

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Land Honouring Ceremony: Local aboriginal educators led a land honouring ceremony in our courtyard on Tuesday prior to the commencement of our **Aboriginal Garden Project**, which begins this spring. We will be planting native plants that can be used as part of our aboriginal education program. Vocal Jazz sang and drummed traditional aboriginal songs as part of the ceremony. Thank you to Mrs. Hill for organizing this important event, as well as Mrs. Petrini and Mme. Caletagne who are helping organize the Garden Project.



Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game:

The Grade 8 Girls City Champs took on the staff on Thursday at lunch in a close and hard fought match. There are conflicting reports about who won the game depending on who you talk to, so we'll just say it was a lot of fun! :) Thanks again to all parent and staff coaches who helped contribute to such a successful volleyball season for all of our Arbutus teams!

Please take time to enjoy some extra family time over the next few weeks and recharge those batteries. Have a great Spring Break!

Rob Parker, Principal

YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Apr. 1	12:06 pm Drama Club 3 pm Grade 7/8 Under 160 Rugby Practice 3 pm Grade 6 U100 Rugby Practice
Tuesday, Apr. 2	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 12:06 pm Badminton Practice
Wednesday, Apr. 3	12 :06 pm in Gym 3 pm Grade 7/8 Under 160 Rugby Practice 3 pm Grade 6 U100 Rugby Practice
Thursday, Apr. 4	12:06 pm Badminton Practice 3:30 pm - 5 pm Rugby Clinic at CARSA field at UVic with UVic Vikes
Friday, Apr. 5	7:45 - 8:15 am Student Meditation Session in Cafeteria 12:06 Dance Club

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:

- 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

Boys Field Hockey

Boys field Hockey has been run by Jeremy Ross of GHMS, for the past three years, and they are looking for more boys to register.

The league will run from April 9-May 14 at the UVic field hockey turf next to CARSA. Matches will each Wednesday from 3:45-5:15. Players will be drafted onto balanced teams on a weekly basis and will play a Hockey 5's format for the league.

No experience is required as games will be leveled. We will have goalkeepers for this league. All gear will be supplied and training will be offered.

Uniforms will be provided for each team as will sticks for any player wishing to play. Mouth guards and shin guards are mandatory for every player at each session and your own responsibility to provide. They also ask that boys wear black shorts and black socks for the sessions. Players are also responsible for their own transportation to and from the event.

The cost for the program is \$10 per player cost to recover the cost of the turf rental (paid to GHMS on the first day of the program).

So if your child would like to register for boys field hockey please use the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Dsz8riX2UtGbRpas1>

Active and Safe Routes to School Project

Arbutus Global Middle is participating in the District of Saanich's Active and Safe Routes to School 2018-19 program. The program is designed to encourage and enable more students and their families to walk, bike or roll for the trip to/from school.

We are ***interested in getting your feedback*** on the attached draft Action Plan and Best Routes map to ensure we have captured your concerns and ideas.

The draft Action Plan and Best Routes map has been developed using data collected in the parent survey and neighbourhood walkabout. We worked with District of Saanich staff to identify and commit to street improvements and timelines for work to be completed. *Does the DRAFT Action Plan respond to your concerns?* The Best Routes map shows the favourite routes students are currently using to walk and bike to school. *Does the DRAFT Best Routes map capture the best routes?*

Please review the attached documents and email your feedback and questions to Kate at

kbernias@crd.bc.ca by April 1, 2019.

