

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Winter Weather: With the cold weather arriving this week please be sure to watch the SD61 website each morning for any information regarding school closures. Also, during inclement weather local media outlets (e.g., CFX 1070, 98.5 The Ocean) will typically report the status of school districts by 6:30 am each morning. We will also do our best to send an email to families if the school is closed due to weather but please use other sources as well.

Middle Years Development Instrument: Our Grade 7 students are taking part in this online UBC survey next week to gather information in the areas of health, mental well-being and academics. Information was sent to Grade 7 parents last month and all students will take the survey unless parents return the form indicating they do not give consent.

‘Drive to 5’: I know the parking lot and Edgelow St. are often very congested at drop-off and pick-up times. To help cut down on this, we are promoting a ‘Drive to 5’ suggestion to encourage parents to drop off and pick up your child at various safe locations in the neighbourhood that are about a 5 minute walk from the school. Some of these areas include Graduation Place by Montague Park, Lexington Avenue at the back of the school, Dawnview Crescent across from the school, and Finnerty Road east of the school. The added bonus will be a bit of extra exercise for your child as well!



Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 11 <div>First day of hot lunches - first term</div>	12:06 pm Drama Club 3:00 pm Gr 8 Boys Volleyball Game at Arbutus
Tuesday, Feb. 12	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 6 Girls Volleyball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Game at Central 7:00 pm PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting in Library
Wednesday, Feb. 13	7:30 - 8:30 am Gr 7 & 8 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:00 pm Homework Club in the Learning Centre 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Competitive Volleyball Game at Pacific Christian School 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Recreational Volleyball at Arbutus
Thursday, Feb. 14 <div></div>	12:06 pm Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 7 Boys Volleyball Games at Central
Friday, Feb. 15	Pro D Day - no school for students

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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February Dates to Remember:

Feb. 18	Family Day Statutory Holiday - school is closed
Feb. 19-25	K-12 Transfer Process (forms available at 8 am at school)
Feb. 22	CC (Curriculum Completion) Day - early dismissal at 11:35 am
Feb. 26	Parent Presentation offered by the PAC "6 Must Have Conversations with your (pre) Teen", presented by Certified Sexual Health Educator Kerri Isham (ADULT ONLY EVENT) 6:30 - 8:30 pm

MUSIC - UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 11, 7:00 pm, Music Room: Grade 8 students that participate in band, choir, or strings are invited to participate on an optional overnight trip to Vancouver June 18-19, 2019. There is an information meeting for parents/guardians on Monday February 11 at 7:00 pm in the music room. Forms and information for this trip will be sent home with students on February 12 if their parent/guardian is unable to attend the meeting.

February 27: Grade 8 Band will be performing at Bandfest in the morning. Parent volunteers are needed for walking back to the school. Please email arbutusmusic@me.com if you can help.

March 1: Grade 7 Band will be performing at Bandfest in the morning. Parent volunteers are needed for walking back to the school. Please email arbutusmusic@me.com if you can help.

March 5: The choir will be rehearsing for Victoria Sings in the morning. Parent volunteers are needed for walking too and from this event. Please email arbutusmusic@me.com if you can help.

March 5: The choir will be performing at Victoria Sings at UVic Farquhar Auditorium at 7:30 pm. **Tickets** available through UVic Ticket Centre (open Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:00pm) starting Mon. Feb 11th:

- Online: tickets.uvic.ca
- By Phone: 250-721-8480
- In Person: Lobby of University Centre, B Wing at UVic
- All tickets \$10.00

Around AGMS....

Snow Day fun on Friday!



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MONDAY - WEDNESDAY
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PAC News:

Our next PAC meeting is on Tuesday February 12th at 7:00pm in the school's library. We hope to see you there. Please be in touch if you have any items you wish to have added to the agenda.

The PAC is also offering *"6 Must Have Conversations with your (pre) Teen,"* presented by Certified Sexual Health Educator Kerri Isham. Topics include: consent, sexual harassment, sexting, pornography, gender violence, and sexual fluidity. **This is an ADULTS ONLY event, as sexually explicit material will be discussed.** The event will be held on Tuesday February 26th in the gym from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The cost is covered by the PAC. There will be refreshments available, by donation, with proceeds going to Victoria Sexual Assault Centre. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parent-education-night-6-must-have-conversations-with-your-pre-teen-registration-52614438201>

If you have any questions please contact the PAC at agms.pac@gmail.com



Books in the Human Format - Looking for volunteers

Do you have a unique hobby, an interesting job, an entrepreneur, or have a life story that you would like to share? Arbutus Global is planning a **Human Library** Event! We are looking for Human "Books," who would be willing to have a conversation with our students. We are looking to provide a safe environment for the sharing of diverse life experiences, stories and perspectives in order for students and our community to grow and develop an awareness of one another. We are asking for a couple of hours of your time (or maybe, you would like to volunteer someone else) or maybe even for the whole day. Our Human Library Event will take place on Wednesday April 10 at Arbutus Global Middle School. More details on how to sign up for this event will be in next week's newsletter.

Darinka Popovic, Teacher Librarian
Arbutus Global Middle School
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Grade 6 Global Action is doing a toy drive!

Please bring in any gently used books, toys, games and puzzles by February 15th.

All donations will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Thanks for your support!

Gillian Petrini, *Global Action Teacher*

Arbutus Global Middle School

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Important SD61 Dates - Registration & Transfers:

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