The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Good luck Hollie! We are sad to see our Accounts Clerk, Ms. Hollie Davis heading to a new job tomorrow. Hollie has been an invaluable member of our school team and I know she was always appreciated by parents, students and staff alike for her positive attitude and helpful ways. She will be the new Administrative Assistant at Reynolds Secondary where we know she will be equally loved!

Music Reminder: Poinsettia orders are due on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 30</u> Mr. Mazza or Mrs. Hill.

Arbutus Avalanche Spirit Wear: Ordering for spirit wear is now open and will end at <u>4 pm on Mon. Nov. 4th!</u> Samples are available for viewing and trying on in front of the office. See next page for more information....

Halloween Thurs. Oct 31: Just a reminder to parents that students can wear appropriate costumes or **orange** and **black** next Thursday. No masks or violence or gore please.



Saanich School District Possible Strike: Please see the information on the back page—this is a different school district than ours so we do not expect any disruptions at all in our District at this time.

Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

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.

| | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE |
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| Monday, Oct.28th | 12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club |
| Tuesday, Oct. 29th | Student Photo Re-Takes |
| | Haunted House—hosted by Global Action |
| Wednesday, Oct. 30th | PJ Day - get into the spirit and wear your pajamas! |
| | 2 pm School Assembly & Halloween Safety Talk |
| | by Saanich Police plus Socktober Event—bring those socks! |
| | Music Students - Poinsettia orders due today to Mrs. Hill or Mr. Mazza |
| Thursday, Oct. 31st | Halloween / |
| | Orange & Black Day |
| Friday, Nov. 1st | Cookie Day—50 cents each! |
| | 12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club |
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Wednesday until 4 p.m., Homework Club in the Learning Centre, Everyone Welcome

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

Arbutus School Sports Information: To find practice/game times, students should pick up the consent letter handed out by all coaches at the first meeting of the team or practice, listen to morning announcements when all practices, games or meets are announced over the PA, go to the small whiteboard outside the Office to see a posted written copy of the morning announcements, or see the Master Schedule of updated practices and games/meet times on the Office window posted by our Athletic Director each week.

OCTOBER 25, 2019

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Arbutus Global: Celebrating diversity; Seeking sustainability

October Dates to Remember:

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

Wed. Nov. 6 Parent Workshop on Anxiety and Stress in Students

Thurs. Nov. 7 Remembrance Assembly at 10:30 am

Mon. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day—School not in session

Global Action

Mr. Stephen's class and Grade 8 Global Action will be co hosting a **Haunted House** this year on Tuesday October 29th. Donations are suggested of \$1 or \$2 with all proceeds going to the BC Cancer Foundation.

If you have any Halloween decor that you are no longer using, please drop off at the office anytime before the 29th. Thank you!



Families can order **Arbutus Spirit Wear** on **School Cash Online** now, found on the front page of our website

(www.arbutus.bc.ca). Orders can be placed until 4 pm on November 4th. Late orders will not be accepted as we need to get final counts in to our supplier to ensure delivery prior to Winter Break—just in time for the Holidays.

Samples are available in front of the office for students to try on and/or parents to view. Students are welcome to try on sample sizes during nutrition breaks or before and after school. We will be offering a variety of hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts in both youth and adult sizes. You can get a matching set for the whole family!

If you have any questions about ordering Spirit Wear, please contact Shauna Johnson in the office at shjohnson@sd61.bc.ca or 250-477-1878

YOUTH & CHILDHOOD STRESS & ANXIETY: BUILDING RESILIENCE

EMPOWERING STRATEGIES EFFECTIVE SUPPORTS



Presentation and Discussion By:

Julie-Anne Richards, M.A., R.C.C., C.C.C.
Registered Clinical Counselor, Psycho-educational Consultant
www.JulieAnneRichards.com

6:00-8:00 pm Wednesday November 6, 2019

ARBUTUS GLOBAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

2306 Edgelow St, Victoria

Tailored for Parents, Guardians and Educators supporting children & youth ages 12 - 15 experiencing stress & anxiety

PRESENTATION INCLUDING Q & A

Free Event!

Refreshments provided (donations accepted).

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (Click to Register)

 $https://www.eventbrite.com/e/\underline{parent-presentation-on-youth-childhood-anxiety} \underline{tickets-74377016659}$

<u>Event Hosted by:</u> Arbutus Global Middle School and inviting All Parents and Educators of Youth in the Area – **All Adults Welcome**

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Celebrating diversity; Seeking sustainability



Our AGMS Choir in action early Wednesday morning.



Grade 8s busy on projects with Mr. Martinson in the woodshop on Thursday.



Parent Volunteers are needed for grade 6 immunization! Please email agms.pac@gmail.com if you are available in the morning of November 6th.

Saanich School District Possible Labour Disruption

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We have been receiving enquires asking if our schools and staff will be affected by job action after the Saanich branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 441) served a 72-hour strike notice to Saanich School District (#63). This communication is to confirm that classes and buses will not be disrupted in the Greater Victoria School District next week.

If you are receiving this communication from your school, it is to inform you that your school is not affected. All classes in the Greater Victoria School District will continue as usual on Monday, October 28th, 2019.

The Greater Victoria School District does have schools across six different municipalities (Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, View Royal, and portions of the Highlands). Please note that the following schools in the Saanich municipality but are part of the Greater Victoria School District:

> Arbutus Braefoot Cedar Hill Campus View Colquitz Cloverdale Craigflower Doncaster Frank Hobbs Gordon Head Glanford Hillcrest Lakehill Lambrick Lansdowne Marigold McKenzie Mt. Doug Northridge Rogers Reynolds Spectrum Strawberry Vale

Tillicum Torquay

Thank you,

Lisa McPhail

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