

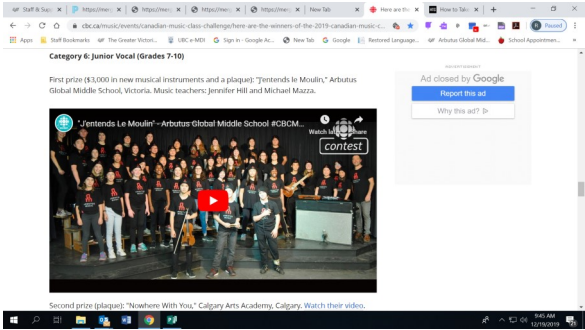
The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge: Congratulations to Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill and our CBC music group for winning first place in the national contest this week! This is the second time in three years that Arbutus has won in their category and we are extremely proud of their efforts and this accomplishment. Our school receives \$3000 in music equipment for winning first prize which will support music programs in future years. Please see the link below to see the video and other winners in the challenge. Way to go Arbutus Music!

<https://www.cbc.ca/music/events/canadian-music-class-challenge/here-are-the-winners-of-the-2019-canadian-music-class-challenge-1.5394331>



Winter Dance: Thank you to Mrs. Mawson and *Team Apex* for organizing the DJ and dance on Wednesday, along with a variety of other fun stations and activities. Food donations were collected for Our Place and it was a great way to celebrate a successful term of growth and learning at our school this past fall.

Staff vs. Students Basketball Game: Congratulations to the Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team who were victorious on Tuesday, pulling off a third quarter come from behind win. Sharp shooter Tristan Sorley scored three times (two 3 pointers!) in the final part of the game to overcome the hard charging staff side! Thanks to Mr. Lemon and our Athletic Leadership group for organizing, providing the music, and scorekeeping in the game.

As we mark the end of 2019, I want to thank all families and staff for the ongoing support in creating a kind, caring and safe community for students to be part of at Arbutus Global each day. Thanks go to our PAC for all the initiatives they do to support our school goals, and in creating fun and welcoming events for our students. I hope you are all able to take time to be with family and friends and enjoy some extra rest and relaxation over the holidays. Whether you are celebrating Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas or another important celebration, we wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season. See you all next decade as we carry on learning with this great group of students!

Rob Parker, Principal



Homework Club in the Learning Centre. *We will start up again on January 15, 2020*

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 6th	School reopens—First day back 8:30 am See Volleyball practice schedule on page 3
Tuesday, Jan. 7th	
Wednesday, Jan. 8th	
Thursday, Jan. 9th	
Friday, Jan. 10th	

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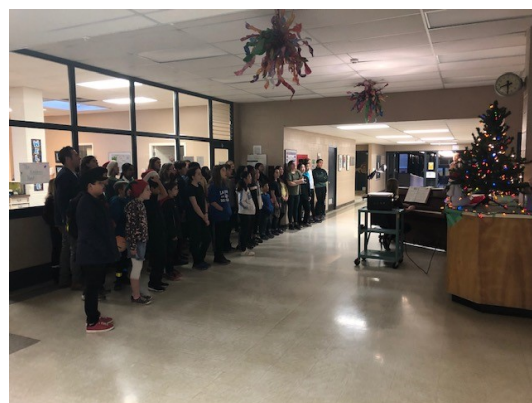


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December Dates to Remember:

Jan. 6, 2020	First Day back after the Christmas Break
Jan. 14	PAC Meeting 7 pm Library
Jan. 21	6:30 pm Late French Immersion Parent Info Night at the Board Office
Jan. 27-31	Late French Immersion Registration Week

Morning Caroling: Thanks to all our music students for caroling before school each morning this week. The music made for a wonderful start to our day!



Lots of fun and traditional activities took place around our school this month. Pictured left, Mr. Rosenberg introduces how to make potato latkes with his class on Wednesday.

Global Action: From **January 6-16th**, Grade 8 Global action students will be collecting clothing items in classrooms for Our Place Society. We will be taking them down to Our Place on Thursday January 16th.

Items needed include:

- *men's clothing and jackets*
- *gloves*
- *scarves*

- *warm sweaters*
- *hats*
- *blankets*

- Please send in any items you are able to donate to classes in January—thank you!

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/>

Summit Jazz:

Mr. Mazza rehearses with students last Friday in preparation for our Night of Music in April.



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



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Thank you PAC! - Hot Chocolate Morning Friday, Dec. 20

Thanks you again to our PAC for serving Hot Chocolate this morning to celebrate a great term! Students sang carols and got off to a fun start to the last day of school in 2019!



Volleyball Season in January

Congratulations to all students who have signed up for one of the many volleyball teams starting in January. Players should receive a letter from coaches with a consent form and LIMSSA Code of Conduct for students and parents to sign. Players should check with coaches at practices about game dates, and a Master Schedule is posted weekly in front of the office. Games and practices are announced on the PA daily as well. We are also setting up a link to a practice/games master schedule on our school website starting in January for Arbutus parents to access.

Please note the practice times below:

- Gr 6 girls volleyball: Tuesday after school
- Gr 7 girls volleyball Wednesday at lunch
- Gr 8 girls volleyball Tuesday and Thursday at lunch
- Gr 6, 7, 8 volleyball Wednesday after school



Dec. 19 Team 106 Christmas Party



This annual party has been going on for many years and is a wonderful get-together of former and current Arbutus families involved with the low incidence programming at Arbutus, as well as former team members and specialists from various community agencies who support these students. Thank you to Mrs. Huyter and her team, and the special guest entertainers for all the work involved! We are blessed with truly amazing learning and progress that this team accomplishes for our students every year. The popularity of the Christmas Party is just another example of how much the team and the work they do is valued. We are very proud of the inclusive education happening at Arbutus thanks to the talents and collaboration a wide variety of educators.

