

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

District Transition Day - Thurs. May 16th: On Thursday our district middle schools and secondary schools are holding their annual afternoon orientations for incoming grade 6s and grade 9s. Our grade 8 families should have received the information by email last week. If you have any questions please contact the secondary school your child is attending next year.

Rainbow Week: We will observe Rainbow Week next week. Rainbow Day, or International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia, is Friday, May 17th. SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) is supported by the Ministry of Education. **SOGI 1 2 3 Parent Resources** were created in collaboration with BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) and the BC Ministry of Education to answer parent questions about what SOGI-inclusive education looks like in Canadian schools.



<https://www.sogieducation.org/parents>



Gr 8 Celebration - Mon. June 24th: We want to give parents advance notice that we will be holding our annual celebratory assembly on Monday, June 24th in our gymnasium starting at approximately 10:50 am. Parents are asked to arrive at 10:30 am. Typically we hold a pot-luck student lunch directly after the ceremony and grade 8 students have a fun afternoon of celebratory activities. More details to follow.

Track & Field Meets: The first meet was held yesterday at UVic Stadium; the next one is Monday afternoon. Many thanks to Mr. Lemon who coordinates the middle school meets, Mr. Howe who has organized all our staff and parent coaches for the different events and Mrs. Walt who supports the athletes at the meets. Thank you coaches - without you there would be no season for our students! For detailed information about the meets and events please check the Lower Island School Sports website: <https://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools/winter-sports/volleyball/spring-sports/track-and-field/league/>

Rob Parker, Principal

Note to Parents of Gr 6 students: CORRECTION - The second Immunization Clinic is not schedule for Monday, May 13th, it was moved to the morning of **Wednesday, May 22nd.**

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 13	12:06 pm High Jump Practice, Drama Club 3 pm Grade 6 & 7/8 Boys Rugby Practice, Throwing Events Practice 3:45 pm Girls Field Hockey Practice at UVIC 4 - 6 pm Track & Field Meet #2 at UVic Stadium
Tuesday, May 14	7:30 - 8:20 am Student Yoga Class in Cafeteria (drop ins welcome) 7:45 am Sprint Events Practice 3:00 pm 800 m & Above Practice Gr 7/8 Boys Rugby Jamboree at SMUS 7 pm PAC Meeting in the Library
Wednesday, May 15	12 :06 pm Long Jump Practice, and Chess Club in Rm 115 2:45 - 4 pm Homework Club in the Learning Centre
Thursday, May 16	7:45 am Sprint Events Practice District Transition Afternoon (Gr 8s visit GVSD Secondary School, incoming Gr 5s visit Arbutus) 3:30 pm Girls Field Hockey Games at UVic 3:45 pm Grade 6 Boys Rugby Jamboree at SMUS
Friday, May 17	Pro D Day (no school for students)

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Dates to Remember:

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| Mon. May 20 | Victoria Day Statutory Holiday (<i>school is closed</i>) |
| May 27 - 29 | Grade 7 Camp Thunderbird Trip |
| Fri. June 7 | CC Day Early Dismissal at 11:35 am |
| Fri. June 14 | Last day of hot lunch program for the year |
| June 18 - 19 | Gr 8 Strings, Choir and Band Trip to Vancouver |

Class Placement Requests for 2019-20:

This is a 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.



May 8 Earthquake Drill: We held our 2nd EQ Drill of the year this week to further practice our emergency response procedures at the school. Picture above is the First Aid Station being set up. We have multiple coordinators who organize shelter, search and rescue and parent reunification during an emergency and the more we practice, the more effective our response will be. Thank you PAC for all your support!

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.

UVic Vikes Summer Camp Programs

UVic offers an array of sport and activity camps in a friendly, inclusive environment, taught by high-caliber coaches and camp leaders. Vikes camps include Basketball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Speed and Agility, Vikes Adventures, Indoor Climbing, Ball Hockey, Squash, Volleyball, Outdoor Climbing, Outdoor Multi-Sport, Outdoor Water, and Youth Leadership Development! New camps this year include Ultimate Frisbee and Outdoor Leadership! Full-day camps run from 9 am to 4 pm, with before and after care also available. All information can be found by visiting www.vikescamps.com



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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.

Concours d'art oratoire



Congratulations to **Emilia Vozian** who placed 3rd in all of British Columbia in the Grade 6 division at this recent provincial French language contest in Vancouver, and to **Sapphira Skuter** who was a provincial finalist in the Late Immersion Grade 7 division. Well done to both students—Arbutus is proud of you!



Team Apex held the Great Arbutus Cookie Show-down which took place in the cafeteria Monday, featuring home-baked cookies from various staff members. All proceeds went to the BC Cancer Foundation—way to go team Apex!



Our Grade 6 Rugby Team is seen above after a hard fought game at Central Middle School on Tuesday. Well done Avs!



Grade 7/8 Boys team action
against Central on Thursday....

