

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Jan. 22 Music Tour: Our music groups had a very successful tour of our elementary schools on Wednesday, performing at both Frank Hobbs and Campus View Elementary. We have over 75% of our students in one of the music groups and very much value the benefits of the program.

Late French Immersion Registration Week: This begins at 8 am Monday morning and runs until 3 pm Friday January 31. There have been changes to registration procedures this year so please visit the link below for the latest information:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/late-french-immersion/>

There is no advantage to registering early anymore as all registrations are based on the District enrollment priorities. Please see link above for more details.

Anaphylaxis: This is just a reminder to all parents that we have a large number of students with allergies, who may suffer a dangerous anaphylactic reaction if exposed to certain food types, ranging from shellfish to eggs to nuts and nut butter products. We ask that you consider sending alternatives to these foods in your child’s lunch when possible - although they are not specifically banned. All students with these medical alerts carry EpiPens in the event of an allergic reaction, but minimizing exposure to these foods in the classrooms will be helpful as well.

Roome Family: Our thoughts are with Grade 7 student Marissa Roome who is in BC Children’s Hospital undergoing treatments for lymphoma. Our school is undertaking a number of fundraising initiatives to support Marissa’s family as they face this difficult time. Our PAC is helping plan an upcoming fundraiser and more information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. We really appreciate all the offers of support so far, and I know the Arbutus community will be there to help ease some of the burden in the coming months.

Rob Parker, Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 27	Late French Immersion Registration Week
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Hot Chocolate Fundraiser for Roome family - \$1 per mug—bring your own mug if possible.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY Lambrick Park Parent Information Night—6:30pm Spirit Wear Day School Assembly Human Library Day
Thursday, Jan. 30	Piano Quartet— here in the morning
Friday, Jan. 31	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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TEAM AVALANCHE



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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

January Dates to Remember:

Mon. Jan. 27	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration begins (for Sept. 2020) ends 3 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

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.



Mrs. Hill conducts our Intermediate Strings group (left) on Wednesday on the Music Tour at Frank Hobbs.

We will be hosting Grade 5 students and their families to an Open House Evening in May (date TBA) once registrations have concluded later in the spring.

Grade 9 Transition

Please note students who are wanting **to change programs from French Immersion to an English program** when going into Grade 9 will need to fill out a transfer application. These are available in our office during the K-12 Transfer Process from Feb. 10 - 18. Enrolment priorities apply as per usual.

Likewise, students wishing to go to a different school than their catchment school will be required to fill in the transfer application during transfer week.

PAC News

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".

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/>

Important SD61 Dates - Registration & Transfers:

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