

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

### Traffic Safety and Safe Travel to School

With the dark and rainy days arriving, please go over the route that your child travels to and from school and discuss any high risk areas such as crosswalks, and intersections, etc. Please remind them to make sure they **make eye contact with drivers** when at crosswalks and crossing out into a road way, and not to proceed until they are certain a driver is stopping. Also, dismounting from your bicycle when crossing at a crosswalk helps improve safety.



### Lost and Found

Help - our box is overflowing with expensive garments! Please send your child to check if one of these items is theirs. The box is located just outside our cafeteria near the front entrance to the school.

### Late French Immersion Registration Process

Please see the email that we sent home yesterday on the school district's request for parent input on our Late Immersion program.

### Parent Education Evening on February 27

Our PAC has again been hard at work planning another event for Arbutus parents. On February 27 local author, counsellor and parent educator Dr. Allison Rees will be speaking to parents at 7 pm in our gymnasium. This will be another opportunity for parents to hear about effective strategies to support children in today's changing world. We want to thank the PAC for all this support they are providing our parent community this year. In addition they have funded new sports equipment, festival and transportation funding for our music program, emergency preparedness supplies, Mindfulness training for all Grade 6 classes, and bike training for our Grade 7s! Thank you PAC!

### Curricular Completion Day

Students who are all caught up on their work, and with teacher and parent permission, will be **dismissed at 11:35 am** for the day on **Friday November 29**. Students needing to complete assignments will stay at school until their work is completed that day. A letter from your child's teacher will be coming home this week or on Monday at the latest to provide details on your child's situation.

Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Nov. 25th	12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club 12 :06 pm Art Club—with Mrs. Maestrello in the Art Room
Tuesday, Nov. 26th	
Wednesday, Nov. 27th	<i>Wednesday 3-4 p.m., Homework Club in the Learning Centre.</i>
Thursday, Nov. 28th	
Friday, Nov. 29th	<b>11:35 am Curriculum Completion Day</b> dismissal for students with teacher and parent permission to go home.

NOVEMBER 22, 2019

TEAM AVALANCHE



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**Arbutus Global:**  
Celebrating diversity;  
Seeking sustainability

### November Dates to Remember:

- Fri. Nov. 29 Curricular Completion Day - **11:35 am dismissal** for some (Parent letters to come by Monday, Nov. 25)
- Dec. 4 & 5 7 pm Poinsettia Music Concerts
- Dec. 18 Report Cards go home
- Dec. 20 PJ Day and Hot Chocolate
- Last Day before Christmas Break

Calling all volleyball coaches! Although the season starts in January, organization for our teams starts now. We are looking for coaches for all levels as ALL of our coaches from last year have moved on. If your child is interested in playing volleyball and you have some availability to coach. Please fill out the google form: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pq\\_gwlv3iMSmI9EWF5FTTSI8PB1n2Zlpo1W4fymNjvA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pq_gwlv3iMSmI9EWF5FTTSI8PB1n2Zlpo1W4fymNjvA/edit?usp=sharing) or e-mail Megan Peddie (Athletic Director) at [mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca)



Some of you might be interested in our entry into the CBC Music Class Challenge this year. They took the classic French Canadian folk song, J'entend le Moulin (I Hear the Windmill) and gave it a modern spin. Click the link and have a listen!

<https://youtu.be/LkQW6LQ8aH0>

### ATTENDANCE

**ATTENDANCE REPORTING** - 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**.

### Global Action Project

Leftover Halloween candy? Toiletry items from hotel trips? Toothpaste or toothbrushes from dentist visits? We will take any of these! Global Action Grade 8's are creating care packages for Our Place Society and could use any of your unopened toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. and candy/ snacks.

Any donations can go in the box in front of the office. Thanks for your support!!

**Friday November 29th is Curriculum Completion Day** and students that are all caught up on their assignments, and have permission to do so, will be dismissed at 11:35am. If students are interested, and you would like them to be involved, there is a community opportunity for them to take part in called the "Hero in You"...

The "Hero In You" Program will be part of an NCAA tournament at the University of Victoria, and will include a 30 minute presentation from a B.C. Olympian and member of the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame following an NCAA Women's Basketball tournament game. There will be no cost for this event, but all kids who attend are able to leave at any time but hopefully the majority will be able to stay for the duration of the game and presentation which will last until about 4pm.

This is not a school field trip, as participants will have already been dismissed for the day, but Mr. Clemens and Mr Maxwell have offered to walk students to the event at 11:35 and ensure they get seated in the CARSA gym. We will have a meeting with interested students on Monday, but feel free to email Mr. Clemens directly if you have questions or would like further information. His email is [gclemens@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:gclemens@sd61.bc.ca) We are excited to be able to offer this to our community and hope there will be strong representation at the event.



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