

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We were very pleased to see our student mural mounted this week at our front entrance. This project was undertaken a few years ago by Global Action students and local artist Jesse Campbell under the direction of former Arbutus teacher, Gillian Petrini. The name of the mural is *‘Honouring’*. The students experimented with various approaches to art-making and explored inquiry-based questions. In creating their mural with Jesse Campbell, students from Arbutus queried: How can we honour Indigenous women and our women ancestors in the creation of a mural? The end result shows the hard work they put into the project. The mural also hung for 3 months when completed in 2017 on the wall of the Victoria Art Gallery. Thanks also go to former Arbutus Vice Principal, Aaron Maxwell, who organized it’s installation. Way to go Global Action!



After School Soccer

Congratulations to all Grade 6 and 7 students who came out for after school soccer on Wednesday. It was a glorious afternoon to work on a few skills and have some games within cohorts. Despite restrictions that come with the pandemic we are determined to find a way to make sure most of our middle school opportunities can continue in one form or another! :)

Earthquake Drill

We had our fall earthquake drill today and students did an excellent job in their *“duck, cover and hold”* response. We appreciate the support of our PAC in helping keep our emergency supplies well-stocked.

Environmental Award

We were extremely pleased to learn that Arbutus has won a **2020 Saanich Environmental Award** in the Youth category for the good work our Global Action students have done in working with Saanich Parks to remove invasive species in our community. Well done Mrs. Petrini and all our Global Action students last school year.

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 19th	
Tuesday, Oct. 20th	PAC Meeting via Zoom—7pm Parent Teacher Interviews via Zoom—Students dismissed at 11:51am
Wednesday, Oct. 21st	Grade 6 Immunizations—in the Gym Parent Teacher Interviews via Zoom—Students dismissed at 11:51am <i>Soccer at 12 pm that day</i> due to conferences
Thursday, Oct. 22nd	
Friday, Oct. 23rd	Pro-D (provincial) - students not in session

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**.

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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Parent-Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, October 20th and Wednesday, October 21st

It's that time of year again! **Parent Teacher Interviews** will be held **via phone or Zoom** on **Tuesday, October 20th and Wednesday, October 21st**. We are sad to say that due to COVID protocols, we are unable to hold in-person interviews this year. However, we look forward to connecting in these new ways.

Each appointment will be 15 minutes, but each teacher has a slightly different schedule, so please access their calendar by **registering** at **School Appointments Online** using the **attached instructions** after going to **this link**:

<https://arbutusglobal.schoolappointments.com/>

Please refer to the email sent out last week for full information

Thank you and we look forward to connecting to discuss our wonderful students.

Carrie :)

If you have any challenges logging onto the system please contact Carrie Schlappner @
cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca

Please note that students will be dismissed at 11:51am on both Tuesday and Wednesday for these meetings.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Oct 20	PAC Meeting 7 pm 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 21	Grade 6 Immunizations - 1st dose
Oct 23	Pro-D (students not in session)
Oct 24	Provincial Election—Arbutus Gym Polling Station
Oct 27	Pick up day for missed Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct 28	Homework Club resumes in the Learning Centre—Wednesdays 2:45-4:00pm
Oct 30	Orange and Black Day
Nov 3	Picture Re-Take Day

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.

Photo Re-take Day— Tuesday, November 3

If your student missed picture day, or you'd like re-takes, or you missed ordering pictures last time, LifeTouch photographers will be here in the morning of Nov. 3rd.

If you are getting re-takes—you will need to return the package you received. If you are ordering a package for the first time, order forms are available in the Office. Have your student pick one up before Nov 3. **Orders MUST be given to the photographer at time of photos.**

When a student is late: Please have them come to our side service door (#4) and **ring the doorbell**; someone will come let them in.

Then they will need to come into the Office and sign in at our attendance binder.



Homework Club: Wednesday's 2:45-4:00pm
beginning October 28th.

Students are welcome to come to the Learning Centre to work on homework in this bright, spacious setting. Chromebooks, PCs, and other paper supplies are available.

We will ensure that distancing is maintained, so will limit numbers if it becomes necessary.