

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

Arbutus Music: It is with great pleasure we introduce our *Virtual Arbutus Spring Music Concerts* in this newsletter. We are so grateful to Mrs. Hill, Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Montgomery for the tremendous work they have done with all Arbutus music students during the pandemic this year. Through some very creative planning, extra efforts, and use of alternative spaces in the school, they have ensured that the same high standard of excellence has been maintained in the music program this year. The concerts (see link below) are a great testament to the progress achieved and the hard work undertaken by all involved! Well done!

Class Placement Requests for September: It will soon be that time of the year when we begin to plan classes for next year. For parents who may feel that there are special or extenuating circumstances about your child's placement that we need to consider, all parent requests need to be in to the school by **Friday May 14**. In light of the pandemic, please email your letter to our Administrative Assistant, Shauna Johnson at: shjohnson@sd61.bc.ca.

While most parents should not have to write a letter, we may in fact need to know about any special or important information that will help us place your child. Please note that it can be challenging to build successful class groups, and certain factors may limit a parent request being accommodated. We use a wide-variety of criteria when placing students in classes, including but not limited to: their academic and social/emotional needs, maturity, physical size, any special needs, past teacher experiences, and class size limits. Our overall goal is to build diverse and heterogeneous groups of students who will thrive together.

Changes from French Immersion to English Program for 2021-22: For parents considering a move out of French Immersion for your child, please note that there may be space limitations in the English Program. **Please contact me by May 14** if you are considering this so we can discuss each situation.

Have a great weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

Arbutus Global Middle School - Spring Concert 2021



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Dear Arbutus Global families,

This is the time of year that we would normally be celebrating the learning successes of our students at UVic Farquhar Auditorium with the Arbutus Global community. Instead, we present to you our online concert and encourage you to sit down as a family and enjoy these performances and share them with those members of our community that would have attended our in-person concerts. Music has been a respite from this pandemic for so many of us, and we are so excited to share our love of music with you.

<https://sites.google.com/sd61learn.ca/arbutusmusic/spring-concert-2021>

***Please note:** Click on "Watch on Youtube" link once open.

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, April 26	
Tuesday, April 27	Track Practice: Div's: 2&3, 12&13
Wednesday, April 28	11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group —Cafeteria Homework Club after school in the Learning Centre Yoga Club—3:15-4:00pm Track Practice: Div's: 8&9, 14&15, 6&20
Thursday, April 29	Track Practice: Div's: 16&17, 18&19
Friday, April 30	

APRIL 23, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Apr 29	PAC Anti-Racism Parent Ed Night (register below)
May 18	PAC Meeting—via Zoom
May 21	District Pro-D—students not in session
May 24	Victoria Day—school not in session
June 4	Curriculum Completion Day—early dismissal

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.



Work has begun on restoring the Indigenous plant and species Courtyard.



Please [register now on Eventbrite](#) for our **parent & caregiver education workshop on anti-racism** coming up. It is a really timely and important topic and the event is sure to be engaging - don't miss out!

Your PAC is **desperately in need of new executive for the next school year**. Please email agms.pac@gmail.com if you would like to know more.

If you are interested in knowing **what is going on with consultation and advocacy around proposed budget cuts within SD 61** for next year, [you can see updates on this Google Doc](#). Please also join us in [our private Facebook group](#) if you are on there and want to connect with the community more regularly.

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.

