

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**Poinsettia Concerts:** Thank you again to all our music students and teachers Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Montgomery for another wonderful pair of Poinsettia Concerts this year! The quality of the music was very inspiring to see , and I am always amazed at the progress all our students achieve in this first term in the various musical groups. Thanks also to parent Heather Wheatley and all the volunteers who organized the Silent Auction, and thank you to all parents and family and friends who bought poinsettias this year. We also appreciate Trustees Tom Ferris and Diane McNally attending the concerts, as well as our Associate Superintendent Greg Kitchen. Our music program is one of the cornerstones of our school and I really love the way it unites our students and helps teach them the power of working in an ensemble or on a team.



**Basketball Season:** We were very proud of all of our teams this season (see article on page 2), and want to thank all the parent and staff coaches. We cannot do it without them and appreciate their time and support!

their sources of entertainment in a healthy manner.

**Term 1 Report Cards Wed. December 18:** First term reports will come home soon and we are again using a district format called Communicating Student Learning (CSL). Teachers work to ensure reports are not overly lengthy and get at the most meaningful information parents need to know, so we hope that this information is helpful.

**Pack it In/Pack it Out:** Thanks to all parents for sending re-usable containers and limiting the amount of packaging and litter coming to school in lunches. This further helps us teach sustainable living with our students!

Enjoy the weekend,  
Rob Parker, Principal



Wednesday 3-4 p.m., **Homework Club** in the Learning Centre.  
*December 11 will be the last Homework Club before the break.*  
*We will start up again on January 15, 2020*

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Dec. 9th	12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club 12 :06 pm Art Club—with Mrs. Maestrello in the Art Room
Tuesday, Dec. 10th	
Wednesday, Dec. 11th	3 pm Homework Club
Thursday, Dec. 12th	
Friday, Dec. 13th	6:15 Movie Night cafeteria—Home Alone (Global Action)

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## December Dates to Remember:

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. 14	
Jan. 21	Late French Immersion Parent Info Night at the Board Office
Jan. 27-31	Late French Immersion Registration Week

## Athletics at Arbutus:

Basketball season wrapped up this week. Congrats to all of our students and all of our coaches. We had 7 teams who were all great representatives of Arbutus. Some excellent finishes this week include the grade 8 boys who placed 3rd in the city and the grade 7 boys who placed 2nd in the city. Our grade 6 boys rec team also took time to go play Maria Montessori so that those kids could get a game experience.

**Volleyball** sign-up happened this week and team placements will be as follows: Any **GIRLS interested in playing need to attend a session afterschool Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Any **BOYS interested in playing need to attend a session afterschool Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. These have been announced and posted in the school as well.

Finally if anyone is available to coach a volleyball team, we still have a few teams without coaches. Please contact Mme Peddie at [mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca).

### Grade 8 Boys



### Grade 7 Boys



## Human Library – Year Two

We know that everyone has a story to tell and we are inviting you to tell your story to our students.

Do you have a unique hobby or an interesting job? Are you an entrepreneur, an artist, or do you have a fascinating life story that you would like to share? Arbutus is planning a Human Library Event! We are looking for Human "Books" who would be willing to have a conversation with our students. We want to provide a safe environment for the sharing of diverse life experiences, stories and perspectives in order for our students and community to grow and develop an awareness of one another.

We just need a couple of hours of your time. Our Human Library Event will take place on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at Arbutus Global Middle School. It will be an informal setting where students can approach our "human books" and ask them some questions. If you are interested in supporting this activity and helping it to be a success by being one of our Human Books, please complete the form at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwuDgDZWYt\\_9D9J8v-Rb0zcAbox5tVuhb2tBugu2Hu072MbA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwuDgDZWYt_9D9J8v-Rb0zcAbox5tVuhb2tBugu2Hu072MbA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We will get back in touch with you to confirm details.

If you would like more information please contact Darinka Popovic, teacher librarian at Arbutus. ([dpopovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:dpopovic@sd61.bc.ca) or call the school at 250 477-1878)



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**ATTENDANCE REPORT-  
ING** - Please remember to in-  
form 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.**



**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

On **Tuesday December 10th**, Grade 6 Global Action will be hosting a popcorn sale. Each bag is \$2 and all proceeds will go to help plant trees in an effort to lessen the impact of climate change.

**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](mailto:csoon@sd61.bc.ca)

**Deadline: December 11th , 2019**

