

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

This week was pretty special, what with our first two live Music Concerts in almost two years, and our Grade 7 boys winning the City Championship in Basketball yesterday! Woot, woot! We are bursting with pride over here!

Congratulations to all of our student musicians and basketball players, who have been working hard to perform well in the past few days. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the parent and community coaches for our teams for sharing their time, energy, patience, and expertise with our student athletes, as well as the family drivers and cheering squads. We could not offer all of the amazing opportunities for our students, and they would not enjoy their experiences half as much, without your help and support.



I also want to thank Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Montgomery again for their enthusiastic guidance of our stu-



dent musicians and singers. They have persevered in providing the highest quality Music program during a global pandemic – no small feat. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came out to support them - and Mr. Parker as our surprise special guest. Ms Weckend and I left the concerts feeling moved and inspired, and we hope you did too.

I also want to say thank you to all of the staff and students who, day-in and day-out, give their best here. Every. Single. Day. Not everyone plays on a team or performs in a concert, but their contributions to the Arbutus Global School Community, big and small, are seen and appreciated. They smile and say hello in the halls, they hold the door for each other, they help a friend when they're feeling down... they are the heart-beat of our school.

Have a wonderful weekend. - Carrie Schlappner - Principal

Monday, Dec. 6
Tuesday, Dec. 7
Wednesday, Dec. 8
Thursday, Dec. 9
Friday, Dec. 10
Human Rights Day



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)



It's been an exciting week to end our basketball season. The grade 6/7 girls had a tough 2-point loss to place 6th in the city. The grade 8 boys finished 4th in the city. The grade 7/8 boys ended their season with a win and a loss. As did the grade 7/8 girls, the loss being their only loss of the season, and by 2 points at that. We're so proud of how all the teams played and we thank all the parents and coaches for their support.

Finally, we ended the week with the grade 7 boys winning the city championship. Congrats boys and thank you to Erik Oinonen and Brook Schaddelee as coaches!

We are now looking for all players to return their jerseys ASAP. Any help in getting jerseys to school is much appreciated.

Next up is volleyball with the grade 7 and grade 8 girls' tryouts on Monday and Tuesday and the boys will get in the gym on Thursday. We could use 1-2 more coaches so please contact the school if you are interested.

By now everyone has heard about the floods throughout the province of British Columbia. Many people have lost their homes, their businesses, and the face of their community has changed drastically. All communities are impacted as the transportation routes are compromised and this, in turn, affects our supply chain.

To help support our communities to the east Arbutus will be hosting a couple of fundraisers over the next couple of months. Next week we have our first "Freshly baked cookie" sale. Each cookie will be \$1.00 and all proceeds will be sent to the Canadian Red Cross. The provincial and federal governments have committed to matching each donation.

We will be doing pre-sales. This means bringing your money to your classroom on Monday, December 6, or Tuesday, December 7th. Cookies will be delivered to your classroom on Wednesday, December 8th. Flavour of cookies will be either chocolate chunk or ginger....we cannot guarantee preferences but will try to accommodate.

We are a "global" school and as such we request your sup-

port to support our greater community.

Thank you!

Darinka Popovic
Teacher Librarian/







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 <u>do not</u> call the office in the morning for attendance or leave a message there and <u>do not</u> email arbutus@sd61.bc.ca as these may not be monitored in the morning which will result in you getting an absence call out.





If you haven't watched it yet, please take a few minutes to check out 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=qw utEt9Ai54

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







WINTER FOOD DRIVE AT ARBUTUS GLOBAL

Monday, Dec. 6 – Tuesday, Dec. 14th

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

