

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

Further to my retirement news from last month, I am pleased to announce that **Carrie Schlappner** will be the new Principal at Arbutus effective Aug. 1, 2021. Carrie is passionate about so many aspects of our Global theme, such as indigenous education and social justice learning, and I know she will be a great person to lead the school in the years to come. Her kindness and caring towards students shines through each week, and as a long-time middle school administrator she knows how to engage and excite students in this age-group.

I am also announcing that **Suzanne Weckend** will be the new Vice Principal. She is currently VP at Macaulay Elementary and will be a great partner for Carrie. Welcome Suzanne!



Hot Pepper Alert: Please avoid sending any hot peppers in your child’s lunch, as they can be extremely disruptive and can cause some health issues if shared with other students who may not be used to the intensity of the heat in these peppers.

2021 Student Learning Surveys: The Ministry of Education is again surveying all Grade 7 students and their parents in this annual online survey. Parents can access the survey at:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Go to the Parent Direct Access button and select SD61 and our school on the pop-down menu. Grade 7 students will be doing their survey in class with teachers.

Summer Sunshine! Students and staff were keen to welcome the warmer weather this week after a winter of soggy fields with so much rain the past few weeks. It is great to get the windows open in the school and get the air flowing more, especially given the current Covid issues on the island.

Please do your part by limiting travel to essential trips only, and mixing only with household members. We are close to seeing improvements, but still not quite there in terms of the end of the pandemic. Let’s all work together to keep the Arbutus school community as safe as possible.

Have a great weekend in the sun! :)
Rob Parker, Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, April 19	
Tuesday, April 20	PAC meeting—7pm via zoom (invite to follow on Monday)
Wednesday, April 21	11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group—Cafeteria Homework Club after school in the Learning Centre Yoga Club—3:15-4:00pm Ultimate practice—3:00-3:45pm
Thursday, April 22	
Friday, April 23	

APRIL 16, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Anti-Racism Parent and Caregiver Education Session

Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm on Zoom



All parents, caregivers and school staff are welcome to join us for this facilitated session by Pulxaneeks (Pul-ha-neeks), who is from the Eagle Clan of the Haisla First Nation with Nuchalnulth & Lummi Ancestry. Calling upon the understanding & insight received from lived & integrated experiences, this is a roots-up approach to the multi layered topic of racism. Together we will navigate & explore what's at the heart of racism, how it forms & why.

For more details, please [register on Eventbrite](#). The Zoom link will be sent to everyone who registers.

PAC meeting Tuesday, April 20th, 7pm. Please join us for our second-last PAC meeting of the year. We'll get an update from our Principal, Rob Parker, and our future Principal, Carrie Schlappner. We'll make some decisions about budget for the remainder of the year. We will also make space to talk about the proposed budget changes for next year and their impacts on the music program, EA time, VP time, gifted supports and other programs, with a focus on understanding the primary concerns in our community and how we can best share those collectively.

[Join us on Zoom](#)

Join us in [our private Facebook group](#), as well, if you are on there and want to connect with the community more regularly.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

April 20	PAC Meeting—7pm Zoom
Apr 29	PAC Anti-Racism Parent Ed Night
May 21	District Pro-D—students not in session
May 24	Victoria Day—school not in session



Masks and Water Bottles

Students should bring a water bottle to fill at the Bottle Filler Stations. **Please label water bottles.**

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

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? It's not too late—order online through school cash online. Deadline is April 23.



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—found at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/covid-19/> 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 spring. 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.

