

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Curiosity Quest - We kicked off our first inquiry-based learning sessions (right) this week which we are calling *Curiosity Quest* this year. This is the third year we have run this 10 week project in all classes, which will take place for two blocks every Wednesday over the next few months. It is based on a 7 step inquiry journey where students develop an essential question about a topic they are passionate about. We have found that introducing and allowing students to use their passions to deepen their learning has a positive effect on their engagement and motivation at school. Stay tuned for more information as this project unfolds each week!



‘Drive to 5’: I know the parking lot and Edgelow St. are often very congested at drop-off and pick-up times. To help cut down on this, we always promote the ‘Drive to 5’ suggestion to encourage parents to drop off and pick up your child at various safe locations in the neighbourhood that are about a **5 minute walk** from the school. Some of these areas include Graduation Place by Montague Park, Lexington Avenue at the back of the school, Dawnview Crescent across from the school, and Finnerty Road east of the school. Another great spot is across from CARSA at UVic off McKenzie on Vikes Way. A path leads straight through to Dawnview, then the school. Once the new crosswalk is finished at Dawnview this will be an excellent option to avoid the traffic jams on Edgemont and in our parking lot at the busy times of day! The added bonus will be a bit of extra exercise for your child as well!



Thank you Mr. Maxwell for bringing out the **Ping Pong table** - it really helps on those rainy indoor lunch times!

Yoga and Meditation Clubs: Sign-up forms are on the office counter and we have room for more participants!

Feb. 29 Bottle Drive Volunteers: We are doing this fundraiser to help support the Roome family while Marissa is in BC Children’s hospital for cancer treatment. We need parent volunteers who can do a shift on this day, or help provide a pickup truck to collect bottles. See this link to register on line: <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.

Rob Parker, Principal

YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Feb. 10	Grade 8 Ski Trip - 5:30 am at the school so get to bed early! :) District Transfer Week (information on pg 2)
Tuesday, Feb. 11	PAC Meeting—7 pm in the Library
Wednesday, Feb. 12	Yoga Club 3:20 pm—4:15 pm Cafeteria HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY
Thursday, Feb. 13	Mediation Club 7:30 am - 8 am Cafeteria
Friday, Feb. 14	Tri-District Pro- D—Office will be closed. Students not in session.

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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February Dates to Remember:	
Mon. Feb. 10	Gr. 8 Ski Trip to Mount Washington
Feb. 10—Feb. 18	District K-12 Transfer Process - see link below
Feb. 14	Tri District Pro-D—students not in session—Office will be closed.
Feb. 17	Family Day—Stat Holiday
Feb. 21	Curriculum Completion Day—Early dismissal at 11:35
Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day—Let's Stop Bullying!
Feb. 27	Dr. Allison Rees Workshop for Parents—PAC Event—7pm
Feb 29	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.
- They are not available from the Office earlier than Monday, Feb. 10th.
- The form will also be 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.**
- The transfer applications will be available from 8am - 3pm.

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 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".

Novel Coronavirus

We have received an update from Island Health regarding the virus. Please read the attached letter from the District for further information.

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/>