

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Winter Weather: Thanks to all parents for your patience this week as we cope with the winter storms hitting the coast. We really appreciate your support in driving slowly in the parking lot during the drop-off and pick-up times, especially with all the snow and ice this week. **Safety Reminder:** Please do not let your child get out of or get into your car on Edgelow St. unless safely parked, as this can create a very dangerous situation during congested drop-off and pick-up times. A **new cross walk** currently being constructed at Dawnview and Edgelow will help improve the safety for our students who are crossing this busy area.

This project is another result from the work of last year's **Safer Routes to School Committee**, so thanks to all parents involved in working with the District of Saanich and the CRD to achieve these safety improvements!



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Music Update - January 22 concerts: Intermediate Strings, Band 8 and Choir are performing at **Frank Hobbs (9:30 am)** and **Campus View (11:00 am)** on Wednesday January 22. We will be travelling via school buses. Performing students should arrive at school in their Arbutus Music uniform with a pocket snack. This day is an early dismissal so they will just need their uniform, instrument, music and snack for the day at school. Students will return to the school for dismissal at approximately noon (students will not be dismissed from Campus View).

Grade 8 Ski Trip: Thank you to Mme. O'Reilly and all Grade 8 staff for organizing the Grade 8 Ski Trip on Monday, February 10! We are looking forward to a fun day for all the students involved.

School Goals: As we start into 2020 we will continue to focus on improving **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)** for our students, as well as using local amenities to help students better understand the curriculum using **Place-Based Education**. Staff are looking at the issue of anxiety in students on Monday's Pro D Day so we can better support the mental well-being of our students. As most will be aware, this is a growing issue in our youth and important work for all staff.

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 20	Pro D Day at Arbutus Global Middle School - no school for students <i>(Not District-wide)</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 21	7 pm PAC Meeting in Library
Wednesday, Jan. 22	8:45 am Music/Band Tour to Frank Hobbs and Campus View 1 - 5:30 pm Student Led Conferences <i>(early dismissal at 11:51 am for students)</i> NO HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY due to Student-Led Conferences; will resume next week Jan. 29
Thursday, Jan. 23	
Friday, Jan. 24	Grade 7 Inspire Trades Presentations—Cafeteria 12:06 pm Cookie Sales 12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club

ATTENDANCE - 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.

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Hot Chocolate Fundraiser: Students from Division

17 will be hosting a hot chocolate sale in the cafeteria **Thursday January 23** at lunch as a fundraiser for their friend and classmate Marissa Roome who is in BC Children's Hospital. They hope to raise money to help support her family while she is in the hospital. **\$1 per hot chocolate** and additional donations will be accepted. Students must bring their own mugs.

PAC News

PAC Meeting

Please join us at our rescheduled PAC meeting on **Tuesday, January 20th** at 7 pm in the Arbutus School Library

Parent Education Night

Parenting expert Allison Rees will be presenting a seminar called "*Sidestepping the Power Struggle*" at Arbutus on February 27th at 7 pm. [Sign up here](#). This will be a great place to learn more about how to navigate the tween and teen years. All participants will get a free copy of Allison's e-book, "LIFE with a teen".

(Please see attached poster as well.)

Grade 9 Secondary School Transition

Grade 8 parents should receive an email soon with a letter indicating which high school your child is registered at for Grade 9, based on the residential address that the District has on record for each student. Parents wishing their child to attend another school than the one indicated must submit a **Transfer Request Form** during the Transfer Process Week, Feb. 10-18. Hard copies of this Transition Letter will be sent home on Tuesday, just in case you do not receive the email.

District Grade 9 Challenge Programs

Grade 8 Parents - The information meeting for both the Mt. Doug and Esquimalt Challenge Programs has now been rescheduled for **Monday, January 20 at 7 pm at Esquimalt Secondary School**.

Hot Lunch News

The Wed. Jan. 15 Hot Lunch day (Wraps) that was missed due to the Snow Day will be given to students next Wed. Jan. 22 on the early dismissal day for Student-Led Conferences.



- **Hot Lunch orders for the second half of the year** can now be placed used School CASH Online. Paper order forms are also available in the Office.

The second session starts on Monday, Feb. 10 and all orders must be submitted by **Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 3:30 pm**.

Student-Led Conferences: Wed. Jan. 22 1 pm - 5:30 pm

Please come by the school with your child on Wednesday to hear your child lead you through their learning experience to date this year. No appointments are necessary and it is a great time to connect with your child about their learning.



Grade 7s play 'snow football' on Friday at lunch!

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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

January Dates to Remember:

Mon. Jan. 20	Pro D Day at Arbutus Global - Arbutus selected, not District Day
Wed. Jan. 22	Music Program tour Campus View and Frank Hobbs, Student-Led Conferences - 11:51 Dismissal,
Mon. Jan. 27	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration begins (for Sept. 2020) ends 4 pm Jan. 31
Wed. Jan. 29	Human Library at Arbutus
Mon. Feb. 10	Gr. 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington
Feb. 10—Feb. 28	District K-12 Transfer Process - see link below

GLOBAL ACTION

Clear the Closet Campaign EXTENDED

Time to clean out the closet??? Grade 8 Global Action is collecting **gently used clothing items** for Our Place Society. *Hats, gloves, scarves and any adult size clothing* is greatly appreciated! They are also desperately in need of men's clothing. We are collecting donations until **Thursday January 23rd**, each class has a box for donation collection.

Thank you!

Grade 6 Global Action Bake Sale

Tuesday January 21st at lunch recess in the cafeteria. Baked items will be \$1-\$1.50 with all proceeds going to help the koalas injured from the bushfires in Australia.

Around AGMS....



More fun in the snow this week as students took advantage of the cold weather!



Mr. Martinson stands beside the new Router Table installed recently in the **Technology Education Shop**. The district has been upgrading middle school shops to safer and modern standards this past year.

Human Library and the 2020 Curiosity Quest

For the second year now, our Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. Popovic is organizing a Human Library for students. This event takes place on **Jan. 29** and features parents, and local community members with interesting and specialty backgrounds and stories, coming to Arbutus to act as human books, and share their stories with groups of students. Students prepare questions ahead time, and the event is meant to set the stage for our third annual inquiry-based learning project starting the week after on Feb. 5. This 8 week project will take place every Wednesday. We are calling it ***Curiosity Quest*** this year and the aim is to have every Arbutus student identify a passion and go through an inquiry-based learning process by researching an “essential question” about their topic. The idea is to deepen their thinking and help all students understand the power and benefits of being curious in their learning.

Important SD61 Dates - Registration & Transfers:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/student-transfer-process/>