

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th

This year we will once again be using an online booking system to sign up for our parent-teacher conferences. The website is <http://arbutusglobal.schoolappointments.com/>. The website will walk you through the registration and booking process. **All families will need to create an account since the accounts from last year have been deleted for security purposes.** Once bookings are made the times will then be confirmed with an email home. Bookings can be made/changed online using this system from today Friday, October 11 until Monday, October 21 (midnight). After this time period parents will need to contact their child’s advisory teacher directly to make any changes or to create new appointments.

Parents are asked to choose a time to meet with their child’s advisory teacher as this is the person that oversees your child’s academic program. If your child is working with our resource teachers then you can set up an appointment with them as well. If you have questions for your child’s other teachers then please talk to your child’s advisory teacher and they can set up another meeting or find out the answer to your questions.

If you have any challenges logging onto the system please contact Aaron Maxwell by email at amaxwell@sd61.bc.ca

Please note that students will be dismissed at 11:51am on both Wednesday and Thursday for these meetings.

Police Liaison Officer Presentation at Oct. 8 PAC Meeting: Thank you very much to **Const. Lisa Bruschetta** who provided an important internet safety talk at our PAC Meeting this past Tuesday evening. Please see the attached sheet showing 15 apps parents should be aware of. Unfortunately, some of these apps are designed to hide their purpose and be deceptive to parents. Lisa reminded us that regularly monitoring your child’s online activity and knowing who they are communicating with is essential to their safety. Your help at home complements the social media safety instruction we provide at school.

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/>

Also, see information at bottom of page 2 on how your child can find practice times at Arbutus, and game and meet information.

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 14th	Thanksgiving Holiday—no school
Tuesday, Oct. 15th	
Wednesday, Oct. 16th	12:06 pm Magic the Gathering/D&D Club - Learning Centre (across from Gym)
Thursday, Oct. 17th	10:30 am Earthquake Drill – <i>Great BC Shakeout</i>
Friday, Oct. 18th	12:06 pm Cookie Sales outside cafeteria 12:06 pm Drama/Dance Club

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**.

OCTOBER 11, 2019

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

October Dates to Remember:

Mon. Oct. 14	Thanksgiving (Stat Holiday)
Wed. Oct. 16	Final Cross Country Meet at JDF
Mon. Oct. 21	Federal Election—Polling Station in AGMS Gym
Oct. 23-24	Parent-Teacher Conferences (11:51 am dismissal both days)
Fri. Oct. 25	Pro D Day - Province-wide - no school for students
Tues. Oct 29	Photo Re-take day
Wed. Oct 30	School Assembly 2 pm
Thurs. Oct. 31	Orange and Black Day!
Wed. Nov. 6	Gr. 6 Immunization Clinic



Grade 7 Global Action

Popcorn sale next Tuesday at lunch. Each bag is \$2 with all proceeds going to the SPCA.

Home Stays Needed:

The Greater Victoria School District's **International Student Program** is seeking caring families to provide homestay accommodation to international students studying in the District's middle and secondary schools. It is a great opportunity for an intercultural exchange of ideas, food, and life.

We offer the following to our host families:

- Orientation
- On-going support
- Homestay manual
- Remuneration of \$975 per month
- Short and long term students

To find out more about our homestay program or apply please visit our **website**:

www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay or contact Lukas Hahn (Homestay Manager)

AGMS Parent Workshop:

This **November 6th, 2019**, from 6:00-8:00 pm, Arbutus Global Middle School and the Arbutus P.A.C. are pleased to welcome all parents and educators of youth in the area to an evening with Julie-Anne Richards (M.A., *Registered Clinical Counselor, Psycho-educational Consultant*) for her presentation entitled "**Childhood Anxiety: Empowering Strategies and Effective Support**".

Julie-Anne will be sharing information that is essential for parents, caregivers, and educators of youth with regards to guidance, challenges, and implementation. *See attached poster for further details*

This is a free event, graciously funded by the Eric Palmer Memorial Foundation. Refreshments will be available upon donation.

Arbutus School Sports Information

Not sure when the practices are? Your child can find sports information about practice and game/meet times in one of the following four ways:

1. Pick up the Welcome Letter handed out by all coaches at the first meeting of the team or practice.
2. Listen to morning announcements when all practices, games or meets are announced over the PA.
3. Go to the small whiteboard outside the Office to see a posted written copy of the morning announcements
4. See the Master Schedule of updated practices and games/meet times on the Office window posted by our Athletic Director each week.

Wednesday until 4 p.m., Homework Club in the Learning Centre, Everyone Welcome

Greater Victoria School District: Pathways and Partnerships invites you to attend a "Parents as Educators and Coaches" presentation.

October 29—6-8:30pm

SD61 Board Office

556 Boleskine Rd

Please see attached poster for registration information

Pathways & Partnerships



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR AGMS PAC

PAC meeting:

Big thanks to our Police Liaison Officer, Constable Lisa Bruschetta, for the illuminating presentation on internet safety. We were happy to have a small group there, but a lot more parents will want to see this for sure! We'll try to share tidbits of what we learned in future newsletters. Just remember that we all likely know less than we think about what our kids are exposed to online.

At this meeting we also committed funds to support

- new volleyball supports and nets
- upgrades to the basketball uniforms
- first aid kits for sports teams
- more emergency shelters
- upgrades to the Aboriginal Garden.

We would love to fund more, including a request for more bike racks. If you haven't already, please consider logging on to [School Cash Online](#) and donating to "Arbutus Global Middle School PAC".

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 19th.

Shop at Peppers and Support Your School

Want other ways to support your school? Get your groceries at Peppers in Cadboro Bay! Ask the cashier for a refillable Arbutus Fundraising Card, load it with your grocery money and the PAC will receive a portion of what you spend. Easy!

Contact us at agms.pac@gmail.com with any questions or to get involved.

Pacific Coast Swimming Information

Swim club starts next Thursday,
October 17th
3PM—4PM at the
Gordon Head Rec Centre Pool
The club will run until the end of
February 2020

ATTN: ELL and ISP Students!

Letters will be given out at Parent/Teacher interviews about an upcoming opportunity to see the Naden Band perform. The concert is free and transportation is \$5 per student. You can pay for this using School Cash Online. More details coming in the letter!



Didn't get enough Ultimate Frisbee?
VUPS is running sessions through UVIC
Click this link if interested!
<https://vups.bc.ca/e/youth-practices-and-games>