

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays over Winter Break, especially the snow! I know it can complicate our lives, but I personally enjoyed the brightness and freshness of the Winter Wonderland.

I would like to start out with a big THANK YOU to everyone for their efforts in ensuring our new protocols were followed this week. Things have been going wonderfully! It is a testament to the strength of our community that we can respond so quickly and decisively to changes that come our way. Especially at a time when “the only constant is change.” ;)

Parents: thank you for reviewing the new measures with your children, and for reinforcing to them the importance of following them. Thanks to **staff**, who have done an amazing job of modelling, teaching, and reminding students of the expectations. And thank you to **students**, who we can see are making their best efforts to do what they need to do to keep themselves and others safe.

I am optimistic that things will continue to go smoothly due to the commitment, dedication and care of our staff, support from our parents, and the resilience and positivity of our students.

Today is Black Excellence Day, and many staff and students marked the day by wearing black and engaging in classroom activities to explore and celebrate the outstanding contributions of Black communities throughout B.C., as well as explore the impacts of systemic racism in our province and country. As the provincial government states,

“The issue of racism will not be solved by these actions alone. As a society, we must stand up to discrimination, call out incidents of hatred and stand in solidarity with those who struggle against oppression every day.”

“We recognize the struggles that Black communities in British Columbia face and reaffirm our commitment to fight racism and make this a truly equitable and inclusive province for everyone.”

Many thanks to those who participated, and continue to take part in steps to address racism in all its forms in our society. We at Arbutus Global are committed to this journey.

Enjoy this weekend with your families.
- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 17	
Tuesday, Jan. 18	PAC Meeting—Zoom link to follow
Wednesday, Jan. 19	
Thursday, Jan. 20	
Friday, Jan. 21	Grade 8 Deadline for Programs of Choice

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

TEAM AVALANCHE



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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, Jan 24	Middle Schools Pro-D— school not in session
Tuesday, Jan 25	Late French Registration week—Jan 25-28
Tuesday, Feb 8	K-12 Transfer Week—Feb 8-11
Thursday, Feb 17	CHANGE—CC DAY with early dismissal (11:35am) now FEB 25th
Friday, Feb 18	Pro-D Day—school not in session
Monday, Feb 21	Family Day Stat—school not in session
Friday, Feb 25	Curriculum Completion Day (note the date change from the 17th) - dismissal at 11:35am



Please join our **January Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**

Tuesday, January 18th
from 7 - 8 pm via this [Zoom link](#).

This will be a rare chance to get together as a community, and a chance to hear from our Principal and Vice-Principal - Carrie Schlappner and Suzanne Weckend - about how things have been going so far this new year.

We look forward to seeing you!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season is upon us!
Please keep an eye out for forms and game schedules coming out next week.

Practices start next week as follows:

	January 17 Monday	January 18 Tuesday	January 19 Wednesday	January 20 Thursday	January 21 Friday
7:30 - 8:30am					Grade 1/4 boys
12:00 - 12:30pm	Grade 6/7 boys	Gr 6/7 girls volleyball		Non-gender team	Gr 6/7 girls volleyball
3:00 - 5:00pm	Grade 7 girls	Grade 1/4 boys	Gr 8 girls with Camosun	Grade 6/7 boys	Grade 7 and 8 girls

Game schedules (+ forms) coming ASAP

Grade 8 parents—Deadline for Secondary School Programs of Choice is January 21

Please check the High School websites for further information and to download application forms.

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

Transition week is coming up—Feb 8-11. Forms will be available in our office. This form is used if you are wanting to request a different high school than your catchment is OR if you are wanting to switch programs (English to French). Please remember that a request for a different school is not a guarantee—placement is based on catchment numbers.



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.