

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It has been another exciting week at Arbutus Global! Volleyball wrapped up this week, and we will be starting with Rugby and Track and Field in the Spring. Many of our grade 8's enjoyed a day at Mt Washington today (and, of course, the three and a half hour bus ride both ways!), along with Ms French (who did the majority of the organizing – thank you!), Mr Stephen, Mr Lemon, Ms Putman, Ms Fairweather, Mr Van Spronsen, and Ms Weckend. Here are some of photos of the day that capture the joys of being outdoors in a winter wonderland, as well as being able to do activities together as a community that we have missed so much.



We also had our first school-wide Zoom BINGO game on Wednesday. Many thanks to Ms Weckend who planned and organized it all. It was a BLAST! Kids were especially pleased with her choice of treats for the winners. I obviously need to step up my treats game...



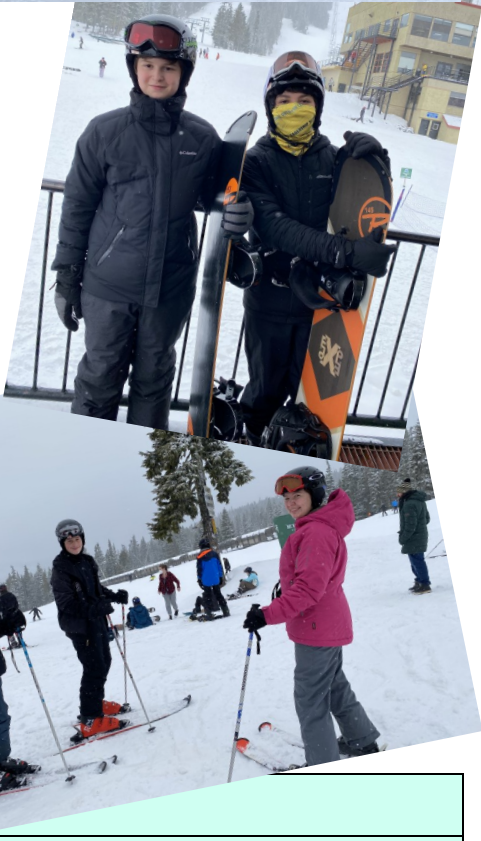
*here's to
STRONG WOMEN.
may we
know them.
may we
be them.
may we
raise them.*

We also want to acknowledge that it was International Women's Day on Tuesday. I want to celebrate and give gratitude for the many strong female role models here at Arbutus Global, and the girls who shine as both quiet and outspoken leaders in our school. I also want to celebrate and give thanks to all of the mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunts, and guardians who act as supports and guides to their children and also in our school community to both girls and boys. We all have a part to play in creating a more equitable, accepting, and inclusive society, and we appreciate all you do.

Just a reminder that it's DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME on THIS SUNDAY, March 13th. Turn your clocks FORWARD one hour on Sunday before you go to bed. Your assistance in helping students get up that extra hour early on Monday is appreciated!

Though it is supposed to rain all weekend, I am thrilled to see spring flowers bursting up out of the soil, and the weather getting a little warmer (mostly). Whatever you choose to do this weekend, enjoy this time with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, March 14		
Tuesday, March 15		
Wednesday, March 16	Report Cards go home	
Thursday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Friday, March 18	Last day of school before Spring Break	



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

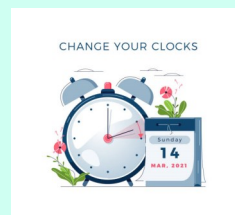
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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sunday, Mar 13	Daylight Savings –turn your clocks forward Saturday night
Saturday, Apr 2	Ramadan starts
Monday, Apr 4	First day of school after Spring Break
Tuesday, Apr 5	First day of Term 3 Hot Lunch Program
Friday, Apr 15	Good Friday—school not in session
Monday, Apr 18	Easter Monday—school not in session



**ARBUTUS
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We are very excited to announce that the **Arbutus Night of Music** will be taking place on **April 13 at 7:00 pm** at **The Farquhar at UVic**.

All Arbutus Music students will be performing that night: Band 6, Band 7, Band 8, Choir, Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Summit Strings, Avalanche Band and Summit Jazz. More information to come next week. Please mark your calendars.



Attention Parents of Grade 5 Students or Friends of Parents with Grade 5 Students:

Arbutus Global still has room in its Late French Immersion 6 class for next year!

The Late Immersion Program enables students to:

- achieve levels of learning in all subject areas equivalent to the English Program
- become functionally bilingual, that is: to participate comfortably in French and English conversations
- possess the requirements that would allow them to pursue further education appropriate to their abilities and interests, with French as the language of instruction
- accept employment where the working language is French
- gain insight into the common attitudes and values of French-speaking communities

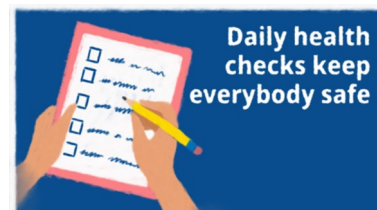


If you'd like to find out more, or if you're interested in applying, please go to <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>

As you may be aware, masks are no longer required in public spaces as of today. However, in K-12 settings, masks will still be required until the return from Spring Break on **Monday, April 4, 2022**.

At this time, masks will become optional. The decision to wear a mask or face covering will be a personal choice for staff, students and visitors.

It is important to note that everyone's comfort level with or without masks may vary—and that a person's choice to continue wearing a mask is to be supported and respected. We encourage you to have conversations with your children to remain supportive of those who wish to continue wearing their masks.



To report your students absence, **call our main phone line (250-477-1878) and select option 1 for attendance.**

If you get a call that your student is absent, please call the main phone line and select option 2 to talk to the Office. Please continue to email your attendance to attendance62@sd61.bc.ca and also cc the teacher.

Please **do not** email the general Arbutus email as that is not always monitored in the morning which will result in you getting an absence call-out.

ATTENDANCE