

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

It has been a great first week back. Despite the strangest weather patterns on Monday (Sunshine! Hail! Sideways rain! Stormy Winds! Sun again!), we have enjoyed what feels like the first days of spring sunshine and temperatures. Students seem happy and relaxed outside at breaks, and there is a nice feel in the hallways.

It has also been an exciting week of getting to see some students’ faces for the first time, and they ours. We respect that many students and staff still choose to wear masks, and we are 100% supportive of that choice. Everyone needs to do what feels comfortable to them, and so far we have observed full acceptance of this across the board.



I thought it would be useful to ensure everyone is aware of the key updates to COVID protocols in schools. Here they are:

### Summary of Key Updates – Effective the First Day of Spring Break

Space Arrangement	Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, though should still consider strategies to create space between people.
School Gatherings and Events	For events with visitors (e.g., parent/caregiver spectators): Should not exceed 50% capacity and proof of vaccination should not be implemented while the PHO Gatherings and Events Order is in place. Can return to 100% capacity when the PHO Gatherings and Events Order is lifted (expected end of day April 7, 2022). Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate.
Visitor Access/Community Use	Schools can return to routine sign in/sign out practices. Schools do not need to keep a list of the date, names and contact information of visitors for communicable disease prevention purposes.
Personal Protective Equipment	The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice. A person’s choice is to be supported and respected.
Field Trips	Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate. If the trip cannot occur otherwise, schools can require participants to confirm they are able to meet additional requirements (e.g., are able to provide proof of vaccination).

As always, if you have any questions, never hesitate to let us know.

I am looking forward to enjoying more and more “normal” things as restrictions are lifted, starting with our Music Concert at UVic on Wednesday! Also, there will be more details to come, but we should be able to have a real Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony. Please note this will be on **MONDAY, JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks as always to families for their support in these ever-changing times. Enjoy the weekend on these beautiful Lekwungen and Saanich lands. — *Carrie Schlappner* - Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, April 11	
Tuesday, April 12	<b>PAC Social Media Awareness Zoom Presentation— 6:30pm</b> —see details in WAG and attachment
Wednesday, April 13	Night of Music—7pm UVic Auditorium - further details in the WAG
Thursday, April 14	
Friday, April 15	Good Friday—School not in session

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, Apr 18                      Easter Monday—school not in session  
Tuesday, Apr 19                    PAC Meeting  
Wednesday, Apr 20                Student Led "Open House" - More info in WAG

Track and Field



Track & Field Practice Information

Event:                                      Practices:  
100m, 200m, 300m, relays,        Tuesday after school  
                                                 hurdles  
800m, 1200m, 2000m                Wednesday at lunch  
Long jump, shot put, discus        Monday after school  
Triple jump, high jump                TBA

Track & Field Meet Information

Meet #1: May 12th	Meet #2: May 18th	Meet #3: May 25th
800m, 200m, 2000m	100m 4x100m practice	Hurdles 1200m 400m
Long jump -girls	High jump -gr 8s	Long jump -boys High jump -girls
High jump -boys gr 6 & 7	Triple Jump	Discus -girls Shot put -boys
Discus -boys		
Shot put -girls		
Meet #4: May 30th	4 x 100m relay qualification 4 x 200m practice	*any other event previously cancelled
2000m final		

Information Subject to change by the League

Badminton Season

Badminton season is upon us. Practice for teams is by grade level:

Grade 6—Thursday lunch

Grade 7—Tuesday after school until 4:15

Grade 9—Tuesday lunch

Game days for players are: April 13 @ Cedar Hill,  
April 20 @ Gordon Head  
April 28 @ Arbutus.

Students interested have taken home permission forms. Please return these asap.



Rugby Season

Rugby season is back with us. Rugby is organized by weight category. Mouth guards are a requirement for play. Soccer or rugby cleats are suggested. No baseball cleats!

Practices will be Monday after school 3-4pm for both teams.

Games for grade 6/7 will be on Thursdays.

Games for grade 7/8 will be on Wednesdays.

Students interested have taken home permission forms. Please return these asap.



Band students practicing for the upcoming Night of Music at UVic



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](mailto: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.



FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

TEAM AVALANCHE

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### The Arbutus Night of Music

**When:** Wednesday April 13, 7:00 pm

**Where:** The Farquhar at Uvic

#### Student arrival times:

6:00: Choir

6:15: Strings and Summit Jazz

6:30: Grade 7 Band and Avalanche Band

6:45: Grade 6 and 8 Band

**Students should enter via the ramp to backstage to the right of the main entrance.**

**Tickets:** \$10 /each

<https://tickets.uvic.ca/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent2999.html>



### PAC PRESENTATION REMINDER: SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CYBERBULLYING FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS

We, along with many other schools, have noticed a huge increase in social media use in our Grade 6, 7, and 8 students that has led to poor decision making around online comments and cyberbullying as well as leading to behaviors at school.

We strongly encourage you to participate so that you can be "in the know" about how to access, monitor and advise your children about social media. While as adults we may have some familiarity around this topic, it is a constantly changing environment and understanding how to support our children is key.

It is on **THIS Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, the following event is open to all families via zoom-

You must register at [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=0ilpqHtfBEONGBJ\\_Fcdu-8ow8r7yz8VNiiABYyx8MQpUNkY0V1k4NEE4VFAzSUpDWE5IM1g4V0NPNiQIQCNjPTEu](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=0ilpqHtfBEONGBJ_Fcdu-8ow8r7yz8VNiiABYyx8MQpUNkY0V1k4NEE4VFAzSUpDWE5IM1g4V0NPNiQIQCNjPTEu) by April 11<sup>th</sup> and space is limited to 500 families.

Attached please find the information form with more details. Hope to see you there!



### Dear Arbutus Global Parents and Caregivers

You are cordially invited to our  
**STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES OPEN HOUSE**  
on **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
from **4:30pm-6pm**

***Please come with your child(ren), who will walk  
you through some of their learning artifacts as  
well a tour of the school if you wish.***

More information will be emailed closer to the date.

We are looking forward to seeing  
parents and caregivers in the school!

### Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony

Please note: our Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 20** and NOT on Friday, June 17 as previously posted.

We are pleased to say that we should be able to have a "normal" ceremony this year with families being able to attend!

More information to follow in weeks to come.

