

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Today was another day that helped us feel “normal” again. Students and staff dressed up in costumes, had division parties, a costume parade via Zoom, and those who wanted to went through a COVID-Safe Haunted House – our first in two years. These opportunities to come together as a school community around a shared experience really help us connect and lift our spirits (ok, pun a little bit intended ;)).



Many thanks to Mr Stephen and Division 8 (and part of Div 9) and Ms Weckend and her Global Action class for all of their hard work to plan and execute the Haunted House. I got a good scare (and laugh) out of it! It really warmed my heart to see so many students get into the Hallowe'en spirit throughout the day. We also had a hilarious school-wide Kahoot Game at our assembly on Wednesday. These Kahoots have been our next-best-thing to in-person assemblies. Ms Weckend and I can hear kids yelling and laughing in their classes as they rush to answer the questions. It's so much fun! Congratulations to the winning Division—13!



Families – have fun this weekend—we hope people’s Hallowe'en festivities go well. Typically, the Middle School years are the last vestiges of trick-or-treating, so enjoy doing it while you can! We are looking forward (?) to experiencing the Monday after Hallowe'en. Haha. No really, we love to hear stories about students’ fun – even if they may be little more tired than normal for a Monday morning after an exciting night of trick-or-treating.

Enjoy the photos in this week’s addition of some of the fun costumes today! We sure did.

Have a great weekend. - *Carrie Schlapper* - Principal



### Remembrance Day Photos

If you have a connection to someone who is or has been in the military, please **share a .jpg picture** of this person with us so we can include the photo in our *Arbutus Global Remembers* slideshow. In addition to the photo(s), it would be helpful if you could identify the person or people in the photograph, and let us know the context and connection to Arbutus. For this, could you **please include:**

1. Your child's first and last name,
2. The first and last names of the person/people in the photo
3. The relationship of person in photo to student at Arbutus
4. Rank and/or titles of the person/people in the photograph
5. Which part of the Armed Forces they served in
6. The wars or conflicts the person/people has/have served in.

Please email the .jpeg (or similar file format) and explanation to Suzanne Weckend at [sweckend@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sweckend@sd61.bc.ca).

11 NOVEMBER  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Lest we forget*



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Nov. 1	
Tuesday, Nov. 2	
Wednesday, Nov. 3	<b>Diwali/Deepavali—Festival of Lights</b> <b>Grade 6 Immunization Pick-up Day</b>
Thursday, Nov. 4	
Friday, Nov. 5	<b>Lockdown Drill</b>



# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Nov 10** Remembrance Day Assembly via Zoom at 10:40am
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day—School not in Session
- Nov 12** ProD Day—School not in Session
- Nov 26** CC Day #1—Dismissal at 11:35am

The Arbutus Choir and Summit Strings will be recording a performance for our school Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday November 2 during the school day. Choir and Summit Strings students will need to come to school on Tuesday wearing their Arbutus Music uniform. Our uniform is black pants, black shoes, black socks and an Arbutus Music t-shirt. If you need to order a uniform shirt for your child, please go to <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>.

No child will be denied access to a resource because they cannot afford to pay. Please contact the principal or teacher if finances are an issue for you and a solution will be worked out. Privacy will be respected.

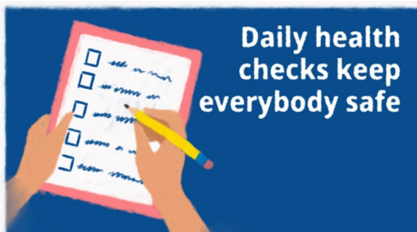


## Basketball continues!

All players should have forms signed and returned to the

office. Those forms contain game schedules with spectator limits for each location.

Next week all teams play. Please check the athletics board, across from the office, for game times and locations. Gr 6 girls practice Friday morning as the gym is unavailable on Wednesday after school.



Daily health checks keep everybody safe

**ALL STUDENTS must wear a mask at ALL TIMES at school.** Your assistance in making sure your children **have at least TWO EXTRA MASKS in their backpacks** at all times would be much appreciated. We would like to suggest a **check at nighttime before going to bed.** *Thanks to those parents who have dropped off boxes of masks—we greatly appreciate this!*

## Morning Drop-Off Update

**Thank you so much to those families who have helped make morning drop-off safer** and go more smoothly by making different choices to relieve congestion and dangerous driving in front of the school. We see tons of students using active transportation (walking, scootering and biking), and it is evident that most parents, if driving, are dropping off further away. **THANK YOU!** Your efforts are seen and appreciated.

There are still some parents entering the parking lot to drop off their children prior to the arrival of our supervisor. This morning, **a staff member was almost hit by a car that was speeding through the lot after dropping off their child.** **Please keep ALL drop-offs to the pull-out on the street** (see photo example below).

This is also a reminder to please **drive around the block** rather than block the bike lane on the opposite side of the street, do U-turns or pull in to turn around in front of the school. If you are running late, we suggest dropping your child off farther away so they can walk and you can get on your way rather than using unsafe driving to keep on schedule.



**Thank you again to everyone making the effort to improve traffic safety for students and staff.**

**Attendance** - Please remember to inform the **attendance email or phone line** if your child will be late or absent. You can email to [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance62@sd61.bc.ca) (please also cc the teacher) or phone and leave a message at **250-360-0725**.

Please do not call the office in the morning for attendance or leave a message there and do not email [arbutus@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:arbutus@sd61.bc.ca) as these may not be monitored in the morning which will result in you getting an absence call out.



