

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

Well, it’s definitely fall now. This morning I had the good old “sideways rain” coming at me as I got into my car in the pitch black and cold wind. (Though it’s lovely now! Don’t you just love Victoria?!?!)

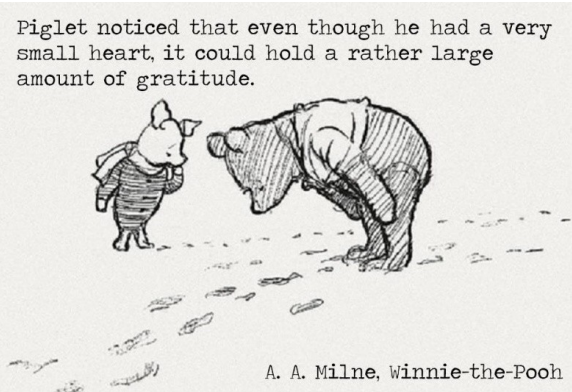
November is a time that I try to remind myself to focus on the inspiring things in my life and be grateful for what I have to counter the impact of the darkening days. At the top of that list is definitely my having the privilege to be the Principal of Arbutus, and to work with our amazing students, parents and staff. And I am grateful for how well overall everyone in our community is navigating the challenges of this pandemic in a positive way.

One thing we’ve been noticing lately is that a larger number of students than typical are struggling with following school routines. This is not really surprising due to their school experience being so inconsistent and stressful over the last three years. We will be doing a number of things to try to help support them in managing more successfully at the whole-school (announcements, assemblies and team meetings), and classroom levels. We wanted you to be aware as well so you can support your children with reminders to double check that they have what they need when they come to school (including masks, please! ;)), when they go to class, and when they go out for breaks. We know that repetition and reinforcement are key, so we appreciate your help with this.

Another thing I am grateful for is knowing we will be able to have live Winter Concerts! Yes, we will need to limit the number of audience members, but performance is such an integral part of learning music, so having this opportunity for students to have this real-world experience outweighs everything else. I am very excited for my first Arbutus Global Concert! I know it will be exceptional.

Thanks again to all families for their ongoing support. Have a great weekend.

- Carrie Schlapper - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Nov. 8	Indigenous Veteran’s Day
Tuesday, Nov. 9	
Wednesday, Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday, Nov. 11	Remembrance Day—school not in session
Friday, Nov. 12	Pro-D Day—students not in session

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Nov 26	CC Day #1—Dismissal at 11:35am
Dec 1	Poinsettia Concert 7pm
Dec 2	Poinsettia Concert 7pm
Dec 15	Report Cards go home
Dec 17	Last day of school before the Winter Break

IT'S HERE!

Time to order your **Arbutus Spirit Wear**. Items can be purchased through our online store: <https://arbutus.orderpromos.com/>



Please check sizes carefully—**there are no exchanges or refunds**.

The store will be open until end of day on **Friday, November 19**. Orders will not be accepted after the store closes.

We anticipate delivery to the school the week of December 13—in time before the break.



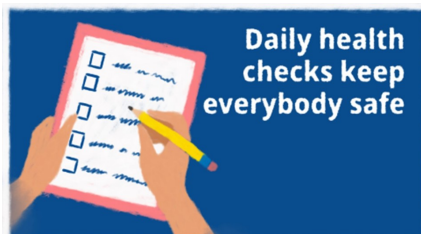
Poinsettia Concerts!!

We are so excited to announce that we will be hosting in person concerts on December 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm in our gymnasium.

We will need to limit our audience to one person per family but we are so excited for our students to perform for a live audience.

December 1: Avalanche Band, Band 7, Intermediate Strings, Choir

December 2: Band 6, Band 8, Summit Jazz, Junior Strings, Summit Strings



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!*



BASKETBALL

What a great week!

All our teams played games and learned so much! We continue to have great success on the court (as a school we went 7 and 3 with 2 1-point losses -amazing!) Thank you to all families who support players and get them to their sites prepared!

With a short week next week our competitive teams are in action and practices continue as scheduled Mon - Weds with the gr 8 boys competitive practicing Friday the 12th at 3 o'clock.

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.