

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Terry Fox Run 2020

Classes braved the elements today to get out and run in our annual Terry Fox Run today. Thank you to all families who sent in a “toonie for Terry”! Thank you also to Mr. Sefton and our Global Action classes for organizing the routes so classes could keep safely spread out today. Thanks also to Media Team photographer, Cameron Bono, for taking pictures at the event today.



Bell Schedules

Just a reminder to parents that the new bell schedule starts on Tuesday Sept 29 as follows:

Group A (Div. 1-11 except Div. 6*)

- 8:30 am – students arrive at designated doors
- 8:35 am classes start
- 11:51 am – 12:36 pm lunch
- 2:45 pm dismissal

Meet the Teacher Opportunities

Advisory teachers will be inviting parents to a Meet the Teacher event (by Zoom) one day after school next week. You should have received, or shortly will be receiving a Zoom invitation. We are sorry we cannot do our usual PAC Barbeque and evening event so all parents can meet teachers and see the school in person this year. However, this technology will allow you to still meet the teacher and hear about the programming planned for the year in your child’s class.

Group B (Div 12-20 plus Div. 6*)

- 8:40 am – students arrive at designated doors
- 8:45 am classes start
- 11:51 am – 12:36 pm lunch
- 2:55 pm dismissal

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Sept. 28th	PRO-D (no students in session)
Tuesday, Sept. 29th	
Wednesday, Sept. 30th	Photo Day! Orange Shirt Day
Thursday, Oct. 1st	
Friday, Oct 2nd	

Attendance - Please remember to inform our Attendance line 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.

When a student is late: Please have them come to our side service door (#4) and ring the door-bell; someone will come let them in.
Then they will need to come into the Office and sign in at our attendance binder.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Oct 12	Thanksgiving (school not in session)
Oct 20	PAC Meeting 7pm via Zoom
Oct 20	Parent Teacher Interviews via Zoom (information to come soon) Students Dismissed at 11:51
Oct 21	Parent Teacher Interviews via Zoom—Students Dismissed at 11:51
Oct 23	Pro-D (students not in session)



Music update:

Music classes start October 5! Please visit the link below to find out information on required safety materials, safety procedures and scheduling:

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<https://sites.google.com/sd61learn.ca/arbutusmusic/home>

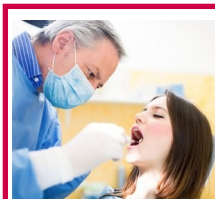
Please ensure your child has their instrument and all supplies labelled clearly with their name by October 5. Instruments and supplies ordered through www.tapestrymusic.ca will be delivered directly to the school. Contact Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill or Mr. Parker if you need assistance with borrowing an instrument for your child.

Outstanding Student Forms: We are missing forms for many students. Please sign and complete the forms and return to our school office ASAP.



Orange Shirt Day: Wednesday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day - a day we wear orange to recognize past injustices to aboriginal people in Residential Schools and also a time to celebrate the importance of aboriginal culture in our community and country. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to mark this occasion. **Sept. 30 is Photo Day** as well.

Rainy Weather: Just a reminder as we approach the rainy season that students should **always be bringing a jacket to school** for our outdoor breaks. We typically try and get students outside even if it is raining to enjoy some exercise and fresh air. Rain Days (staying inside) are only called if it is a heavy downpour.



Special Parent Pick-up and Drop-offs

Parents needing to drop students off or pick up early during the school day should continue to use the front parking lot. Students will make their way into the school or out to your vehicle.

For safety reasons, **please do not drive down the service driveway to the back door**, as there are students using this area to get to and from the playground this year. Thank you!

Covid Protocol if Your Child is Unwell

Please use the new and recently revised **Daily Health Check** form each morning (can be found on our website under “quick links”) to ensure your child is healthy and not exhibiting any respiratory symptoms. If any students or staff are sick **they must not come to school**. This will be essential in keeping our school community safe this winter. Parents must also check with a medical professional or call 811 to ensure their child does not have COVID 19 before they can return to school. Students must also be symptom free before returning to school.

Parent Access to the Building—Parents will not be able to enter the school this year (all exterior doors are locked) and teachers will be communicating with you by phone or video call. In rare and urgent situations in person meetings may be able to be arranged.