

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

CARSA Rock Climbing at UVic: We are really pleased that our Athletic leadership students have now been trained to act as belayers at the climbing wall. This makes it very affordable to take Arbutus classes there and really supports our goal to use place-based education strategies to take advantage of local amenities. Thank you Mr. Lemon and our neighbours at CARSA for connecting on this program and making this available to our students.

Salish Sea Program: On Thursday, four of our classes continued their work “Exploring the Salish Sea” during their fourth session with AGMS staff and a guest natural-ist from Eagle Wing Tours. The students traced our local watershed and mapped out the route that water flows from our school grounds to where it meets the Salish Sea. The students did some basic testing along the way and observed some of the impacts that the areas current devel-opment has had on the watershed. We finished at Fin-nerty Cove and learned about some potential impacts that we may have on the natural diversity of the Salish Sea. Another great opportunity to continue our learning about this wonderful place that we live.



Aaron Maxwell, Vice- Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 28	12:06 pm Drama Club 3:45 pm Gr 8 Boys Volleyball Games at Gordon Head 3:00 pm Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice
Tuesday, Jan. 29	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Games at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 6 Girls Volleyball Games at Colquitz
Wednesday, Jan. 30	7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 7 & 8 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:00 pm Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Competitive Volleyball Game at SMUS 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Recreational Volleyball Game at Gordon Head
Thursday, Jan. 31	12:06 pm Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Games at SMUS 3:45 pm Gr 7 Boys Volleyball Games at Arbutus
Friday, Feb. 1	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 3:00 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. 28	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration begins (for 2019)
Feb. 19—Feb. 25	District K-12 Transfer Process - see link below
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Feb. 4, 2018 Gr. 8 CANNABIS EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Government of Canada's cannabis education school tour is an interactive student-based event taking place next month at AGMS for all Grade 8 students.

It has been identified that regular cannabis use, *especially in youth and young adults*, can impact their brain functioning, which could make it harder for them to achieve their goals. By encouraging participation in engaging experiences that tap into sport, art, and the virtual world we hope to spark a future passion and educate about the facts of cannabis use.

The interactive experiences will encourage students to understand the value of; **thinking, planning, movement, coordination, decision making**, and **emotions** and how these could be affected through the use of cannabis.

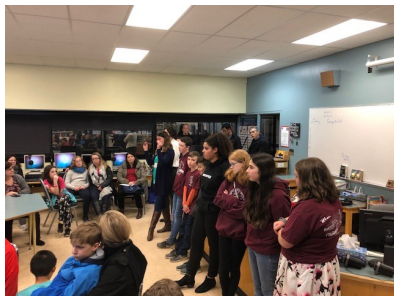
For more information on the tour and it's innovative and engaging approach to cannabis awareness go to: <https://pursueyourpassion.ca/>

From our Teacher Librarian:

Our school library is looking at expanding our collection to include books of various languages that would continue to support literacy for our multilingual students. We have started a collection with some books that have been donated by one of our students in Chinese. We would gladly add to our collection if you would like to donate suitable books for middle school students in the various languages that support our students at Arbutus. To name a few, this could include Chinese, Spanish, Arabic and French. Thank you for your support in this new venture.

Darinka Popovic, Teacher Librarian

Around AGMS....



French Immersion students share their experiences with Grade 5 families at our Open House on Wednesday

Our Boys Grade 7 Volleyball team is seen in action (right) on Thursday after school.



Wednesday's Music Tour at our local elementary schools (left) is always a great way to connect with our future students!

District Aboriginal News

The district's Winter 2018 Newsletter can be accessed at the following link <https://aned.sd61.bc.ca/> Click on the ANED Notices box.



Important SD61 Dates - Registration & Transfers:

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