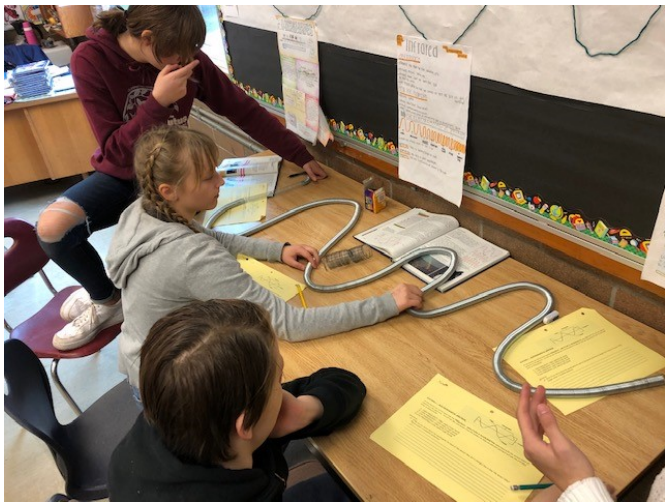


# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Classes are in high gear at this time of year in a wide variety of academic areas, as we approach the end of Term 2 next month and teachers bring teaching units to a conclusion. Hands-on and interactive learning involving teams of students is a common and effective strategy used at Arbutus to optimize learning. In developing these collaboration skills we also help prepare our students for the work environments they will be part of in the future.



## Feb. 29 Bottle Drive for Roome Family

If you are free to help for a shift at this event sign up with the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DAFAB2AA1FC1-bottle>

Please save your bottles as well for this event. Thank you to everyone in the Arbutus community who can help!

**Mt. Doug Music Showcase:** We look forward to welcoming our neighbours from the Mt. Doug Music Program here next Thursday afternoon February 20 to share their musical talents. It is a great way to inspire our students to see what music opportunities await in high school.

**Carnaval February 21:** Thank you to Mrs. Beatty and all staff involved in organizing this French Canadian cultural celebration. We think students will enjoy the activities planned for that morning and look forward to a fun event. Have a great long weekend and enjoy Family Day!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 17	Family Day—Stat Holiday—School will be closed
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Mediation Club 7:30 am - 8 am Cafeteria <b>Deadline to submit transfer forms—3pm</b>
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Yoga Club 3:20 pm—4:15 pm Cafeteria HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY
Thursday, Feb. 20	
Friday, Feb. 21	Curriculum Completion Day—Early Dismissal at 11:35 for those students all caught up.

**ATTENDANCE** - 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.

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Feb. 10—Feb. 18  
Feb. 14  
  
Feb. 17  
Feb. 21  
Feb. 26  
Feb. 27  
Feb 29

### February Dates to Remember:

**District K-12 Transfer Process** - see link below  
Tri District Pro-D—students not in session—Office will be closed.  
Family Day—Stat Holiday  
Curriculum Completion Day—Early dismissal at 11:35  
**Pink Shirt Day**—Let's Stop Bullying! **2 pm Assembly**  
Dr. Allison Rees Workshop for Parents—PAC Event—7pm  
**PAC Bottle Drive for Roome Family 10-2 Parking Lot**

### District Transfer Week—Feb. 10-18

Students wishing to go to a different school than their catchment school will be required to fill in the transfer application during transfer week. Likewise, students who are wanting *to change programs from French Immersion to an English program* will need to fill out a transfer application as well.

- Transfer forms can be picked up at Arbutus office and submitted here. They must be handed in to the school the student is currently going to.
- The form is available for downloading from the District website and our school website.
- They must be signed by a parent or guardian, and *if the student is in grade 8, they must sign as well.*

Enrolment priorities apply as per usual.

In the event, a school receives more transfer requests by grade than the number of seats it can accommodate, the waitlist order of transfer requests will be determined by lottery in accordance with our student enrolment priorities. Therefore, there is **no advantage of submitting your transfer request first**. Please submit your request at your convenience during the communicated dates.

Please note the office will be closed Feb. 14 for the Pro-D Day and Feb 17 for the Stat Holiday

- Forms can still be submitted until **3 pm on Tues. Feb. 18**

### Important SD61 Information - Registration & Transfers:

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

### 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".

#### Feb. 27 50/50 Draw for Roome Family

Please bring your toonies if you are coming to the PAC Parent Education Evening with Allison Rees. Our PAC will be selling 50/50 tickets for \$2 each and all proceeds go to support the Roome family. Thank you PAC!

**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/>

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## BandFest



Important information about upcoming music events:

**February 24 at 6:30 pm:** there will be a **meeting for Grade 8 parents interested in learning more about the optional Grade 8 music trip to Vancouver** that will

be taking place June 17-18, 2020. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the trip and ask questions. Attendance at this meeting is not mandatory - information packages will be sent home later that week with students. Any Grade 8 students that are in choir, band or strings can attend this optional trip. The trip itinerary includes a visit to Grouse Mountain for an indigenous music experience (as well as a lumberjack show, birds of prey lesson, gondola ride and grizzly bear viewing), a Vancouver Canadians baseball game, and Science World.

**February 26: Grade 7 Band to Bandfest.** All members of the Grade 7 band should meet in the lobby of UVic Center at **7:45 am** for attendance. We will be performing on stage at 9:00 am and will walk back to the school at approximately 10:15 am. Parent volunteers are needed to walk back to the school with us. Please e-mail [arbutusmusic@me.com](mailto:arbutusmusic@me.com) if you can help.

**February 28: Grade 8 Band to Bandfest.** All members of the Grade 8 band should meet in the lobby of UVic Center at **7:30 am** for attendance. We will be performing on stage at 8:30 am and will walk back to the school at approximately 9:45 am. Parent volunteers are needed to walk back to the school with us. Please e-mail [arbutusmusic@me.com](mailto:arbutusmusic@me.com) if you can help.

Bandfest is an adjudicated music festival where students will get an opportunity to perform for and learn from expert adjudicators. Please ensure that your child has their full uniform for this performance (black pants, black shoes, black socks and an Arbutus Music t-shirt)

**March 9:** Tickets to the Arbutus Night of Music will go on sale at the UVic Ticket Office.

**April 8:** Arbutus Night of Music. All Arbutus Music ensembles will perform at UVic Centre at 7:00 pm.

