

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

It was a welcome sight to see PE classes starting Spring sports like rugby (right), out on a much drier field this week! Students and staff have been feeling a bit of ‘cabin fever’ like others this winter with all the Covid restrictions and wet weather. Spring cannot come soon enough! :)



Grade 9 Course Forms: Grade 8 students should get their course selection forms into the office asap. Boxes are on the counter (below) for each of the main high schools in SD61. Out of district high schools will have their own process.

Skills Canada: Congratulations to the Arbutus teams (Mme. Peddie and Mme. Putman’s classes) who placed 10th, 13th and 16th in the Regional Skills Canada Competition for wind turbine! We also had Gravity Car teams from the Gifted Class competing too—well done all competitors and thank you Mrs. Hill and Mr. Martinson for getting us connected and organized!

Coming soon—Ultimate Frisbee! We are pleased to start after school Ultimate Frisbee in April. It is a perfect sport that can be safely played out side. Forms to follow after Spring Break.

Have a great weekend!
Rob Parker, Principal

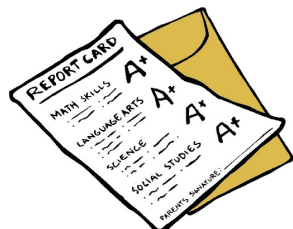


	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, March 8	
Tuesday, March 9	
Wednesday, March 10	11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group—Cafeteria There will be no Homework Club Wednesday, March 10 – it will start up again April 7
Thursday, March 11	
Friday, March 12	The Math Challenger Competition will be Friday, March 12 at Mount Doug, 2:30 to 4 pm for selected participants LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK

MARCH 5, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Term 2 report cards will be going home Wednesday, March 10.

If you still have the Term 1 envelope at home—please return it on Monday so it can be reused.

Please store your report cards in a safe place. These are important documents. We have been receiving a large number of requests to reprint past reports.

Arbutus Afterschool Yoga

45 min. Yoga class (Hatha or Flow) for kids grade 6-8
Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:00pm. **Starting March 31, 2021**

During the class the group will learn about yoga poses, their physical and mental benefits, and to be more patient with one self as we introduce more challenging yoga poses while we play yoga games.

We will also practice breath work, meditation and relaxation techniques at the beginning and at the end of the sessions"

Covid cleaning protocols will be in place, and physical distancing and masks will be required.

**Consent letters will be available in the office next week.*



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.

GRADE 8 PARENTS—COURSE SELECTION FORMS NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO THE OFFICE MONDAY

THE HIGH SCHOOLS NEED TIME TO ENTER COURSES BEFORE SPRING BREAK.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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

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.

