

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back after what was hopefully a relaxing and enjoyable Winter Break! It is always nice to get time to recharge our batteries after a busy fall schedule.

Direction for Term 2: We are excited about continuing the good work in social and emotional development, and place-based learning in Term 2 with all students. Various initiatives are being introduced in classrooms and in school-wide programs to help students make more progress in these two main school goal areas. A new resource entitled Creating Connections is being used by all advisory teachers to help coordinate topics during advisory in a more coordinated fashion. “Advisory” time is held throughout the week and is an important time for students to develop stronger relationships with their teacher. The research is clear that this is essential for student success, and it is also one of the four pillars that our middle school system is based on in School District 61. The other three pillars include exploratory classes, teacher teaming, and flexible scheduling. Additionally, we believe the commitment to our AGMS core shared beliefs to provide an environment where: 1) students are encouraged to pursue their **passions**, 2) are **challenged** with rigorous programming, 3) have strong **connections** with adults in the school, and 4) have a wide range of **supports** to enhance their learning, will result in a very successful learning experience for all our students this year. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts or questions about these main themes.

Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI): We are pleased to again be taking part in this study coordinated by the Ministry of Education and UBC to examine the well-being, health and academic achievement of middle school students in the province. The study is done every two years and surveys grade 7 students in the above areas, and can be very helpful for us in planning for school improvement in the future. We took part in the study two years when it was implemented, and grade 7 parents will be receiving more information shortly.

Here’s to a great 2019!

Yours truly,

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 14	12:06 pm Drama Club with Mrs. Forbes 3 - 4:30 pm Gr 7 & 8 Boys Volleyball Practice
Tuesday, Jan. 15	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Practice 3 - 4:30 pm Gr 6 & 7 Girls Volleyball Practice
Wednesday, Jan. 16	Gr 8 Boys Volleyball Practice 3 - 4:00 pm Homework Club in Learning Centre (across from gym) 3 - 4:30 pm Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice
Thursday, Jan. 17	3 - 4:30 pm Gr 6 & 7 Boys Volleyball Practice
Friday, Jan. 18	7:45 - 8:15 am Student Meditation Session in Cafeteria 12:06 pm Cookie Sales 12:06 pm Dance Club in the Gym with Mrs. Forbes 3 - 5 pm Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice

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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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

January Dates to Remember:

Mon. Jan. 14th	Late French Immersion Info Night - 6:30 pm Richmond Elem.
Tues. Jan. 15th	PAC Meeting at 7 pm in the Library, 7 pm Challenge Program Info Night at Mount Douglas Secondary
Mon. Jan. 21	Pro D Day at Arbutus Global - Arbutus selected, not District Day
Wed. Jan. 23	Music Program tour Campus View and Frank Hobbs, Student-Led Conferences - 11:51 Dismissal,
	AGMS Open House for Grade 5 Families 7 pm
Fri. Jan. 25	Gr. 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington— <i>CONFIRMED</i>
Mon. Jan. 28	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration begins (for 2019)
Feb. 19—Feb. 25	District K-12 Transfer Process - see link below



Arbutus Creativity!

Students improvise (left) in the warm weather on Friday to form their own outdoor volleyball game at Nutrition Break.

Digital Citizenship

All students had three lessons on this subject in Term 1 and we will continue to teach the importance of on-line safety and discretion when using various technologies. Your support at home to continue to have regular conversations at home on these topics further helps students. Make sure you know the kinds of activities they are taking part in when on-line and that they know they can discuss issues like cyber bullying with you, if they come up in their peer group. We are constantly talking to students about being helpful bystanders as opposed to hurtful bystanders and this applies online as well.

Victoria Junior Field Hockey

2019 registration for the Victoria Junior Field Hockey League is closing on January 31, 2019. If your child plays or is interested in trying the sport of field hockey now is the time to register.

To Register visit our [website](#) and click on the [Online Registration](#) tab.

The 2019 Spring season will run from **April 13 to June 23, 2019** with no session on the May long weekend.

If you have any questions please contact our Administrator Heidi Gayleard at info@victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca



Important SD61 Dates - Registration & Transfers:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/registration-transfer-dates/>

January 14 Late French Immersion District Info Night, and Registration Information:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>