The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

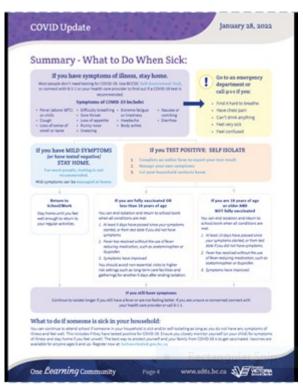
We hope families enjoyed some extra time together on Monday. Staff were engaged on the ProD Day in a series of keynotes and workshops called Promoting Equity: Culturally Responsive Practice in the Middle Years. It was a great day of learning and reflecting.

As we continue to navigate the new waters of Omicron and changing health orders – please see the new COVID update from our District, which is attached to the WAG email. You will note that there is no longer a distinction to whether a student is vaccinated or not regarding what to do if they test positive for COVID. They should:

Self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever. Avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings like long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.

Also, please note the section, "What to do if someone is sick in your household:"

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they (family members) have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca



We would appreciate parents and guardians speaking with your children around this, as we do not want students who come to school with family members who are sick or after they have returned after being sick themselves to be ostracized by classmates who do not fully understand the health orders. We want students to return to a supportive environment.

Thank you for your help with this, and enjoy this weekend with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal

| | YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE |
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| Monday, Jan. 31 | |
| Tuesday, Feb. 1 | Chinese New Year; Start of Black History Month |
| Wednesday, Feb. 2 | |
| Thursday, Feb. 3 | |
| Friday, Feb. 4 | |

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Feb 8 K-12 Transfer Week—Feb 8-11 (transfer forms will be available in the Office on

Monday, Feb. 7. Forms will not be accepted before Feb. 8)

Thursday, Feb 17 CHANGE—CC DAY with early dismissal (11:35am) moved to FEB 25th

There is no hot lunch on Feb 17th!

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

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



Please join Arbutus Global's "Arbutus Avalanche" team for the Times Colonist 10K on Sunday, April 24th. Only \$39 per person if you join our team by Jan 31., vs \$49.00 per person.

http://raceroster.com/events/2022/54426/33rdannual-tc10k-powered-byrunsport/register?team=371976





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.