

The AGMS Week at a Glance...



Dear Arbutus Families,

Opioid Drug Crisis: Our District has been trying to ensure all SD61 families are aware of the heightened dangers of illicit drugs in our communities right now. There have been several tragic events in which young people have died from inadvertently taking cross-contaminated or overly powerful illicit drugs. We do include substance use education as part of the BC curriculum, but as always, discussions at home with your child about these real-world issues will help reinforce the message that there are some extremely dangerous and high risk drugs circulating in Victoria. While we have not had any recent incidents at Arbutus, I am writing about this issue so it will be on your minds as you speak with your child about these kinds of issues in the future. It seems like this crisis will be with us for some time so it is an important conversation to have with your child.

Thank You Student Teachers! We want to wish our three UVic student teachers, Mme. Johnson, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Neveu all the best as they finish up their practicum today. Div. 14 is pictured right having a celebration on Thursday afternoon. It is always great to have a strong partnership with UVic to help train new and upcoming educators here at Arbutus Global.



Track and Field: Thank you to all Athletic Leadership students who have been helping record times and lengths for the Virtual Track and Field Meet happening this year. Arbutus came first in Triple Jump last week, and students competed in Long Jump this week.

Covid Safety: Thank you to all of you for doing the daily health checks, and limiting your social bubbles and travel over the past month. These efforts are clearly making a difference as we see infection rates dropping across the prov-

ince. Sounds like we may be able to travel a little bit more freely after the long weekend, but let's keep at it for now. We are getting closer by the week to a return to normal!

Have a great long weekend!

Rob Parker, Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day—Stat Holiday—school not in session
Tuesday, May 25	Track Practice: Div's: 2&3, 12&13
Wednesday, May 26	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 27	Track Practice: Div's: 16&17, 18&19
Friday, May 28	

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

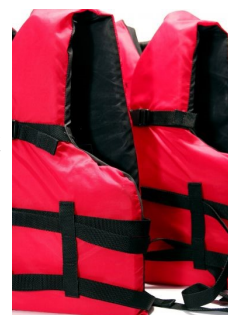
May 24	Victoria Day— <i>school not in session</i>
June 4	Curriculum Completion Day—early dismissal 11:35 am
June 24	Last day of school for students. Report cards go home.



Relay heats on Wednesday.

Water Safety!

As the good weather arrives please make sure that you and your family are wearing life jackets if on the water in boats and watercraft. There are tragic cases of drownings that start to increase at this time of year so make sure you are thinking safety first, before heading out on the water.



Sun Safety & Hydration

It's especially important this time of year for students to come prepared with water bottles, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen.



Planning a move this summer?

Please remember to let our office know if your child will not be at AGMS next year, if they are currently in Grade 6 or 7. This information really helps us with our planning.



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.

