

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



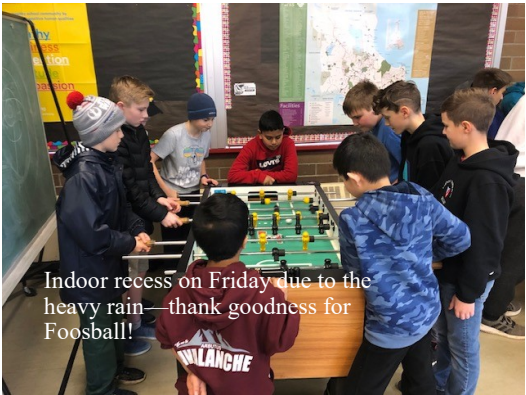
Dear Parents/Guardians:

Well here we go with another busy time of the year as Term 2 officially begins. I hope all of you were able to enjoy some extra “down” time with family and had a restful winter holiday. **Volleyball** practices have begun, so please encourage your child to join one of the teams—we have a team for every level of player! Practice times for each team are posted in front of the office. **Student-led Conferences** take place on Wed. January 22 (1 pm—5:30 pm), so please be sure to stop by and hear from your child about their progress in school this year. Our **Human Library** takes place for the second year on **Wed. January 29**. We are looking for parents, grandparents, or family friends who have an interesting skill, career, story, or life experience to share with our students that day. These “human books” are meant to stimulate the curiosity of our students and the event kicks off our Creativity Quest that takes place weekly in February and March. Please contact our Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. Popovic ([dpopovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:dpopovic@sd61.bc.ca) or 250-478-1878), if you would like to take part in this event.



**Inclement Weather:** As we move into winter, on snowy mornings please be sure to check the District website ([www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)) to see if schools are open. Decisions are always posted by 7 am. You can also listen to local media stations such as 1070 AM CFX or 98.5 FM. Please remember to ensure your child has a warm winter jacket and rain wear as Arbutus students often go outside in the rain, unless it is an extreme downpour.

**Grade 9 Programs of Choice:** As usual at this time of year our various high schools are hosting information nights for Grade 8 parents about any specialized Programs of Choice they offer in Grade 9. We have been sending out separate emails to Grade 8 parents when we receive it from the high schools. Mt. Doug and Esquimalt Parent Information Night for their Challenge Programs will be held on January 14th at 7pm at Esquimalt High School. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 24 for the Mt. Doug Challenge Program, the Reynolds Center for Soccer Excellence (CSE), and the Reynolds Flexible Studies Program. Lambrick Park Secondary is also holding an information night for the Lambrick Park Baseball Academy at 6:30 pm January 29 in their library.



Indoor recess on Friday due to the heavy rain—thank goodness for Foosball!

Have a great weekend!  
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. 13th	Dance/Drama Club
Tuesday, Jan. 14th	<b>PAC Meeting 7 pm in the Library</b>
Wednesday, Jan. 15th	Magic the Gathering Club Homework Club—3-4pm in the Learning Centre.
Thursday, Jan. 16th	
Friday, Jan. 17th	Cookie Day Dance/Drama Club

JANUARY 10, 2020

TEAM AVALANCHE

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**Arbutus Global:**  
**Celebrating diversity;**  
**Seeking sustainability**

## December Dates to Remember:

Jan. 14	PAC Meeting 7 pm Library
Jan. 20	Arbutus Pro-D (this is a school based Pro-D, other schools could be in session) No school for students
Jan. 21	6:30 pm <b>Late French Immersion Parent Info Night</b> at the Board Office
Jan. 27-31	Late French Immersion Registration Week

## Volleyball Season in January

Volleyball teams started practicing last week. If your child would still like to join and has not attended a practice yet, please make sure they attend the next practice.

Gr 6 girls: Tuesday after school and Thursday morning

Gr 6/7 boys: Monday and Wednesday after school

Gr 7 girls: Wednesday at lunch and 7:30 am Friday morning

Gr 8 girls: Tuesday and Thursday at lunch

Gr 8 boys: Monday and Wednesday after school.

Some teams have received forms and some teams will get forms when their playing schedule comes available next week. The gym schedule (practice and game) is now available on the Arbutus website under Athletics. Please contact Mme Peddie ([mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca))



## **Global Action:** Clear the Closet Campaign

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 16th, each class has a box for donation collection.

Thank you!



On January 22 the Choir, Intermediate Strings, Summit Strings and Grade 8 Band will be travelling to Frank Hobbs and Campus View to perform. Students will be meeting in the music room during advisory and will travel via school bus. We expect to return at approximately 11:51 for the early dismissal. Performers should come to school in their uniform and bring a pocket snack and water bottle.



A basketball practice opportunity has opened up for grade 7 and 8 boys. A meeting for interested students will be this Monday at break in Mme. Peddie's Room #103.

Please read the separate email sent out regarding information when we have inclement weather.



**ATTENDANCE REPORTING** - Please remember to inform 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/>