

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

**Track and Field:** Congratulations to all Arbutus students who are coming out for the after school cohort practices this season! Also, thank you to all staff who are helping coach the track team. The track lines were repainted Thursday so we are off to the races again! :)



Shot Put Practice on Wednesday

**South Island Partnership Sheet Metal Day:** Grade 8 classes were able to take part in an introductory session (left) to the sheet metal trade on Wednesday this week, offered by our SD61 Careers Department and the South Island Partnership at Camosun College. Middle schools have been offering more opportunities for students to learn about careers in the trades for the past several years now. Lots of choices!

**Arbutus Math Challengers:** Congratulations to the Math Challengers Arbutus team who placed first on the island in this recent math competition. Individual students also placed well. Well done team and thank you Mrs. Walt!



**Bike Helmets and Earbuds:** This is a reminder that all students riding bicycles, scooters, inline skates and skateboards must be wearing a helmet coming to and from school. Please ensure your child knows to put their helmet on each day, and how to safely adjust the straps as well. Also, with the advent of new ear bud technology, we are seeing an increase in students listening to music while they ride to school. Please make sure your child knows this is a very dangerous practice, as our ears are crucial in hearing traffic and hazards around us when riding our bikes.

Have a great weekend!  
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 17	<b>Rainbow Week</b>
Tuesday, May 18	Track Practice: Div's: 2&3, 12&13
Wednesday, May 19	<b>11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group</b> —Cafeteria Homework Club after school in the Learning Centre Yoga Club—After school in the Gym Track Practice: Div's: 8&9, 14&15, 6&20
Thursday, May 20	Track Practice: Div's: 16&17, 18&19
Friday, May 21	<b>PRO-D Day—students not in session</b>



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TEAM AVALANCHE

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 18	PAC Meeting—via Zoom @ 7pm
May 21	District Pro-D— <i>students not in session</i>
May 24	Victoria Day— <i>school not in session</i>
June 4	Curriculum Completion Day—early dismissal 11:35 am



**Please join the last PAC meeting of the year**, next Tuesday May 18th at 7pm. We will be electing our new executive for next year (huge thanks to all those who stepped up!), and getting an update about how the end of the year is shaping up. Please join! [Here is the Zoom link](#)

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](#). Better yet, please join us in [our private Facebook group](#) if you are on there and want to connect with the community more regularly.



## **Arbutus Music:**

We are always impressed at this time of year with the progress our students have made since September in the various musical groups students that are involved in. Many smaller ensembles, based on their cohort, have been created this year to continue with our band, strings and music program during the pandemic. It has not been easy, but we thank Mrs. Hill. Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Montgomery for their creativity and detailed planning. Music is featured prominently at Arbutus as most of you know, and is one of the key pillars that that contributes to the school healthy culture and atmosphere we enjoy each week.

**Attendance** - Please remember to inform our Attendance line if your child will be late or absent.

You can email to [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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.

