

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families:

Happy 50th Anniversary Arbutus! 1970-2020

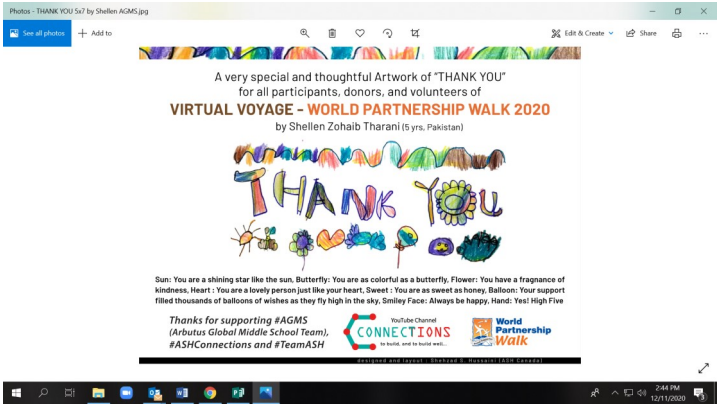
I always feel very fortunate to be the Principal at Arbutus and to be able to work in such a healthy and active school community, full of good people, parents and staff alike who want to see students flourish and succeed. As I have been working on our 50th Anniversary project this fall with current and former staff and alumni, I have realized that this school has always been an amazing place to be. It has been full of dedicated staff, coaches and talented and creative students, and has been a very important fixture in the Gordon Head/Arbutus community for the past five decades. Please see the link below to the commemorative video we have created to mark the occasion. My thanks to *Timothy West Photography* for the beautiful editing job, the staff and students at Arbutus for their theme tables they created, and to all former staff and alumni who contributed video clips. Please be sure to send this link to anyone with connections to Arbutus from the past or today! We will also post the link on our school website.



Please use password: Arbutus <https://vimeo.com/489078673>

Staff Appreciation Coffee and Treats: Thank you to our PAC for coming by with the Starbucks coffee and yummy treats for our staff yesterday. If ever there was a time when staff needed this, it was now - especially after struggling to keep the learning going this fall in the face of so many restrictions during the pandemic. We are all looking forward to the break and this gesture was perfect timing to help get us there! We truly are grateful for the kindness and support that the Arbutus PAC shows us time and time again.

World Partnership Walk:



Thank you to all families who donated to this cause. The Armiyah girls (grade 6 and 7) were able to raise \$250. Great job and another example of ‘thinking globally’!

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Dec. 14th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 10, 11, 6 and 20
Tuesday, Dec. 15th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 2, 3, 8, 9, 18 and 19
Wednesday, Dec. 16th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 16, 17, 14 and 15 Homework Club will resume in January.
Thursday, Dec. 17th	3 pm—4:15 pm After School Basketball for Div. 4, 5, 12 and 13
Friday, Dec 18th	

DECEMBER 11, 2020

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Before school rehearsals cancelled next week

We will not be holding before school rehearsals the week of December 14-18 - instead students are invited to join us for Christmas caroling at 8:00 am - see below for details. Music classes during school, at lunch and after school will continue as normal.



Christmas Caroling

Arbutus has a long tradition of students singing Christmas carols in the hallway outside the office the week before Christmas. We'll be continuing the tradition this year, but with scheduled cohorts and required masks so that we can keep it safe. Students that would like to come sing with us should meet at the back service door (door #4) at 8:00 am on the days their cohort is scheduled to attend.

Monday: Vocal Jazz

Tuesday/Thursday: Blizzard, Storm, Glacier-Hail B, Hail, Blizzard

Wednesday/Friday: Snow, Ice, Glacier A, Arctic, Frostbite

CBC Music Class Challenge

Congratulations to the students that participated in the CBC Music Class Challenge. Our entry was selected for the Top 10 nationwide for our category! The winners will be announced on Tuesday. Check out our entry, and the other Top 10 videos here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7B5nAMBwVc&list=PLwz1WTRJS24J7oqdmkCiiuY8aWXmO-UZk>

Sports Update: Basketball continues for one more week! Students have been playing hard and representing Arbutus well in our virtual competition against other schools. **Volleyball** sign up started Wednesday. If your child is interested in playing they may sign up in the office for a few more days. Forms and more information will be available in the New Year. If you are interested in coaching, please contact mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca

Water Bottles, Please!

Need a stocking stuffer idea? How about a water bottle?! We would love to see **every student with a personal water bottle** from now on, since water fountains are still not in use, and being hydrated is so important.

We do loan cups when needed, but

Pick up and Drop Off

This is a gentle reminder to caregivers to **please pick up and drop off students in front of the school whenever possible.**

We want to be good neighbours and reduce congestion on our side streets.

Thank you!

Pink Shirt Day—Feb 24, 2021

Pink t-shirts and pink masks are available for order. They can be paid for through our school cash on-line



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Jan 4	First day back after Winter Break
Jan 19	PAC Zoom Meeting
Jan 25	Pro-D—School Based—Arbutus 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**.

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.

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.

