

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



REMINDER—Hot Lunch orders and payment **DUE** by **Tuesday, October 1st by 3:30pm!** Order and pay with School Cash Online: <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com>

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Indigenous Education

We were pleased to have students from Mme. Calestagne’s class start our school assembly on Wednesday by singing and drumming the Reconciliation Song, led by Mrs. Hill (left). The subject of reconciliation is an important part of discussions in schools these days as we work to develop students’ understanding of indigenous culture, history and traditions. Students are encouraged to wear orange on Monday as a reconciliation activity to further develop learning in this area.

September 23 Pro D Day

Thank you to all parents for allowing us this time to undertake some important professional learning. We were able to work on our two key goals for the year: **1) improving student mental well-being and 2) further developing our place-based learning strategies.** Teams also worked on making Exploratory classes more inclusive for learners with diverse needs, while others attended a session on planning adaptations for PE classes, led by Camosun College PISE staff. We are grateful for the collaboration time.

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal



Check the LIMSSA (Lower Island Middle School Sports Association) website for current information on Middle School Sports. <https://lowerislandschoolsports.ca/middle-schools/>

| | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE |
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| Monday, Sept. 30th | |
| Tuesday, Oct. 1st | Hot Lunch Orders DUE today by 3:30pm. Late payments will not be accepted. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 2nd | |
| Thursday, Oct. 3rd | |
| Friday, Oct. 4th | Cookie Sales outside cafeteria - 12:06 pm Drama and Dance Club - 12:06 pm Drama Room |

UVic Continuing Studies Lecture on Perceived Safety: Conversations About Using Marijuana
Tues. Oct 8th 6-9:30pm \$75

UVic is hosting an evening session, facilitated by Bonnie Leadbeater from, who is doing great research around youth and substance uses and how parents can have healthy and relevant conversations with their youth. Please read the attachment for further information and registration details.

Outstanding Student Forms: We are still missing forms for some students. Please sign and complete the forms and return to our school office ASAP.

ATTENDANCE REPORTING - 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.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

October Dates to Remember:

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| Mon. Sept. 30 | Orange Shirt Day to mark the reconciliation process |
| Mon. Oct. 14 | Thanksgiving Day (Stat Holiday—no school) |
| Tues. Oct. 8 | PAC Meeting at 7 pm in Library |
| Wed. Oct. 9 | 1st day of Hot Lunch Program |
| Wed. Oct 16 | Final Cross Country Meet at JDF— DATE CHANGE |
| Oct. 23-24 | Parent-Teacher Conferences (11:51 dismissal both days) |
| Fri. Oct. 25 | Pro D Day—Province wide |
| Tues. Oct. 29 | Photo Re-Takes |
| Wed. Nov. 6 | Grade 6 Immunization Clinic |



PAC (Parent Advisory Council) News:

The next **PAC meeting** is **Tuesday, October 8th** at 7 pm in the Library. Please come hear our **Police Liaison Officer, Const. Lisa Bruschetta** speak on cyber bullying and on-line safety for our children.



Walk & Wheel to School Week October 7-11:



Our school has registered to take part in this community event to promote sustainable and healthy living. Some suggestions to try that week are:

Parents “Drive to Five” - drop your child off (e.g. Lexington, Dawnview or Montague Park) so they have a short but healthy 5 minute walk to school instead of driving right to our parking lot.

- Ride your bike with your child to school, then carry on to work.

Students

“Two-Wheel it!” - try and see how many friends will join in and ride their bikes with you that week

Hike and play - Invent a game to play (e.g., Who Can Spot the Most....) while you walk with friends to school.



Left:
Staff vs.
Grade 6 Stu-
dents Soccer
Game on
Thursday -
(all staff sur-
vived! :)



Drum Clinic



Join Pete Lockett for an incredibly dynamic drumming and percussion clinic / performance.

October 8 • 6:30pm

[Long & McQuade Victoria](#) Please RSVP

to Shaun at swilson@long-mcquade.com

Click [here](#) for all of the details!

Sept. 27 Annual Terry Fox Run

Thanks to all staff and students for organizing another very successful Terry Fox Run today. The legacy of Terry Fox continues very strongly each year at our school, both in fundraising and raising awareness with our students about the importance of finding a cure for cancer.