

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



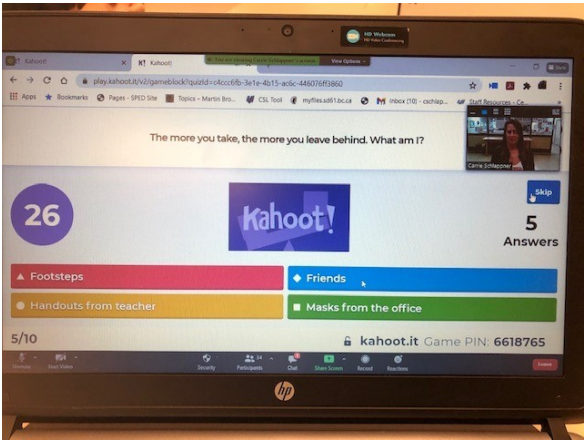
Dear Arbutus Families,

Spring Break: It has been another successful term and I know all students and staff are looking forward to some time off from school to rest and recharge over the next two weeks. I really salute all students and staff, as they have continued to adjust to the restrictions in place during the pandemic, and for finding ways to work through the added challenges. We have noticed an added stress level amongst some students at times, but we are working hard to support anyone who is struggling this year.

I would be remiss not to echo what our Superintendent Shelley Green has said in her video (see attached link) about keeping our bubbles small and staying close to home this Spring Break. With just a few more months of precautions and carefully following the safety guidelines we will soon be able to return to normal soon. Let's all hang in there to make that happen sooner than later.



A Bob Ross Art Lesson in Div. 8 & 9 on Thursday.



School Zoom Assembly: Thank you to our Vice Principal Ms. Schlappner for designing another fun Kahoot Trivia Game (left) for our school assembly on Wednesday. Through the wonders of modern technology we are still able to get together virtually and work on building school spirit and ensure that we do not lose the fun factor so important at middle school. Congratulations to Div. 15 for taking the top prize!

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I let our staff know this week that I will be retiring at the end of July. This has been an amazing school community to end my career at, and I have been fortunate enough to have spent the last 6 years here. The students have given me a lot of joy and satisfaction over that time; whether it was in coaching sports teams, planning clubs and school projects, or meeting individually with them to work on a problem. It has been an extremely rewarding time. I am also very grateful to have been able to work beside such a committed staff who truly love working with, challenging, and inspiring adolescents. As we know, this is not a job for everyone and I have been honoured to see their passion and to learn along side our staff over these past years. I look forward to a positive and exciting Term 3 as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, and I want thank all parents and our PAC for your support during my time here. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, March 29	First day back after Spring Break!
Tuesday, March 30	
Wednesday, March 31	11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group —Cafeteria Homework Club will start up again April 7
Thursday, April 1	
Friday, April 2	Good Friday—no school

MARCH 12, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT – TRAINING PROGRAM

APRIL 12TH TO 23RD, 2021

Are you looking to join our District?

Do you want to make a difference in the everyday lives of children?

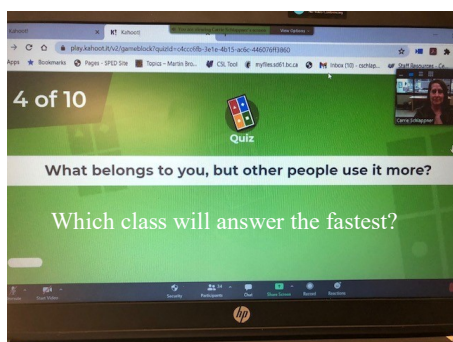
We have an opportunity for you!

The Greater Victoria School District is offering a two-week condensed training program designed to get aspiring Educational Assistants classroom ready!

For more information about the Educational Assistant Training Program, including program content and requirements for acceptance into the program, visit the School District 61 website at www.sd61.bc.ca and go to [Employment](#).



Students in Tech Ed celebrate the completion of their Gumball Machines!



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.



Gumballs Galore!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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—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 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.

