

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are very pleased to have permanent classes now underway and students engaging in new learning experiences in their classrooms this week. We have **437** students at Arbutus Global this year in 11 English divisions and 9 French Immersion divisions. The multi-age classes seem to be working well as groups get to know each other and teachers build their team cultures. The smaller class sizes are a real benefit and we are excited about a having a very successful year ahead of us!



Monday, Sept. 23rd is a **Pro D Day**. *There is no school for students on Monday.*

PAC BBQ & Meet the Teacher Night (Tues. Sept. 17th): Please join us at 6 pm for the PAC Barbeque, and then at 7 pm in the Gym to start the Meet the Teacher evening.

Student Pack-Ups: Office staff are busily processing forms returned to our school. If your child brings back forms that are unsigned or are incomplete, please sign and complete the forms and return to our school office asap.

Picture Day is **Wednesday, September 18**. Order portraits now at mylifetouch.ca, or up to 48 hrs after photo day, using Picture Day ID **QU479477Q0**, or students can bring form and payment to photographer.

School Sports and Clubs: Sign-up sheets are now out in front of our office for students to join the Cross Country Team, Touch-Rugby (new sport this year), and the Media Team. Please encourage your child to join an after school sport or club this year to maximize their middle school experience! Parents - please see the link if you are interested in coaching as school sport this year.

Parking Lot Safety - Please be patient, and drive slowly in the parking lot and school zone in front of the school. **Please have your child get out or in the car at the drop-off/pick up area only** to avoid students walking through the parking lot, which can be a dangerous area. Also, if dropping off your child on the other side of Edgelow St. in the morning, **please make sure they use the crosswalk** to cross the street and **do not jay walk** out between cars in this busy area. Your help in this will really help with student safety.



Further to the topic of traffic safety please see the attached final report from last year's **Active and Safe Routes to School Committee** (Arbutus School Travel Plan) as well as a Best Routes pdf for our neighbourhood. We are very pleased to see the traffic safety improvements undertaken by the District of Saanich as well as the ones pending in the near future, as a result of this committee. Our thanks to the CRD and Saanich for the on-going efforts to help keep our students safe.

Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Sept. 16th	
Tuesday, Sept. 17th	6 pm—PAC Welcome Back BBQ for all families 7—8 pm—Meet the Teacher
Wednesday, Sept. 18th	Student Photo Day—Please take all cash/cheque photo orders to the photographer. Do not send to the Office.
Thursday, Sept. 19th	
Friday, Sept. 20th	Cookie Sales outside cafeteria—12 pm

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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Thank you PAC! - Last year our PAC funded numerous classroom programs such as Mindfulness training, sexual health education, and Discovery streaming for student research. They also provided new pop-up shelters for our Earthquake Preparedness Program, and new bike racks. We are enormously grateful for their support!

Teaching Staff *new to school in bold	Additional Teaching and Support Staff
Div 1 Lynda Psaila—Gr 6 English	Librarian/ELL Darinka Popovic
Div 2 Jessica Sargent—Gr 6 English	ELL Alison McKend
Div 3 Frank Scigliano—Gr 6 English	Learning Support Dana Walt
Div 4 Peter Rosenberg —Gr 6/7 English	Resource Room 105B Alex Lemon
Div 5 Marci Stocks – Gr 6/7 English (Judith Weist on leave)	Resource Room 106 Rosalyne Huyter
Div 6 Gord Clemens —Gr 7/8 English	
Div 7 Casey Mawson —Gr 7/8 English	Educational Assistants
Div 8 Nicholas Stephen—Gr 7/8 English	Debbie Agar Vanessa Currie
Div 9 Julia French—Gr 7/8 English	Chantal Davenport Pita Estudillo
Div 10 Rachelle Beatty —Gr 8 English	Rachael Gubbels Romaine Hill
Div 11 Clayton Howe—Gr 8 English	D’Arcy Lee Dan-bi Lee
Div 12 Edith Engelbrecht—Gr 6 Early French Immersion	Maryanne McKinnon Laura Mead
Div 13 Stéphane Tran – Gr 6 Early French Immersion	Graciela Schwarz Christine Soon-Locke
Div 14 Aliza Hunter—Gr 6 Late French Immersion	
Div 15 Megan Peddie—Gr 7 Late French Immersion	Counselling and District Support Team
Div. 16 Alison Caletagne – Gr 7/8 Early French Immersion	Counsellor Kaylan Vander Schilden (Tues, Wed. Thurs)
Div. 17 Amanda Putman – Gr 7/8 Early French Immersion	YFC Tammy Reid (Mon. and Fridays)
Div. 18 Tamara O’Reilly – Gr 7/8 Early French Immersion	Ed. Psychologist Bailey Wheeler
Div. 19 Erin Fairweather – Gr 7/8 Early French Immersion	SLP Helen Bell (every 2 nd Wed)
Div. 20 Jo Roueche – Gr 8 Early French Immersion	Occupational Therapist Teresa Windberg-Phillips
Gillian Petrini .5 Global Action Exploratory	Physiotherapist Emma Taylor
Wade Martinson – Technology Education	
Michael Mazza – Band/Strings/Music Exploratory	Student Supervisors
Jennifer Hill – Band/Strings/Music/Drama Exploratory	Vanessa Currie Romaine Hill
Jennifer Maestrello – Art Exploratory	Stacey Haase Rachel Gubbels
Jennifer Mooney – Foods Exploratory	D’Arcy Lee Laura Mead
Kelly Montgomery – Band	
Administrative Support Staff	
Shauna Johnson - School Administrative Assistant	
Hollie Davis – Accounts Clerk / Secretarial Clerk	
Stacey Haase - Library Clerk / School Assistant	
Custodial Staff	
Doug Schaufele – Daytime 5:45 am – 2:30 pm	
Dominik Kardum - Afternoons 3:30 pm - 11:30 pm	



Homework Club will start on **Wednesday, September 25** in the Learning Centre, after school until 4:30 p.m. This is open to all students who wish to use the time and space to complete homework.



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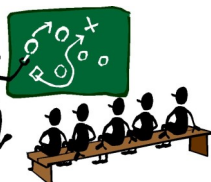
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Kids Plus Insurance

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!

All partner school boards can now access kidsplus.ca/resources for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.



Coaching Sports

Parents, are you interested in helping out coaching with some of our teams. Please click on the link to fill out the form and our Athletic Leaders will contact you.

<https://forms.gle/PBmZgXBvFJndisa8A>

Family Barbecue

Remember, our AGMS family barbecue is next Tuesday, September 17th at 6pm, before Meet the Teacher night starts at 7. Big thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help make this event a success!



Donation Drive

In your form package, you will have received a note about the PAC's donation drive. This is our one big fundraising effort of the year, and it's success will determine what we can do for the school this year!

If you are able to make a donation, please choose from the following:

- 1) Go to <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com> and select the Items tab. Choose the "Make a Donation" option and choose "Arbutus Global Middle School PAC" as the fund destination, add it to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 2) Go to the Arbutus web site at <https://arbutus.sd61.bc.ca> and click the "Make a Donation" button. It will direct you to the donation form at School Cash Online. Select Arbutus Global Middle School - PAC as the fund destination.
- 3) Send a cheque or cash to the main office with your student and the form from the form package. Cheques should be payable to Greater Victoria School District. If you would like a tax receipt (\$20 and up) please include the name that should be on the receipt and full mailing address.

PAC Meetings

Thanks to those who attended our first PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday! It was great to hear how the year has started, get an early update about the results of the "Active and Safe Routes to School" project that happened last year, and hear about some of the exciting plans for the upcoming school year.

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday October 8th. We'll send out more info closer to the date. As always, if you have questions or are interested in getting involved, email agms.pac@gmail.com.

Finnerty Rd Closures

As construction continues short durations of road closures will be required.

September 18th to 20th – Finnerty Rd between Edgelow St and Arbutus Rd will closed and only open to local traffic and emergency vehicles. These closures will be in effect from **9:00 am to 8:00 pm** and normal traffic pattern will resume by 8:00pm

