

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Arbutus Night of Music: More than three-quarters of all Arbutus students took part in a very successful Night of Music concert on Wednesday evening. We are very proud of their growth and progress this year, showcased by ten different musical ensembles at the concert. We are very grateful to Mrs. Hill, Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Montgomery for their hard work in getting the students ready for such a successful event. Thank you also to all staff and parents who helped out behind the scenes!



Class Placement Requests for 2019-20: This is a first reminder for next year’s class placements, that if parents have a special extenuating circumstance, to please send those in by letter addressed to the Principal **by May 16**. I ask that you not use email for requests, but rather a letter dropped off at the office. While most parents should not have to write a letter, we may need to know about any special or important information from you that will help us place your child. Please note that it can be challenging to build successful class groups, and certain factors may limit a parent request being accommodated. We use a wide-variety of criteria when placing students in classes, including but not limited to: their academic and social/emotional needs, maturity, physical size, any special needs, past teacher experiences, and class size limits.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Apr. 29	7:45 am Sprint Events Practice 12:06 pm High Jump Practice, Drama Club 3 pm Grade 6 & 8 Boys Rugby Practice, Throwing Events Practice 3:45 pm Gr 6 Badminton Playoffs at SMUS 3:45 pm Girls Field Hockey Practice at UVIC
Tuesday, Apr. 30	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 3:00 pm 800 m & Above Practice 3:45 pm Gr 6 Boys Rugby Game at Arbutus 3:45 pm Gr 7 Badminton Playoffs at SMUS
Wednesday, May 1	12 :06 pm Long & Triple Jump Practice, and Chess Club in Rm 115 2:45 - 4 pm Homework Club in the Learning Centre 3 pm Grade 8 Boys Rugby Practice 3:45 pm Gr 8 Badminton Playoffs at SMUS
Thursday, May 2	7:45 am Sprint Events Practice 3:30 pm Girls Field Hockey Games at UVic 3:45 pm Grade 8 Boys Rugby Game at Gordon Head Middle School
Friday, May 3	7:45 - 8:15 am Student Meditation Session in Cafeteria 12:06 Dance Club 3:00 pm Sprint Events 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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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

- Mon. May 13 Gr 6 Immunizations at 9:00 am (2nd Clinic)
- May 13 - 17 **Rainbow Week**
- Tues. May 14 PAC Meeting in the Library
- Thurs. May 16 District 61 Student Transition Afternoon
- Fri. May 17 Pro D Day
- Mon. May 20 Victoria Day Statutory Holiday (*school is closed*)



Moving Next Year?

Please remember to let our office know if your child will not be at AGMS next year, if they are currently in Grade 6 or 7. This information really helps us with our planning.



Boys Rugby Team in action in North Saanich on Thursday.

Gr. 7 Bike Training Week (Apr 29—May 3):

Just a reminder to all grade seven families that we will be starting our bike training on Monday April 29. Your child will receive three on bike sessions throughout the course of the week and this training is part of our school's focus on sustainable transportation. This training is also in preparation for our trip to Camp Thunderbird, but all grade seven students are expected to be taking part regardless of whether or not they are taking part in the Camp Thunderbird trip at the end of May. All students are required to have a bike and helmet for this training. If your child does not have one, or both, of these then please see if they can borrow one from a friend. If you are unable to arrange this then please contact your child's advisory teacher or Mr Maxwell (amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca) at the school so we can try to arrange a loaner for this experience. All bikes should be locked up at the school and taken home at the end of the day. If this is not possible and you require that your child leave their bike at the school overnight then please contact Mr. Maxwell and he can try to arrange for them to be stored in our school courtyard for the duration of the week.

We are fortunate to have trainers come from the Victoria Bike to Work Week society and want to thank the AGMS PAC for their continued support of this experience. This year we have also had support from the CRD to ensure this training takes place and to see how we can expand it to our community of schools. As a result we have added another aspect in that our athletic leadership students will be working with students from Frank Hobbs to help them receive some training in bike maintenance and safe riding. This has been a long term goal, to ensure that all students in our community are able to move safely and sustainably through our community, and we are excited about this progression of the program.



If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's advisory teacher, Mrs. Mawson (cmawson@sd61.bc.ca), or Mr. Maxwell (amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca) for more information.



ARBUTUS MUSIC

The Arbutus Choir (right) performing at our Night of Music. Well done to all student performers!



Mr. Maxwell gives it a go at the Staff vs. Students Badminton Tournament on Thursday.

