

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

Another week has flown by with a variety of projects and programs happening in Term 2.

**Digital Citizenship:** We continue our efforts to equip each child with the tools and knowledge to safely navigate the internet and digital world, often so prevalent in their lives these days. Ms. Bretherton was continuing this today with a class in the library (right). By ensuring students are regularly learning about the risks of online environments over the 3 years that they are here at AGMS, we know they are better prepared for today’s world and can more safely enjoy the benefits that technology can offer. It is an ongoing and constant challenge and we appreciate parents’ support at home in this area.



**Place-Based Education:** PBE is a main goal at AGMS this year, and it continues to be a focus for classes. The benefits of using place and history as a way to enhance learning in various areas of the curriculum is becoming more evident as our work in this area continues. Ms. Weist’s Div. 5 class is pictured left returning from Hollydene Park. Connections are often made to indigenous history and culture on these outings, and subjects such as math, social studies and science are easily incorporated into PBE. The added benefit is also that students can be more physically active during the school day, and build their resiliency skills if they venture out on days when there is cool and wet weather. As Mr. Maxwell always used to say, **“You can do it—you’re west coast kids!”**

**Helmets:** Please remember that students are required to wear a helmet when cycling, skateboarding, rollerblading, or riding their scooter to school. We love to see our students active but want to make sure they are safe, should an accident ever occur.

Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 1st	3 pm Volleyball for <u>Girls</u> of Divs 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, and 20.
Tuesday, Feb. 2nd	3 pm Volleyball for <u>Girls</u> of Divs 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, and 15.
Wednesday, Feb. 3rd	3 pm All <u>Boys</u> interested in volleyball. 3 pm Homework Club in the Learning Centre after school.
Thursday, Feb. 4th	3 pm <u>Girls</u> of Divs 2, 3, 8, 9, and 16, 17.
Friday, Feb. 5th	Math Challengers

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TEAM AVALANCHE

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## UPCOMING DISTRICT REGISTRATIONS, TRANSITIONS AND TRANSFERS

~ **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.



Though our survey earlier this year, we learned that many AGMS parents would like a place to connect with their community. This year in particular, when we can't get together in person, it can be nice to have other ways to connect. As Facebook was the most popular option, your PAC executive have created a private group as one way to meet this need. If you are on there, **please come and join us at [facebook.com/groups/agmspac](https://www.facebook.com/groups/agmspac).**

Our next Zoom PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 7pm. Minutes from our past PAC meetings can be found in the [PAC News section of our school website](#).

If you have any questions or ideas for your PAC executive, please contact us at [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com).

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.

**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.



**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**.

### Masks and Water Bottles

Please help us by sending a water bottle with your student each day and have a couple extra masks tucked in their backpacks. This will help reduce the amounts we are giving out each day.



### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Feb 8-11	Transfer Applications Week for 2021-22 school year
Feb 12	Pro-D—Tri District— <b>Students not in session</b>
Feb 15	Family Day Stat Holiday— <b>school not in session</b>
Feb 16	PAC Zoom meeting—7pm
Feb 19	Curriculum Completion Day— <b>Early Dismissal 11:30 am</b>
Feb 24	<b>Pink Shirt Day</b>

### Covid Protocol if Your Child is Unwell

Please use the new and recently revised [Daily Health Check](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/01/GVSD61_DailyHealthChecklist_20210115_parents.pdf) form each morning ( [https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/01/GVSD61\\_DailyHealthChecklist\\_20210115\\_parents.pdf](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.

