

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Math Challenger Contest: Congratulations to Sam Li, William Kennedy and Ken Yang for placing in the top 10 among Grade 8s at last Friday's Math Challenger Contest at Camosun College. Arbutus had the top placing school team, and Sam took first place! Thank you to Mrs. Walt for leading this group and to all the Mt. Doug High School math mentors who helped prepare the team ahead of time. Way to go Arbutus mathematicians!



Anti-Bullying Day and Assembly:

Thank you to Mrs. Mawson and Team APEX (left) who created a short video for Wednesday's assembly on the importance of speaking up and helping others when needed. In addition to this assembly, we have an increasing number of programs and initiatives at Arbutus to work on positive social emotional development and mental well-being which can help us address bullying behaviours amongst our students. So these efforts do not happen once a year just on Pink Shirt Day - they must be top of mind all year round.

Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Mar. 4	12:06 pm Drama Club 3:00 pm Gr 8 Girls Volleyball Practice 3:45 pm Gr 8 Boys Volleyball Games at Colquitz
Tuesday, Mar. 5	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 3:45 pm Gr 7 Girls Volleyball Playoffs at Arbutus 7:30 - 8:45 pm AGMS Choir Performs - Victoria Sings at UVic Centre
Wednesday, Mar. 6	3 pm Boys Rugby Grade 7/8 Under 160 Team Practice 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Recreational Volleyball Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 8 Girls Competitive Volleyball Playoffs at Lansdowne
Thursday, Mar. 7	3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Games at Arbutus
Friday, Mar. 8	7:45 - 8:15 am Student Meditation Session in Cafeteria

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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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

Wed. Mar. 13	Reports go home
March 16 - 30	Spring Break school closure
Mon. Apr. 1	School Re-Opens
Tues. Apr. 9	PAC Meeting at 7 pm in the Library
Fri. Apr. 12	Pro D (Curriculum Implementation) Day - no school for students
Fri. Apr. 19	Good Friday - school is closed
Mon. Apr. 22	Easter Monday - school is closed



Music Updates:

The parent meeting for families of Grade 8 music students interested in the optional overnight trip to Vancouver June 18-19 will be on March 11 in the music room at 7:00 pm. This is an optional information meeting and a chance to ask questions. Children whose parents cannot attend the meeting will be given an information package to take home the following day.

ARBUS MUSIC Choir concert information:

Tuesday March 5: Victoria Sings

Your child will be participating in a special **VICTORIA SINGS** concert featuring massed elementary, middle and secondary choirs from Victoria schools on **TUESDAY, MARCH 5th** from **7:30p.m.-8:45 p.m.** at the **UNIVERSITY CENTRE FARQUAR AUDITORIUM**.

There will be a rehearsal at UVic on the same morning as the concert. Students will be walking to UVic as a class during advisory and will be returning to the school by noon.

Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to and from the evening concert. Upon arriving at the University Centre Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., students will go immediately to their designated seat. The students will have been assigned their seats at the morning rehearsal. You will be able to see your child from the audience and may pick your child up at his or her seat following the concert, students will not be dismissed to the lobby.

Attire for this evening will be black pants, black shoes, black socks and the Arbutus Music t-shirt.

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

There will be no before-school choir on March 6 as students will be performing late the evening before.

AGMS ATHLETICS

We are looking for a **girls**

Field Hockey Coach!

If you can help please contact Clayton
Howe at clhowe@sd61.bc.ca



Arbutus Global PAC Update:

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 5th** at 7:00pm in the school library for our next PAC meeting. We have three guest speakers joining us:

Diane McNally, School Trustee

Kate Berniaz, CRD, Active and Safe Routes to School update

Yvonne Blomer, Arbutus parent, Low Incidence Program



FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Rare Disease Day

February 28 was Rare Disease Day. This is Colwyn (and his dad). He is a grade 7 student at AGMS and has a rare genetic disorder called Prader-Willi Syndrome. He studies in the low-incidence class and in Mr. Clemens' class and loves school and all of his friends.

Arbutus Global Middle School focuses on celebrating diversity, seeking sustainability, and building community. We have a school full of diverse learners all with varying needs. We are proud of the work we do to ensure that differences amongst us are appreciated and honoured at our school by all students and staff and our community. The work continues everyday in this area. We will continue to introduce initiatives that promote these beliefs, to create a welcoming, safe, and healthy learning environment for all and a better world.



Thank you **Mr. Awai and Mt. Doug Fine Arts Program** for wonderful performances from their band, dance and theatre programs at Arbutus on Tuesday. It was inspiring for our students to see!

Bandfest 2019

Congratulations to our Grade 8 Band who took part in this festival at UVic on Wednesday for their excellent performance. The Grade 7 Band performed on Friday morning as well.



Anti-Bullying Day Feb. 27: Students were reminded that anti-bullying strategies have to happen everyday at Arbutus for us to address this issue!



6 Conversations Parents Must Have With Your Pre-Teen: We had over 160 parents out Tuesday night. Well done PAC!!