

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

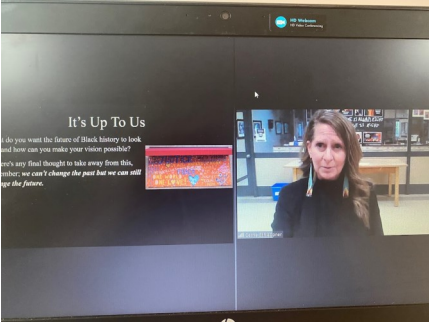
This was a week of important days: February 1st was the first day of the Lunar New Year, as well as the first day of Black History Month.

I want to say a big thank you to members of our Anti-Racism Student Leadership Group who spent hours of time creating and performing the Black History Month Zoom Assembly. (At right) They are amazing leaders in our school, and it was powerful to have the students speak in their own words about the importance of celebrating black contributions to past and present Canada, as well as the significance of anti-racism in our school and community. We hope that assemblies like this foster healthy conversations at home around these real-world issues.

Just a reminder to grade 8 parents that this coming week is transfer week in the district. See more info on page 2 of the WAG if you are interested in requesting that your child attend a secondary school that is different from their catchment school.

If there are any grade 5 parents out there, this is also a reminder to register in Late French Immersion if that is of interest to you.

Last reminder: This is a short term; so we encourage you to connect with your children around how they’re feeling about their progress, and if they need any extra support in completing assignments or with their understanding of concepts. We are all here to assist all students succeed – please never hesitate to reach out if there are questions or concerns. If we know about it - we can help with it! :)



OK, enough of reminders! Here’s something fun to celebrate: This week (and year), several Arbutus Global classes have had the pleasure of exploring the Salish Sea, and have seen lots of whales and other marine wildlife. (Photo beside). We are so fortunate to live, learn, and play on these lands and waters of the Esquimalt, Songhees and Saanich nations.

Thank you for all you do
and enjoy this weekend with your families.
- Carrie Schlappner - Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 7	
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Transfer Week—Feb 8-11
Wednesday, Feb. 9	
Thursday, Feb. 10	
Friday, Feb. 11	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

TEAM AVALANCHE



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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, Feb 14	Palentine's Day
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—students 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

It's transfer week!

Forms will be available in the office to pick up on Monday, Feb. 7. Please fill them out and return them to Shauna in the Office by end of day Friday, Feb. 11. **You need to fill in this form if you are wanting to switch programs > French to English, and/or if you are wanting to transfer to a different school than your catchment.**



Please remember that transfers are not a guarantee, they are a request. Acceptance will be based on available space in the requested school.



Volleyball game play continued for our competitive teams this week and it is great to watch them come together as a team and improve their rallies! A reminder to parents that there are **NO SPECTATORS** permitted at any location. Our rec team will play this Tuesday, and all other teams will practice. Please refer to the information provided on the permission letter for dates and times.

Please make sure your athlete attends practices, as they are so crucial to team development.



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.