

# The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

**Inquiry-Based Learning:** Congratulations to Mr. Tran’s Div. 13 class for hosting their Inquiry-Based Learning Fair (right) this week. We have been implementing these kinds of projects in the school for the past four years now to promote curiosity and passion-based learning with our students.

**Skateboarding Project:** Thank you to Mr. Miller and Mme. Putman for organizing this inquiry based project. They are looking at the question: *How does an unconventional athletic activity like skateboarding increase social-emotional wellness and feelings of empowerment amongst diverse learners?*



**Tack and Field Season:** Track season continued this week with the 200 meter, 800 metre and Triple Jump competitions being held after school. Coaches will submit times online this year due to Covid. Pictured left, athletes practice their baton passing for the 4x100 relay coming up next week.

**Class Placement Requests for September:** 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](mailto: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. \*Also, please see note on page 2 if you are thinking of **having your child leave the French Immersion Program next year.**

Have a great weekend!  
Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 10	
Tuesday, May 11	Track Practice: Div’s: 2&3, 12&13
Wednesday, May 12	11:55 am Anti-Racism Leadership Group—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 13	Track Practice: Div’s: 16&17, 18&19
Friday, May 14	<b>Class Placement Parent Requests Due</b>



MAY 7, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 18	PAC Meeting—via Zoom
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



## 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>

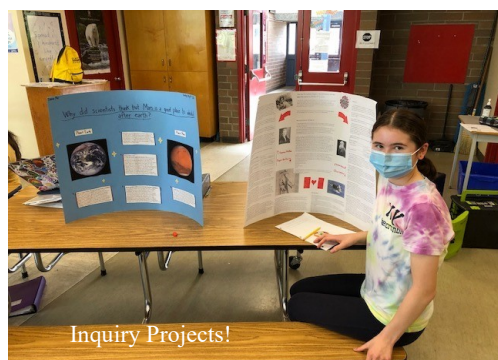
If you are interested in knowing **what is going on with consultation and advocacy around proposed budget cuts within SD 61** for next year, [you can see updates on this Google Doc](#). Please also join us in [our private Facebook group](#) if you are on there and want to connect with the community more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



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



Relay practice on Wednesday...



Inquiry Projects!

**\*Changing 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 Mr. Parker by May 14** if you are considering this so we can discuss each situation.

**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.

