

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Human Library: We want to thank all parents, family and community members who came by for our Human Library Day on Wednesday to act as human books for students to meet and explore their experiences with. Students had to create meaningful and insightful questions ahead of time in preparation for the event. Thank you Mrs. Popovic for all the hard work in organizing this day!

Speeding in Parking Lot: We have had a few concerns this week about speeding drivers in the parking lot. This can be a very dangerous area, especially on the dark and rainy mornings. I know you may be in a hurry but please **drive safely and very slowly when entering and leaving the parking lot** as we have many staff and students arriving early in the morning.



Ensemble Made in Canada: This quartet visited our school on Thursday playing 14 different pieces created by Canadian composers, each representing a different region in Canada. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to hear professional musicians playing such beautiful music.

Feb. 29 Bottle Drive: Please save your bottles and cans for this big fundraising event taking place in our parking lot next month in support of Grade 7 student Marissa Roome and her family. Marissa has been in BC Children’s Hospital since December receiving treatment for cancer and I know the Arbutus community will really want to help support her family.

Yoga and Meditation Clubs: Starting the week of Feb. 10, we will again be offering a Yoga Club after school on Wednesdays, and a Meditation Club at 7:30 am on Thursdays each week. Sign-up forms are available in the office, and thank you so much to former parent Laura Sehn for once again offering to lead these sessions!

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

| | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE |
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| Monday, Feb. 3 | |
| Tuesday, Feb. 4 | Deadline for Term 2 Hot lunch orders |
| Wednesday, Feb. 5 | HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY |
| Thursday, Feb. 6 | |
| Friday, Feb. 7 | 12:06 pm Cookie Sales 12:06 pm Dance/Drama Club Last day of Term 1 hot lunches |

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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| <u>February Dates to Remember:</u> | |
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| 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 |
| Feb. 27 | Dr. Allison Rees Workshop for Parents—PAC Event—7pm |
| Feb 29 | PAC Bottle Drive for Roome Family 10-2 Parking Lot |

Grade 9 Transition

A reminder to Grade 8 parents that you will be receiving a letter early next week indicating what secondary school your Grade 8 child is registered at for next September, based on your address and catchment area. You must submit a transfer application between Feb. 10 and 18 if you would prefer to have them at a different school in Grade 9, and those may be approved but only if space is available.

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 as well. These are available in our office during the K-12 Transfer Process from Feb. 10 - 18.

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.

Enrolment priorities apply as per usual.

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

Transfer forms must be picked up at the Arbutus office and submitted here and are not available earlier and must be filled in in-person by a parent or guardian. The transfer applications will be available from 8am—3pm.

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".

Sidestepping the Power Struggle

Allison Rees



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/>

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Corona Virus Update

Schools received the following information from Dr. Dee Hoyano, Medical Health Officer, Island Health:

- **General**
- The first case of novel coronavirus in B.C. was announced on January 28.
- Island Health Medical Health Officers, the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and provincial and federal authorities are closely monitoring the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) from China.
- The risk of spread of this virus within British Columbia remains low at this time.
- Precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of infection.
- Travelers arriving in Canada from affected areas are being assessed at the point of entry.
- Island Health and BC are prepared to quickly and accurately detect and respond to serious infectious diseases.
- It is not necessary for the general public to take special precautions beyond the usual measures recommended to prevent other common respiratory viruses. Regular handwashing, coughing or sneezing into your elbow sleeve, disposing of tissues appropriately and avoiding contact with sick people are important ways to prevent the spread of respiratory illness generally. It is recommended that people stay home if they are sick.
- People experiencing the coronavirus symptoms, such as fever and cough, and who have travelled to the affected area or have contact with someone who travelled to an affected area, should call 8-1-1 or phone their primary care provider. Travel history and symptoms should be provided before attending an appointment.
- We all play a role in dispelling rumours that may lead to inappropriate discrimination against people. Only people who are experiencing symptoms may transmit an illness, it is not related to race or ethnicity. It is important to check trusted sources for information on coronavirus.

If you have questions, see the BCCDC website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/information-on-novel-coronavirus>

For travel recommendations, see <http://www.travel.gc.ca/>

Visit the WHO webpage for international information: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>