

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

I hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating Thanksgiving Weekend.

We are heading into another four day week for students due to the ProD Day on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our school goals at Arbutus Global are around strengthening social emotional learning and supports for staff and students, as well as becoming more culturally-responsive in our practice. This is a life-long journey, and we are all at different points, but we are all committed to working together and supporting one another in making progress for ourselves and our students.

One of the ways we will continue along this road is for many of us to participate in the District ProD offering, *Pulling Together: Connection and Belonging*, including the keynotes of Dr. Robina Thomas from UVic and Dr. Kevin Lamoureux from the University of Winnipeg. I am looking forward to deepening my own learning and commitment to the reconciliation process through opportunities such as this.

We appreciate your support as parents in this journey as well. If you would like to take part in being a guest presenter on topics related to these school goals (or others, for that matter), please let me know. We would love to bring in additional voices and expertise to our learning experience.

On a lighter note, I would like to acknowledge and thank The Honourable Janet Austin, the province's 30th Lieutenant Governor, who came to Arbutus Global today to observe Madame Peddie's class in a Science Venture lesson. Her support of our student's learning is appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.  
Your principal, Carrie



## THINKING AHEAD TO HALLOWE'EN

At Arbutus, we want all students to be mindful of their choices throughout the year in terms of how they might make other people feel.

As we move in to October and start to think about Halloween, and in keeping with the Arbutus value of Celebrating Diversity (which includes cultural and gender diversity...) we wanted to support you in supporting your children in making appropriate choices for their costumes. See Page 2 for some websites to visit to learn about starting points to help in your conversations with your children, as well as things to keep in mind while costume shopping.

### IS YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME RACIST

ASK YOURSELF

- Is my costume supposed to be funny? Is the humour based on making fun of real people, human traits, or cultures?
- Does my costume represent a culture that is not my own?
- Does my costume reduce cultural difference to jokes or stereotypes?
- Does my costume package include words like "traditional", "ethnic", "colonial", "authentic", or "tribal"?

Would I be embarrassed or ashamed if someone from the group I'm portraying saw me wearing this?

Are you **REALLY** going to wear someone's culture as a costume?

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Have questions or want more information? [intercultural.u@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:intercultural.u@mail.ubc.ca) or visit [really.ubc.ca](http://really.ubc.ca)

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	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Oct. 18	
Tuesday, Oct. 19	<b>Photo re-takes in the morning.</b> <b>Early dismissal @ 1:45 for P/T Interviews</b>
Wednesday, Oct. 20	<b>Gr. 6 Immunizations</b>

Oct 26	Intersex Awareness Day
Oct 27	Whole School Zoom Assembly—2pm
Oct 29	Orange and Black Day (Students & Staff wear Orange & Black or Costumes)
Nov 3	Diwali (Festival of Lights)
Nov 5	Lockdown Drill
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly via Zoom at 10:40am
Nov 11	Remembrance Day—No School
Nov 12	ProD Day—School Not in Session



Please join our October Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting next week! Tuesday, October 19th from 7 - 8 pm via [this Zoom link](#). We will get an update from our Principal and Vice-Principal - Carrie Schlappner and Suzanne Weckend - and make some decisions about we'd like to support for the school this year. All parents are welcome.

Please note - minutes from our past PAC meetings can be found in the [PAC News section of our school website](#).



## Basketball schedule for next week

	October 18 Monday	October 19 Tuesday	October 20 Wednesday	October 21 Thursday	October 22 Friday
7:30-8:30am	Gr 7 boys comp	Gr 7 girls	Gr 7 boys comp		
12:06-12:36pm	Gr 7 boys	Gr 6 boys	Gr 7 girls	Gr 7 boys	Pro-D
3:00 - 5:00pm	Gr 8 boys comp	Gr 6 girls	Gr 6 girls	Gr 6 boys	Gr 8 boys comp?



Attention all music parents! The UVic Student Music Educators has just released their registration for their Music Discoveries weekend. It is a great learning opportunity for students in Band, Choir or Strings taking place Jan 21-23, 2022. This winter retreat middle school music camp often fills registration quickly. If your child is interested please go to their website for more information: <https://musicdiscoveries.ca>

**ALL STUDENTS must wear a mask at ALL TIMES at school. We have already handed out over 300 masks since the start of school.** Your assistance in making sure your children **have at least TWO EXTRA MASKS in their backpacks** at all times would be much appreciated. The trend seems to be that rushing out the door in the morning results in forgotten masks... so we would like to suggest a **check at nighttime before going to bed.** Thanks for your help.



