

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

I can’t believe we’re already at Spring Break. Two-thirds of the year has flown by!

This week included Reports going home, a fun Term 2 assembly that had a slideshow and, of course, school-wide Kahoot, and a few field trips to the beach.

I had the pleasure and honor of going on an Indigenous knowledge sharing opportunity with Division 15 to Tikweneñ- Place of the Peas (Cattle Point) to learn about Lekwungen places, plant, and animal relatives. We also learned to drum a song composed by Diane Sam (Songhees knowledge keeper involved in this project) and Sarah Rhude about Tikweneñ. Our very own Mrs Hill lead the teachings and drumming. Here are some photos of the experience. It was such a grounding and uplifting experience to be in the sunshine, by the water, and on the land, learning in place with teachers, students, and parents. I am deeply grateful to have been a part of it. I hope everyone has an equally delightful time on their Spring Break holiday. Enjoy this time with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, April 4	First Day back after the break
Tuesday, April 5	First day of lunch program for Term 3
Wednesday, April 6	
Thursday, April 7	
Friday, April 8	

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

TEAM AVALANCHE

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, Apr 15	Night of Music—7pm—UVic
Friday, Apr 15	Good Friday—school not in session
Monday, Apr 18	Easter Monday—school not in session
Tuesday, Apr 19	PAC Meeting
Wednesday, Apr 20	Student Led "Open House" - More info to follow after the break

On **Wednesday, April 13th**, all Arbutus Music students will be performing in the annual "Arbutus Night of Music" at The Farquhar at UVic. The concert will begin at 7:00pm. Students should arrive in full uniform (music t-shirt, black socks, black shoes, black pants). Tickets for audience members will be available for purchase after Spring Break.

Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from this event. Students performing in the concert should enter at the side door up the ramp to the right of the main entrance.

Parent drivers are needed to transport equipment to UVic at 12:45 p.m. on April 13th. Please contact Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill at arbutusmusic@sd61.bc.ca if you can help.

After the concert we would greatly appreciate your help driving large instruments and music stands back to Arbutus. If you can help, please bring your vehicle to the backstage door behind the auditorium after the concert.

Student arrival times:

- **6:00** Choir (stage)
- **6:15** Strings and Summit Jazz (stage)
- **6:30** Band 7 (warm up room) and Avalanche Jazz
- **6:45** Band 6 (warm up room) and Band 8 (Green room)



SD 61 Budget for 2022/23

If you want to stay up to speed, find out how to share your thoughts on the budget process, or provide your thoughts about what could be cut from schools, please join our [Arbutus Facebook Group](#) or email us at agms.pac@gmail.com.

Another break is here!

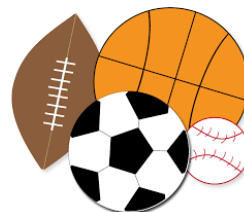
Badminton will start after the break with the grade 6's practicing on Thursdays at lunch, the grade 7's practicing on Tuesdays after school and the grade 8's practicing Tuesdays at lunch.

Rugby is also starting. **All players need a mouthguard to participate** (something to take care of over the break). They will practice Mondays after school.

One of our volleyball coaches is opening the gym Thursdays after school for any girls in gr 7 and gr 8 wanting to play.

And finally if there are any parents out there willing to coach some track and field events that have not already spoken to Mme Peddie, please e-mail her at mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca

Go Avs!



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