

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Avalanche Spirit Assembly: We had a lot of fun at our monthly spirit assembly this week, including a Wacky Hair Contest and a Dance Off between staff and students - I can't believe the students won! :) We also were able to show this year's entry in the CBC Music Contest that Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill and our music students have created. It is yet again spine tingling! Please see the video at the following link: <https://youtu.be/LkQW6LQ8aH0>

We also had a great presentation by Mia, Addison and Abigail from Mr. Tran's class on the issue of food waste, in support of our leaning about sustainability.



Vaping and Cannabis in Our Community:

Teachers are rolling out new lessons and resources that are becoming available this year on these two issues. Please make sure you are having a dialogue with your child on the risks involved, and how they can respond should they encounter either substance. Thankfully, we have had no issues in this regard at the school this fall, but we know both can be prevalent in the wider community. Your help at home will complement the learning happening at school - always a powerful combination!

Nov. 22 Pro D Day: Again, a big thanks to all parents for allowing us time for staff professional learning. It is very valuable time and last week our staff took part in a variety of sessions including one or more on ethnomathematics, augmentative communication for inclusive education, societal pressures for adolescents, and indigenous education.

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Dec. 2nd	12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club 12 :06 pm Art Club—with Mrs. Maestrello in the Art Room
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd	
Wednesday, Dec. 4th	3 pm Homework Club 7 pm Poinsettia Concert
Thursday, Dec. 5th	7 pm Poinsettia Concert
Friday, Dec. 6th	

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December Dates to Remember:

Dec. 4 & 5	7 pm Poinsettia Music Concerts
Dec. 18	Report Cards go home
Dec. 20	PJ Day and 8 am Hot Chocolate in Cafeteria
	Last Day before Christmas Break
Jan. 6, 2020	First Day back after the Christmas Break
Jan. 21	Late French Immersion Parent Info Night at the Board Office
Jan. 27-31	Late French Immersion Registration Week

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_gwlv3jMSmI9EWF5FTTSI8PB1n2Zlpo1W4fymNjvA/edit?usp=sharing or e-mail Megan Peddie (Athletic Director) at mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca



PAC is looking for some help for the upcoming **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** on **Thursday Dec. 12**. Please click the link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A5AC2BA6FE3-staff>



Congratulations to our Grade 7 Girls Basketball team (left) who went undefeated this season!

Thank you to Mr. Rosenberg for arranging for free tennis sessions in Oak Bay on Friday nights this fall - a great opportunity for our students!



CPF Canadian Parents for French
Victoria

French Classes for Immersion Parents

- * LEVEL 1 Course, best for parents with some basic French or those who have taken Pre-Level 1 Course
- * For parents of children in K-3 French Immersion
- * Learn French to support your child's schoolwork
- * Learn strategies to help your child read & write in French
- * Taught by an experienced elementary FI teacher

Location: École Doncaster Elementary

Cost: \$65 with CPF membership*; \$90 without

10 Classes: Tuesdays, Jan 21th - April. 7, 2020**

Time: 7-9:00 pm

*CPF membership = \$25/year

**No classes Mar 17 or 24



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ATTENDANCE REPORT- ING

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.

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/>

Global Action will be hosting a bake sale on **Tuesday Dec. 3rd** and a hot chocolate stand on **Thursday Dec. 5th** with all proceeds to local charities. Baked goods will be between \$0.50 and \$2. Hot chocolate will be \$1 and students must have their own reusable mug.

Friday Dec. 13th is movie night for students and their families!! Grade 6 Global Action will be showing Home Alone 2 in the cafeteria with doors opening at 6 and movie starting at 6:15pm. There will be a concession for snacks. Students should bring their own water bottles. Hope to see you there!!

Employment Opportunity

Interested in making some money during winter break? Class Room 106 has two newspaper routes that are delivered on *Wednesdays (Exception: Tuesdays , December 24th and 27th) and Fridays each week during the winter break.

The 4 delivery dates are as follows:

*December 24, 2019

(*if papers arrive on Monday, December 23rd 2019 it can be **delivered on that day**)

· December 27, 2019 (Friday)

*December 31, 2019

(*if papers arrive on Monday, December 30th 2019 it can be **delivered on that day**)

· January 3, 2020 (Friday)

Route and Number of newspapers to be delivered:

Edgelow & Sandell Route (Total number of papers: 50)

(36) + (14)

50 papers @ \$0.10 per paper

Total amount earned from December 26th – January 3rd = **\$20.00**

Bonus from Room 106 = **\$20.00**

Total Amount Earned: **\$40.00**

Dawnview Route – (Total number of papers: 57)

57 papers @ \$0.10 per paper

Total amount earned from December 26th – January 3rd = **\$22.80**

Bonus from Room 106 = **\$22.80**

Total Amount Earned: **\$45.60**

Total amount earned for both routes = \$85.60

This job commences on Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 and ends after delivery completion on Friday, January 3rd, 2020

We have carts for transporting the newspapers available for use during the winter break. Preference will be given to candidates who are interested in resuming responsibility for both routes. Newspapers need to be **delivered to your house** and **not the school** over the holidays. Both routes are in the Gordon Head area near Arbutus School.

If you are interested in one or both of these routes, please contact **Mrs. Locke**: in person (**Room 106**) or phone [\(250\) 477-7731](tel:2504777731) or email csoon@sd61.bc.ca

Deadline: December 11th, 2019

