between PBE and healthy social-emotional development. Exciting progress is occurring in this area! You can support these efforts at home by getting your child outside on weekends for exploring our community on walks, hikes and bike rides to add to what they do at school.

Rob Parker, Principal



| | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE |
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| Monday, Nov. 26th | 12:06 pm Drama Club with Mrs. Forbes 12:06 pm Volleyball Sign-ups 3:00 pm Gr 7 Boys Competitive Basketball Practice |
| Tuesday, Nov. 27th | 7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 6 Boys Competitive Basketball Practice 3:00 - 4:00 pm Homework Club in Learning Centre (across from gym) 3:45 pm Gr 6 Girls Basketball Game at Arbutus |
| Wednesday, Nov. 28th | Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice |
| Thursday, Nov. 29th | 7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 7 Boys Competitive Basketball Practice 3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Basketball Game at St. Pats 3:45 pm Gr 7 Boys Basketball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 6/7 Boys Recreational Basketball Game at John Stubbs |
| Friday, Nov. 30th | 7:45 - 8:15 am Student Meditation Session in Cafeteria (drop-ins welcome) 12:06 pm Cookie Sales 12:06 pm Dance Club in the Gym with Mrs. Forbes 3:00 pm Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice |

NOVEMBER 23, 2018

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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| Fri. Nov. 30th | CC Day (early dismissal at 11:35 am) |
| Dec. 5 & 6 | Poinsettia Music Concerts (see attachment) |
| Wed. Dec. 19th | Report Cards go home |
| Fri. Dec. 21st | Last day before Winter Break |

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**.



HAVE YOUR SAY: Catchment Boundary Review

Catchment boundaries are the geographical areas that determine which students are eligible to attend a specific school. The Greater Victoria School District is seeking public input on important considerations when re-evaluating catchment boundaries.

Due to increasing enrolment and limited space in some of its schools, the District must align registration with schools' capacities. Some schools are full and enrolment projections indicate an additional 1,800 students may enroll in the District over the next 10 years. To accommodate the growing student population, the District must balance registration across the District with the space available at each school.

As part of the Catchment Boundary Review, The Greater Victoria School District is asking parents to participate in an online survey to provide valuable feedback to the Board of Education. The online survey is available at www.sd61.bc.ca until Friday, November 30, 2018.



**ARBUTUS
MUSIC**

Silent auction items are due on Wednesday November 28. We have had very few items turned in so far. If your child would like to ask businesses for donations they can use the attached letters.

Parent/grandparent/adult volunteer helpers are needed for silent auction before the concerts on December 5 and 6. Please e-mail arbutusmusic@me.com if you can help.

Safe Travel to School

As mentioned previously, we are putting an emphasis on safe travel to and from school with our involvement in the CRD, BC Transit, and Saanich supported *Active and Safe Routes to School Project*. To this end, please see the safety reminders below:

- Students are required to **wear a helmet** if cycling, skating or using a scooter coming to and from school
- If you have not already done, please go over the route that your child travels to and from school and discuss any high risk areas such as crosswalks, and intersections, etc.
- Please make sure your child knows **to make eye contact with drivers** when at crosswalks and crossing out into a road way, and not to proceed until they are certain a driver is stopping.



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Youth Badminton and Table-Tennis Social

Drop-in!

For ages 10-18 years

Monday • 5:15-6:45pm

This youth drop-in night is the perfect place to practice your skills, meet other players, and try something new.
The focus is on FUN!
Bring your own racquet, paddle, or both!

Drop-ins are included with your Recreation Oak Bay Annual Pass.

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