

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

COVID-19 Update: It is clearly challenging times in our world right now as regions around the globe grapple with this virus. Please be sure to see the email letter sent home to all parents today from our Superintendent of Schools, as well as one today from the Deputy Minister of Education with the latest information. Things have been shifting rapidly in the province, and we are being guided by the Board of Education who is following the advice of the Provincial Health Officer. One recent change to note is that families who have travelled out of the country are expected to self-quarantine for a two week period before students can return to school. We will also be using more discretion regarding school field trips after the break, to keep our students safe. Today we cancelled our swimming trip to the Rec Centre for students; however, some trips went ahead given the current situation with COVID 19 in Victoria. We all know the situation may change quickly so we will be monitoring the local environment carefully when we return in April. Extra cleaning will also take place over the break in our school , and parents should monitor their email for more updates which may be coming out from us over spring break regarding measures to limit the spread of COVID 19 in our schools and community. Please make sure you are reinforcing with your child the importance of healthy hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing, coughing into your sleeve, and not sharing food. Also, if your child appears unwell, please do keep them home from school until they are healthy again. All these practices will help keep everyone safer in our community.

Boys Volleyball Team: Congratulations to our boys team who came in 2nd in the City Finals on Monday. They competed extremely well and worked together very well as a team, setting and passing effectively. Most importantly they had a lot of fun in the season and are a great group of young men. Thank you so much to coach Heather Wheatley for coaching the boys so successfully!

April 8 Arbutus Night of Music Postponed: Due to the new restrictions on large gathering of people we will be postponing this concert and hope to get it scheduled for May 20. Any tickets already purchased will be honoured at a new date. Please stay tuned for more information coming out after the break

Despite all the concerns these days, I do hope everyone finds time to get some cherished family time and rest and relaxation over the spring break. Enjoy!

Rob Parker, Principal



2nd place in City Finalists—Way to go Avs!

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, March 30	
Tuesday, March 31	Meditation Club 7:30 am - 8 am Cafeteria Yoga Club 3:20 pm - 4:15 pm Cafeteria—Drop ins welcome! (Please note the day change for this week)
Wednesday, April 1	HOMEWORK CLUB after school in the Learning Centre
Thursday, April 2	
Friday, April 3	

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.

MARCH 13, 2020

TEAM AVALANCHE



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Arbutus Global:
Celebrating diversity;
Seeking sustainability

Mar 13
Mar 30
Apr 8
Apr 10
Apr 13
Apr 14
Apr 15

February Dates to Remember:

Last day before Spring Break
First day back after Spring Break
Night of Music at UVic—Postponed to May 20
Good Friday—Stat Holiday. No school
Easter Monday—Stat Holiday. No school
PAC Meeting 7pm
Class, Sports Teams and Grade 8 group photo's.

Grade 7 Young Entrepreneur Fair: Creative minds and marketing skills were hard at work this week in our third annual fair. Congratulations to all students who planned, designed and sold their new products this week, and thanks to all family members who came by to check it out! Thanks also to our Grade 7 teacher team for all the planning involved.



Intermediate Strings: It takes hard work to prepare for concerts and we are proud of all our music students and staff who arrive early at 7:30 am each day to rehearse and build their skills.

BC SPCA

On March 28th at the Victoria Conference Centre there is a workshop series for youth ages 11-15 years hosted by Humane Canada and the BC SPCA, with guest speaker Jane Goodall! Registration can be found here:

<https://2020youthforum.eventbrite.ca>

GO AVS GO!



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/>