

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

**January 27 Informal Reporting Process:** Normally we would be inviting parents in this month for Student-Led Conferences, but due to Covid we will be adjusting the process to make it safe, and yet still ensure parents receive important information on the learning progress that each child is making this year. We will still be doing an early dismissal at 11:51 am on Wed. Jan. 27 so interested parents can have phone or Zoom meetings with teachers on the Term 2 goals that each student has set in the three BC Core Competency areas. Please see the attached letter with more details.



### Art Exploratory:

We are really pleased to see our Art teacher, Mrs. Maestrello (left), back at AGMS this term. Students are keen to have an Art exploratory and hone their creativity skills in the Art Room.

**FSA Update:** A correction from last week's newsletter that the Ministry of Education has delayed the start of the Grade 7 Foundation Skills Assessment until February 15. Please see the attached letter from our Superintendent of Schools on the importance of this assessment. We are working to increase the participation rates in this assessment this year. There is also a video link in the letter regarding further information on the FSA that may be helpful for you.



**Congratulations Myla!** We were so impressed with the great success that Myla Bui had in her paper crane fundraising project in which she raised a whopping **\$31,031** for the Help Fill a Dream Foundation! Myla wanted to do something to pay it forward after all the help her family received after her sister Leila was struck by a vehicle and severely injured in December 2017. Thanks also goes to all Myla's classmates and family friends who contributed to the project as well. Great job Myla!

**\*Black Shirt Day:** see article on page 2

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 18th	3 pm Volleyball for <u>Girls</u> of Divs 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, and 20.
Tuesday, Jan. 19th	3 pm Volleyball for <u>Girls</u> of Divs 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, and 15. <b>PAC Meeting cancelled—see pg 2 for further information</b>
Wednesday, Jan. 20th	3 pm All <u>Boys</u> interested in volleyball. 3 pm Homework Club in the Learning Centre after school.
Thursday, Jan. 21st	3 pm <u>Girls</u> of Divs 2, 3, 8, 9, and 16, 17.
Friday, Jan. 22nd	Math Challengers



JANUARY 15, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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## UPCOMING DISTRICT REGISTRATIONS, TRANSITIONS AND TRANSFERS

***This year our registration process will be online.*** Important dates are as follows:

~ **Grade 8's program of choice** for grade 9—Deadline for registration is Jan. 22.

~ **Late French Registration** for incoming grade 6's—registration is January 25-29. Registration forms will be available closer to registration week and will be online. Registration is a lottery system. Deadline is Jan. 29. Forms will not be accepted before Jan. 25.

Parents will be notified the following week regarding placement.

~ **Transfer week— Feb 8-11**—primarily grade 8's wishing to go to a different high school than their catchment. Also for students who want to change programs—moving from French to English. Also for students in any grade who are wanting to change schools the coming year.

Forms will be available on our District and school websites and in the office for students to pick up closer to transfer week. Forms will not be accepted before Feb. 8.

Parents will be notified by March 12 for placement the following year.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Jan 25	Pro-D—School Based— <b>Arbutus students not in session</b>
Jan 25-29	Late French Immersion Registration week (for incoming grade 6 students)
Jan 27	<b>Early dismissal at 11:51 am—Informal Reporting</b> (see attached letter)
Feb 8-11	Transfer Applications Week for 2021-22 school year

**Pink Shirt Day—Feb 24, 2021**

Pink t-shirts and pink masks are available for order through our school cash on-line until **Jan 21**.



**CANCELLED:** We are cancelling our PAC meeting next Tuesday Jan. 19 because it conflicts with a [webinar on social media awareness](#) for parents that is being put on by the district on Jan 19th and 20th. We will meet again on Tuesday, February 16th. If you had anything you were hoping to learn from the PAC meeting, feel free to check in by email at [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com).

We would like to share that we have received a grant to fund parent education and will be moving forward with creating some learning around anti-racism. If you would like to help with the planning process, please email [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com).

Minutes from our past PAC meetings can be found in the [PAC News section of our school website](#).

Remember, if you shop at [Peppers Foods](#) in Cadboro Bay, you can go to any cashier to pick up and fill a grocery card to use for your purchases. Let the cashier know you would like donations to go to Arbutus Global Middle School PAC. The PAC will receive 5% of your purchase.

**Jan. 15 Black Shirt Day in BC:** Many staff and students wore a black shirt today in BC schools to draw attention to the issue of systemic racism. Black Shirt Day coincides with Martin Luther King Day in the US, and is meant to draw attention to the struggles that black and racialized communities suffer. As a global education school committed to promoting social justice, this is one of several events, initiatives and curricular programs we are using this year to highlight this important issue.

**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**.

**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.

