

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

This week, many classes have been enjoying a variety of activities that make this time of year fun. For example, Mr. Rosenberg taught his students how to make Latkes, a traditional dish enjoyed for Hanukkah, and our “Decorate your Door” contest is in full swing. We are planning for Hot Chocolate and PJ Day next Friday, and our Zoom assembly will be Wednesday.

In addition to fun activities, our wonderful Librarian, Mrs Popovich, organized a fundraiser of cookie sales to help flood victims around the province. Many thanks to Mr. Harte and Ms. Weckend who worked with their students in Home Ec to bake the cookies. Cookies were sold (and eaten!) on Wednesday, and we raised \$434.00. With the provincial and federal governments matching this amount, the Red Cross will get just over \$1,200.00. If you would like to donate more to this worthy cause, please go to our School Cash Online on our website to make a donation.

Full disclosure: My sister and her family of five, as well as my father, live in Merritt, BC. Thankfully, their houses were spared in the flooding, but my sister, who is a teacher and has lived there for 25 years, has many friends and colleagues who have lost everything, and cleaning up the mud alone is a huge endeavor. Here are some pictures from my sister of what people are dealing with. Their downtown, where the majority of businesses are, is still inaccessible, as is her school and others. Their community is in shambles. Any support offered is much appreciated.

If this situation does nothing else, I hope it provides an opportunity for us to reflect on how fortunate we are to live where we live, on these amazing Lekwungen and Wasanec Lands, in this amazing Arbutus Global community. I know I feel that gratitude tenfold right now.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend with your family. - *Carrie Schlappner* - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Dec. 13	
Tuesday, Dec. 14	
Wednesday, Dec. 15	Report Cards go home
Thursday, Dec. 16	
Friday, Dec. 17	Last Day of School before the Break—Full Day

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

TEAM AVALANCHE



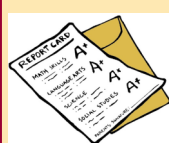
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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Jan 4

First day back after the Winter Break (Monday the 3rd is the stat holiday—we are back on the Tuesday)

Happy New Year
2022



Report Cards will go home next week. This is your legal document, please put it in a safe place. These will not be emailed or mailed out.

Lost and Found items have been put out on tables in our foyer. Please feel free to pop in and look over the items for your students missing things. **All items left at the end of next week will be donated.**



School Lunch



We are pleased to be offering a lunch program option starting in January! You can order online through our school cash-online program starting today. Deadline to order will be Wednesday, Jan. 5. Lunch program will **start Tuesday, Jan. 11 and go until March 17**. We will do another order for the final term to start after Spring Break. **Please note: late orders cannot be accepted.**

Changes to the order cannot be made after the start date.

**ORDER DEADLINE:
JANUARY 5**

Tuesday: Panago Pizza
Wednesday: Mucho Burrito
Thursday: Subway

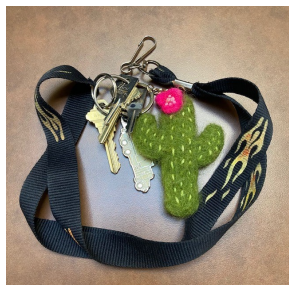


Grade 8 parents—it's time to start thinking about High School!

Several of our District schools offer specialty programs that have an application process: Mt. Doug and Esquimalt Challenge Programs, Lambrick Park, Reynolds and Spectrum Sports Programs. Reynolds and Esquimalt Flex Program. Please check the High School websites for further information and application deadlines.

Hold on to report cards as you may need these for applications!

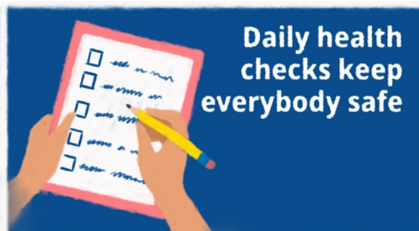
A set of keys were found in our parking lot a couple weeks ago—if they are yours, come claim them in the Office.



We are still hoping to get our **Arbutus Wear** order next week. There is a strong probability of a delay due to product shipping problems with the road closures in BC. If there is a delay, we can expect the orders to arrive the first week back after the break. All orders will be handed out to students once we sort them.



IF ORDERS DO ARRIVE AND YOU ARE WANTING YOUR ORDER AS A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE—PLEASE EMAIL ME: shjohnson@sd61.bc.ca — TO HOLD ONTO YOUR ORDER.



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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WINTER FOOD DRIVE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS SO FAR—JUST TWO DAYS TO GO!

YOU CAN SEND IN DONATION STILL ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Students are encouraged to bring in items from the list shared below. You can also bring in a cash (\$) donation so that the Mustard Seed can purchase dairy and perishable food items.

Please take a look at the most requested items listed below and know that you are welcome to bring in other non-perishable items as well.

RECOMMENDED FOODS TO DONATE	
NON-PERISHABLES	BABY NEEDS
Peanut Butter	Formula (powder or liquid)
Canned Fruits and Vegetables	Baby Food (jars)
Canned or dried beans (chickpeas/kidney/etc)	Diapers/ Pull-ups
Canned Fish (always a need for this)	PERSONAL NEEDS
Dry Pasta and Rice	Soap (laundry/dish/hand)
Canned Soups	Toothpaste and brushes
Cooking Oil	Deodorant
Cereal (instant and cooking)	Feminine Supplies



Food Collection