

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

TEAM AVALANCHE

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...

*Passions, Challenge, Connections and Supports*



Dear Parents/Guardians:



**Arbutus Has Talent!:** Congratulations to all the intrepid participants who stepped up and showcased their talent at this show on Thursday at lunch. Thanks to our Grade 6 student organizers Cameron and Jack, and Ms. French and Mrs. Mawson for all the organizing, as well as our staff judges!



**Lunch Program ends for this year:** A reminder that **Monday is our last day** of the **hot lunch program**.

**Grade 8 Celebrations Update:** The Food Committee for the Celebration are still looking for volunteers and food contributions for the Grade 8 Celebration on Monday June 24th. Please consider contributing a food item to the potluck. Sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4dafab2aa1fc1-grade>

**Warm Weather Reminders:** It is important this time of year for students to come prepared with re-usable water bottles, hats and sunscreen.

**Library Books:** All books are due back to the library. Early next week you will receive a notice informing you of the items your child may still have out. If you feel the item has been returned please come and check the shelves. Thank you for helping us restock the library's shelves for next year's students.

**Pride Month:** Global Action continues to have pride themed activities in support of the LGBTQ+ community. Pride month started off with a rainbow cupcake sale this past Monday where Global Action raised \$85.00 for the Victoria Pride Society. One of the activities includes a **colour week**, starting Mon. June 17th, where we will be encouraging rainbow spirit days...a colour for each day of the week.

Finally, I want to say a big **thank you** on behalf of all staff to the PAC and parents involved in the Staff Appreciation Luncheon - it was a very timely treat in this busy month - we are grateful for your terrific support!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	Rainbow Colour Days!
Mon., June 17	Last day of Meal Program (Pizza), 12:06 pm Dance Club <b>Red Spirit Day</b>	
Tues., June 18	Band/Strings/Choir Trip to Vancouver (Tues - Wed) <b>Yellow / Orange Spirit Day</b>	
Wed, June 19	Band/Strings/Choir Trip to Vancouver (Tues - Wed) <b>Green Spirit Day</b>	
Thurs, June 20	<b>Blue Spirit Day</b>	
Fri. June 21	<b>Purple / Pink Spirit Day</b>	

**ATTENDANCE** - Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. You can email to [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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. June 24 Gr. 8 Recognition Ceremony 10:45 am**

**Wed. June 26 Fun Afternoon (Slip'n Slide, Inflatables etc.)**

**Thurs. June 27 Last Day of School : Whole school going to Gyro Park,  
Reports will go home, dismissal at 2:45 pm**



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## **MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Grade 8 students travelling to Vancouver June 18-19 will be meeting at the school on Tuesday June 18 at 5:30 am wearing their Arbutus Music t-shirt. The buses leave at 5:45 am so don't be late! Student should remember to pack a bag lunch, closed toed shoes for rock climbing, and a nice outfit for the theatre. We have a reservation on the 5:00 pm ferry on Wednesday June 19 - please be at the school by 7:00 pm to pick up your child.

The last day of band and strings will be on June 17. Please return any school owned books and instruments by June 20 unless arrangements have been made with Mr. Mazza or Mrs. Hill. District owned strings instruments should be returned to Mrs. Hill on June 17 for return to the strings library.

There will be no before school music classes after June 17, except for Summit Jazz that will rehearse on June 21. There is an important vocal jazz rehearsal on June 17 at 7:25 am. Students will be working with our knowledge keeper, Jessica Sault, to prepare for our performance at the Grade 8 recognition ceremony so please help your child arrive on time for this important rehearsal.

The choir will be performing on June 24 at the Grade 8 recognition ceremony. Grade 6 and 7 choir students should wear their Arbutus Music uniform for this concert (black bottoms/shoes/socks and the Arbutus Music t-shirt). Grade 8 students may choose to dress up for this event, or may wear their Arbutus Music uniform if they want.

**2019 AGMS Inquiry Project:** On April 1, we started a 10 week inquiry-based learning project with all students in the school. This is the second year we have undertaken this school-wide project. Students identified an area of learning or topic that they are really passionate about, and then developed an essential research question on that topic. For two blocks every Wednesday morning they were split into grade-level themed groups to explore and research their question, collect evidence of their learning, and eventually showcase their learning with an authentic piece or artifact. On June 12 we used a Human Library format, where students acted as human books to share their learning with other students in the school. Please enjoy the pictures below, and on the next page....





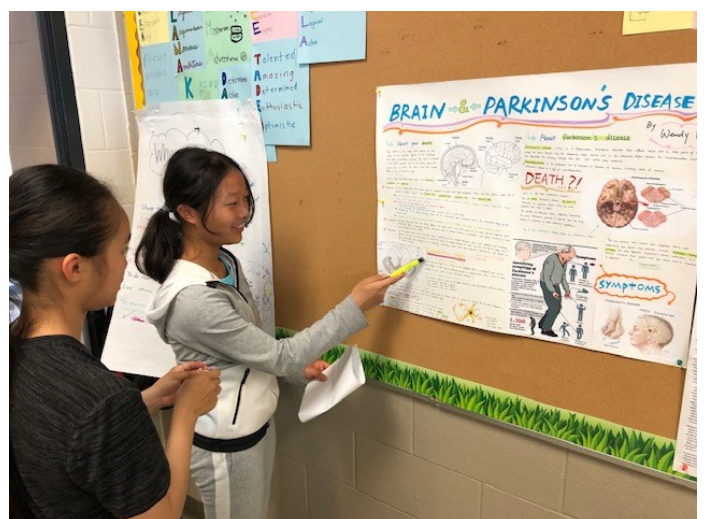
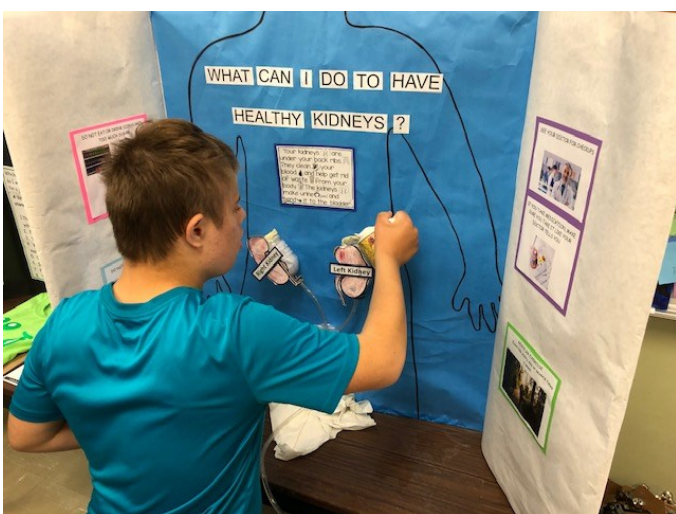
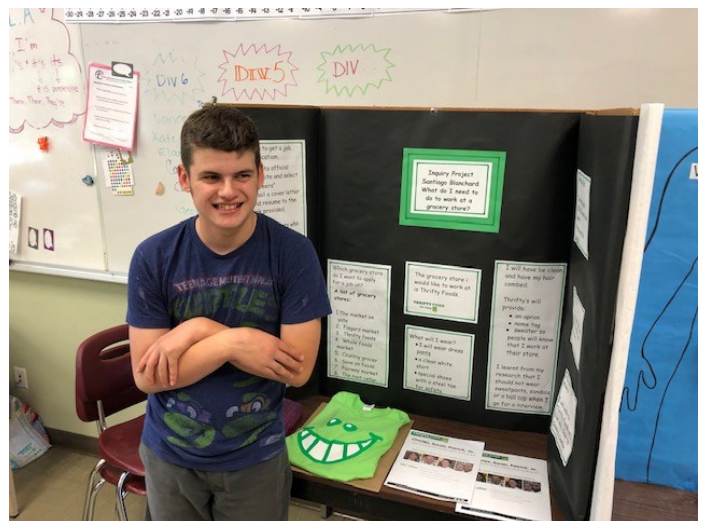
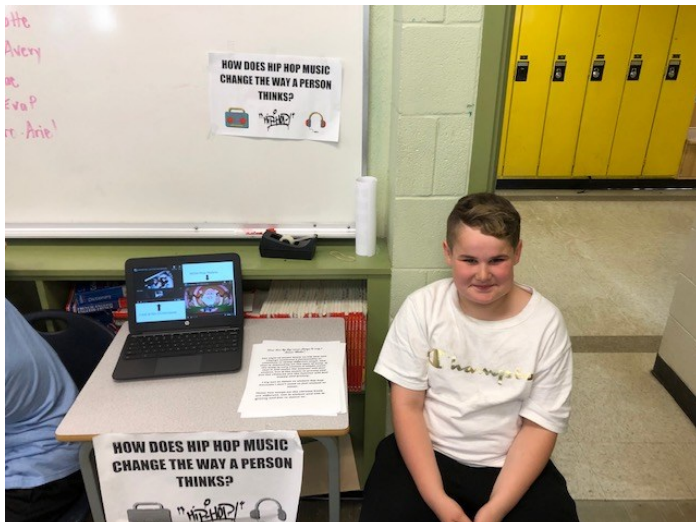
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## AGMS Inquiry Project 2019



**Way to go Arbutus students!**

**“Curiosity is king”**