

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

New Covid Safety Rules at School: The new guidelines were reviewed at a school-wide Zoom assembly this morning, and we began following the new required safety guidelines today. The main changes are:

- **Everyone now must wear a mask when standing or moving around indoors, and in PE classes**
- **Masks are not required when seated at your desk or eating/drinking**
- **Physical distancing (2 meters) is now required, even in cohorts**
- **Masks are not a replacement for physical distancing, and students should not be facing each other when seated and spaced apart**
- **Hands off each other, no hugging, crowding together or close physical interaction even in cohorts**

As you can see these changes will be challenging at times for students but we will be working hard to enforce them for everyone's safety.

Volleyball: I was sorry to have to stop after school volleyball this week due to new guidelines from the Middle School Sports Association, but feel it is the safe thing to do at this time. We hope to start Track and Field outdoors after Spring Break, which should be a safer sport to implement.



Students were able to enjoy the last of the snow earlier this week, left over from the weekend storms.



Thank You Seaspac and CWA: We are very grateful to the Canadian Welding Association and Seaspac for the generous donations of equipment (left) they have provided to the Technology Education Programs in SD61. Mr. Martinson, our Tech Ed teacher, has a strong background in welding and is keen to have this equipment arrive.

New PAC Facebook Page: Please feel welcome to join the Arbutus parent community, any time, by joining the Arbutus Global Middle School parent portal on Facebook, supported by the AGMS PAC. [facebook.com/groups/agmspac](https://www.facebook.com/groups/agmspac). This group is now up to 70 parents but more are always welcome!

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 22nd	
Tuesday, Feb. 23rd	
Wednesday, Feb. 24th	3 pm Homework Club in the Learning Centre after school. Pink Shirt Day
Thursday, Feb. 25th	
Friday, Feb. 26th	

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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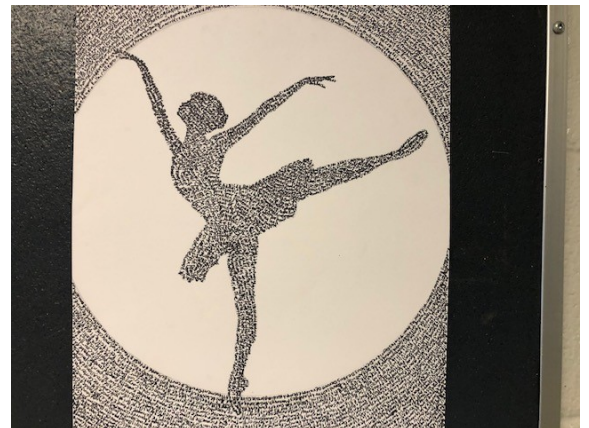


Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day
March 10	Report Cards go home
March 15-26	Spring Break
March 29	First day back to school after Spring Break
April 2	Good Friday—school not in session
April 5	Easter Monday—school not in session



Art Room Action: It is great to see students creating beautiful work in the Art Room this term! Thank you Mrs. Maestrello!



Masks and Water Bottles

Plastic cups will no longer be supplied due to the waste. The water fountain is now available and students should bring a water bottle to fill at the Bottle Filler Stations.

Please label water bottles.

Please help us reduce our waste and keep our school safe by **making sure your student has their water bottle and a couple of extra masks** tucked into their backpacks every day.



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 (https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/01/GVSD61_DailyHealthChecklist_20210115_parents.pdf

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.

