

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

It has been another week of change as the Ministry of Education introduced strengthened safety protocols on Monday to help stop the increasing Covid infection rates currently happening in the pandemic. Please see the letter from Superintendent Shelley Green that was sent out yesterday describing the main changes. While these changes are not too different for middle schools, we have used the time this week to again remind students about the need to be vigilant on physical distancing, wearing a mask, and hand washing.

Thank you to all families for limiting travel and keeping your social bubbles small. One area we can use your help on, is to remind your child **if they have a phone, not to be gathering in close proximity in groups to share games, etc. before and after school.** We tend to be able to monitor this effectively during the school day, but it is the before and after school times where we need help keeping students spaced apart. Their devices tend to act as a magnet to others, so your help in reinforcing this message will be very much appreciated. Moreover, please remind your student that they should not be sharing/passing their phone to others or using other students' devices. All of these added efforts will help keep our community safe.

Math Challengers: Congratulations to the 15 students who competed in the Math Challengers Competition on March 12 at Mt. Doug High School. We were pleased to see this group so passionate about mathematics and taking part in some very challenging problems. Thanks again to Mrs. Walt and Mt. Doug High School for collaborating on this initiative. The next math project is the annual Gauss Competition happening on May 12, and I want to thank Mrs. Hill for getting that going again at Arbutus this year.



Rob Parker, Principal

| | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE |
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| Monday, April 5 | Easter Monday—no school |
| Tuesday, April 6 | |
| Wednesday, April 7 | 11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group—Cafeteria Homework Club after school in the Learning Centre Yoga Club—3:15-4:00pm |
| Thursday, April 8 | |
| Friday, April 9 | |

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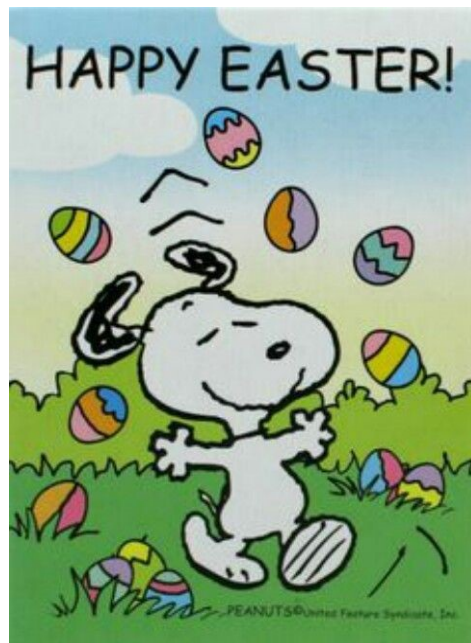
Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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| April 2 | Good Friday—school not in session |
| April 5 | Easter Monday—school not in session |
| April 14 | Class Photos |
| April 20 | PAC Meeting—7pm Zoom |
| May 21 | District Pro-D—students not in session |
| May 24 | Victoria Day—school not in session |

We're looking for track and field coaches!

We are now looking to organize the track and field season for late April and all of May. If you have afternoon availability starting at 3pm and previous experience in one or many track and field events, please contact Megan Peddie (mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca). As athletes must practice in cohort, we will need even more coaches than usual. We can be flexible about days of the week.

Thank you!



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.

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.



Important information about concert recordings next week:

In lieu of the annual Arbutus Night of Music, we will be recording concerts in our gym next week. Music students should wear their music uniform to school on their recording day(s) and remember to bring their instrument, music and PPE (bell covers, musicians masks). Some groups are recording on a day that they don't normally have music classes so please make note of the recording days:

Tuesday April 6: Intermediate Strings, Summit Jazz, Vocal Jazz, Junior Strings, Summit Strings

Wednesday April 7: Band 6, Band 7, Band 8

These concerts will be shared with our school community as a link to unlisted YouTube videos once they have been recorded and edited.

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



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.

