

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

Term 1 is slowly wrapping up...three more weeks left until Winter Holidays!

Today was Curriculum Completion Day, often the last chance for students to complete and hand in outstanding assignments that will be used for the Term 1 Report Card.

Winter celebrations will start soon, with the Poinsettia Concerts next week, and fun in classrooms and hallways with things such as our Second Annual “Decorate your Door” Contest. Here is a photo of last year’s winner:

I would like to honor that this time of year, while fun in many ways, can also be tough for both staff and students. They are striving to finish the term strong with waning energy. Teachers are working long hours to keep learning motivating and purposeful while also writing reports. Students are excited for break but are trying to stay focused in class. My message to everyone (including myself) at this time of year is: “Let’s all try to be kind and patient with each other. We’re all doing our best.”



Thank you, families for continuing to support your children, as well as their teachers, in finishing Term 1 happily and successfully.

Have a wonderful weekend.
- Carrie Schlappner - Principal

Many cultural celebrations are upon us in the coming weeks

Happy Hanukkah



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Nov. 29		
Tuesday, Nov. 30		
Wednesday, Dec. 1	Poinsettia Concert—7pm	
Thursday, Dec. 2	Poinsettia Concert—7pm	
Friday, Dec. 3		

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Dec 15	Report Cards go home
Dec 17	Last day of school before the Winter Break
Jan 4	First day back after the Winter Break (Monday the 3rd is the stat holiday—we are back on the Tuesday)

2022
happy New Year

Call out for Coaches!

Volleyball season is almost here! We are looking for volleyball coaches. **We have over 100 students signed up!**

The season runs from January to end of February and games are either weekly or 3 play dates.

We had fantastic sessions in cohort last year and have some skilled kids ready to play!

Please contact Mme Peddie at mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca if you are interested or know someone who may be.



Library News

For students to use databases from home, please go to:

<https://arbutuslibrary.sd61.bc.ca/research-inquiry/research-toolkit/>

Go to side panel to student logins

Password is "sd61"

That leads to a page that has all the various logins for the different databases except for Discovery which is student # and password is "global."

Basketball season is finishing up this week and next week. Congrats to all the players who took part -it is so great watching students do what they love and work together on the basketball court. Games next week include:

Monday

Grade 7/8 boys -here at Arbutus

Grade 8 boys semifinal game at SMUS at 3:45

Tuesday

Grade 6/7 girls playoff game at Lansdowne at 4:45 -note odd game time

Grade 7 boys playoff game at Arbutus (likely)

Wednesday

Grade 8 boys play game location and time depending on Monday's outcome

Grade 7/8 girls play at SMUS

Thursday

Grade 7 boys play -location and time depending on Tuesday's outcome



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Our music department is selling 150 Red 6.5" poinsettias as a fundraiser. These flowers come straight from the greenhouse to our school. Poinsettias purchased will be distributed at the end of our concert on Thursday December 2. Please go to schoolca-shonline.com to order your plants and support our program. Funds raised will support our music program in a variety of ways including instrument purchases and field trips. We have only sold a small portion of our goal of selling 150 plants!



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!**

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 (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 as these may not be monitored in the morning which will result in you getting an absence call out.

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Arbutus Music Poinsettia Concerts

Concert Dates

December 1:

Avalanche Band, Intermediate Strings, Grade 7 Band, Choir

December 2:

Grade 6 Band, Grade 8 Band, Summit Jazz, Summit Strings, Junior Strings

Concert Arrival Times

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1:

- 6:00 p.m. **Avalanche Band** in the Music Room
Intermediate Strings in the Gym
- 6:30 p.m. **Choir** in the Drama Room
Grade 7 Band in the Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. Concert Begins

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 :

- 6:00 p.m. **Summit Jazz Band** in Music Room
Junior Strings in the Gym
- 6:15 p.m. **Summit Strings** in the Gym.
- 6:30 p.m. **Grade 8 Band** in the Music room
Grade 6 Band in Drama Room
- 7:00 p.m. Concert Begins

LIMITED AUDIENCE

We are restricted to half-capacity for our gymnasium. **Each child may have one guest in the audience for their concert(s).** Please be respectful of this requirement. If you have questions or concerns please contact our Principal, Ms. Schlappner, at cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca

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UNIFORMS

The Arbutus Music uniform consists of black pants, black socks, black shoes, and the Arbutus Music t-shirt. T-shirts are \$15, and can be purchased from on School Cash Online. *(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).*

And... we are SOOOO proud to share with you this year's Arbutus Global's CBC Music Class Submission!



Here is our CBC Music Class Contribution for this year - an arrangement of Hawksley Workman's "Safe and Sound":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwutEt9Ai54>

And here is Hawksley's tweet about it - he contacted Michael Mazza personally to rave about it!

<https://twitter.com/HawksleyWorkman/status/1462064872620007433?s=20>

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With special thanks to Peninsula Co-op for matching all donations, up to \$15,000!



Last year we were the recipients of one of their grants—for \$1000.00.

This was used to purchase equipment for our programs.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS – KEY MESSAGING GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the winter break approaches, the District would like to remind families and staff about travel requirements when leaving and returning to the country.

All travelers returning to/entering Canada must follow the testing and quarantine requirements. For all details, including 72 hour or less trips, please visit: www.travel.gc.ca.

There are some exemptions for fully vaccinated travelers who are permitted to enter Canada. We recommend that you review travel requirements prior to travel as advisories or guidelines may evolve.

Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada **CANNOT** attend school for 14 days after arrival, as part of federal requirements. This includes children under 12 who are travelling with their fully vaccinated parents.

Sources:

Government of Canada (2021). COVID-19: Requirements for fully vaccinated travellers and unvaccinated children less than 12 years of age. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fully-vaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptoms-returning-canada.html>

BC Center for Disease Control (2021). Self-isolation and Self-monitoring. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>



THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

School District 61 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

HUMAN
EARLY LEARNING
PARTNERSHIP



Grade 4 and grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: **January 11th and February 28th, 2022.**

For more information and to view the questionnaires:
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

Please watch for an email coming Monday with further information on this.