

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Poinsettia Concerts: A big congratulations goes out to all students who performed at our two Poinsettia Concerts this week. All the ensembles performed beautifully, truly showing their growth since September. It is wonderful to see so many students *pursuing their passions*; one of our key beliefs at Arbutus Global! Thank you to all parents who supported the poinsettia sales and Silent Auction. We are very grateful to our music teachers Mrs. Hill, Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Montgomery and all staff who helped organize these successful events.



Traffic Safety: With the frosty mornings now, please remind your child that when walking or biking to school they will have to be aware that *roads are slippery and cars may have a more difficult time stopping*. Being extra vigilant when crossing at crosswalks and intersections, will be required at this time of year.

Screen Time and Video Games: With Christmas around the corner, please make sure you are reviewing the content of video games you may be buying for your child. Some of these games can have disturbing and racist content that you may not even be aware of. Also, video gaming is now being examined by the American Psychiatric Association as a potential source of addiction which could contribute to mental disorders. Please monitor the amount of time your child is gaming and teach them habits to manage their sources of entertainment in a healthy manner.

Term 1 Report Cards December 19: First term reports will come home soon and we are again using a district format called Communicating Student Learning (CSL). This year we are consolidating all comments into the first comment box for all subjects, so parents will only have to look in one place on the report to read teacher comments. (Letter grades are still listed in each subject area with the curricular competencies as well.) We are also trying to make sure reports are not overly lengthy and get at the most meaningful information parents need to know. We hope you find these changes helpful in staying informed on your child's progress at school. Please do let me know if you have any feedback that can help us in this important area.

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Dec. 10	12:06 pm Drama Club with Mrs. Forbes 3:00 pm Gr 8 Boys Volleyball Practice
Tuesday, Dec. 11	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 3:00 pm Gr 6/7 Girls Volleyball Practice
Wednesday, Dec. 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm Homework Club in Learning Centre (across from gym) 3:00 pm Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice
Thursday, Dec. 13	3:00 pm Gr 6/7 Boys Volleyball Practice PAC Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Friday, Dec. 14	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

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**.

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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| Wed. Dec. 19th | Report Cards go home, Winter Dance & Fun Afternoon |
| Fri. Dec. 21st | PJ Day & Hot Chocolate, last day before Winter Break |
| Mon. Jan. 7th | First day back in 2019! |
| Tues. Jan. 15th | PAC Meeting at 7 pm in the Library |

Global Action—Hamper Drive Reminder

This is a friendly reminder of a project that's taking place this year. A few students from our school are making hampers for homeless people downtown for the holiday season. They would appreciate some support from donations of money or certain objects needed for the project. Things that would be appreciated are:

- **bottled water, non-perishable food items, socks, gloves, basic first aid supplies (band aides, alcohol wipes etc.), and/or Ziploc bags, recreational passes/gift cards**

A donation box can be found in front of the office. Thank you for your support!

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Congratulations to our **Boys Grade 7 Basketball Team** (left) who took 3rd Place in the City Championships on Thursday. All of the basketball players showed tremendous growth this season and we thank all of our parent and staff coaches. Special thanks to Mr. Howe for organizing all teams as well!



Royal Victoria Yacht Club presents:

Sea of Lights

LIGHTED SHIP PARADE
Friday, December 7

BEST VIEWING
7:00pm Cattle Point
7:15pm Willows Beach
7:45pm Gyro Park & Cadboro Bay

BENEFITTING:
The Salvation Army & The Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay

Special thanks to our sponsors:

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Pack it In/Pack it Out: Thanks to all parents for sending re-usable containers and limiting the amount of packaging and litter coming to school in lunches. This further helps us teach sustainable living with our students!

