

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

**PAC Support:** We want to give a big shout out to our PAC Executive, led by President Sharilynn Wardrop, and all our parents who continue to provide financial support for special projects at the school. Pictured right are crews installing another set of bike racks this week to accommodate our ever expanding number of bikes (always a good sign!) that students are riding to school each day. We simply could not add these kind of items without PAC support. PAC is also providing funding this year for additional traffic flow markers to help with our Covid Safety Plan, and is also purchasing 10 new Chromebooks to replenish our supply. Thank you PAC!



**Social Media/Filming of Others and Photo Policy:** Part of our *Device Use Policy* (embedded in our Code of Conduct sent home in September) prohibits students from taking pictures or filming others at school with their phones. The reason for this is to protect students' privacy and ensure that unwelcome or inappropriate images are not shared on social media. The only time this may be permissible would be for teacher-approved projects when school devices/iPads are used. Teachers review this policy through 3 school-wide lessons on Digital Citizenship in Term 1, but your help in reviewing these expectations will be appreciated. As always, the focus is to teach our students to use their phones as educational tools.



PE in the October sunshine!

**Masks:**

We are starting to have larger numbers of students arriving late and entering the building with no masks in the morning. All students have been given at least two masks each and we ask that parents check each morning to make sure your child has their mask handy for when they enter high-traffic areas such as hallways and the office. Thankyou!



Have a great weekend!  
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 26th	
Tuesday, Oct. 27th	Grade 6 Immunizations—those who missed last week <b>Cross Country Practice</b> —3pm on the Field.
Wednesday, Oct. 28th	Homework Club in the Learning Centre—2:45-4:00pm 3 pm After School <b>Soccer</b> —Div. 2, 3 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15
Thursday, Oct. 29th	
Friday, Oct. 30th	<i>Orange and Black Day</i>

Cross Country starts this Tuesday. 3pm on the field. Please return the consent forms to the Office.





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Tech Ed action on Thursday!



After school soccer on Wednesday



## Additional Federal Funding for BC Schools

Arbutus Global, like all SD61 schools, was fortunate to receive additional funding this month to help support the extra safety measures we have in place during the pandemic. Our playground (left) is now divided into 9 zones at recess time to better spread the student cohorts out and reduce their contact and interaction. This new funding allows us to hire extra staff to help supervise these additional areas, and ensure students are playing safely. The funds will also be used to install new technology in classrooms to allow teachers to better communicate when wearing masks through the use of amplification systems. As well, this technology will provide long-term benefits for student comprehension and learning in the future.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Oct 27	Pick up day for missed Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct 28	<b>Homework Club</b> resumes in the Learning Centre - Wednesdays 2:45-4:00pm
Oct 30	Orange and Black Day
Nov 3	<b>Picture Re-Take Day</b> - Order forms are in the Office
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly for Students - 11 am in classrooms
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday - school not in session

## 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.



## 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.**

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Big thanks to everyone who came to our PAC meeting this week. It is amazing to have so much interest and support! Minutes will be posted in [the PAC news area](#) of the website for those who missed it. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 17th.



**Parent Education:** Based on the outcome of our recent parent survey and given the expertise available from parent volunteers, we have decided to focus parent education this year on anti-racism, from a parenting perspective. It is a unique moment in time, and there is a lot going on in the world that our children are seeing and absorbing. We had a great conversation at the PAC meeting about how this might work, and it is clear there is a lot of interest in this topic. If you have ideas or would like to help out, please email [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com).

**Fundraising update:** Huge thanks to all parents who were able to donate to our fundraising drive! We received over \$4000 in donations. We also received our gaming grant at almost \$9000. Together those are enough to cover all of our usual expenses. We were also to contribute to play equipment for the cohorts to use outside, and to purchase some Chromebooks to help fill the class sets. The new bike racks that we supported last year are also going in now. We will continue to look for other ways we can support our school through the year. Your donations and other support is so appreciated.

**Opportunity for parents of French immersion students:** An Arbutus parent shared that Canadian Parents for French is offering free memberships until October 31. Check it out if you are interested! <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/membership-drive/>

And as always, if you have any questions or comments, please get in touch at [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com)



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This year our concerts will be different, but we would still like students to have a uniform and show pride in being part of the music program. Students can also wear this as part of their regular wardrobe. T-shirts are available through School Cash Online this year (<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/>) for \$15. **Shirts are only available in adult sizes - please pick the size that you think would best suit your child and still fit in Grade 8.**

No child will be denied access to a resource because they cannot afford to pay. Please

contact the principal or teacher if finances are an issue for you and a solution will be worked out. Privacy will be respected.

If your child is new to Arbutus or if they have lost or outgrown their uniform, please go to <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/> by November 20 to place your order.



Orange and Black Day—Friday, Oct 30

**Attendance** - Please remember to inform our Attendance line if your child will be late or absent.

You can email to [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance62@sd61.bc.ca) or phone and leave a message on our call back line at 250-360-0725.

*Wednesday until 4 p.m., Homework Club in the Learning Centre, Everyone Welcome*

**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.