

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

OK! The sun is peeking out again! Could this mean the change in the weather we’ve been waiting for?!?! I sure hope so!

This has been a busy week – our Choir went on their first road trip in years to the *West Coast Choir Festival* at Brentwood College in Mill Bay with Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill and Ms Weckend. They performed beautifully, and did an excellent job representing Arbutus! We will hear the results of the adjudication next week.

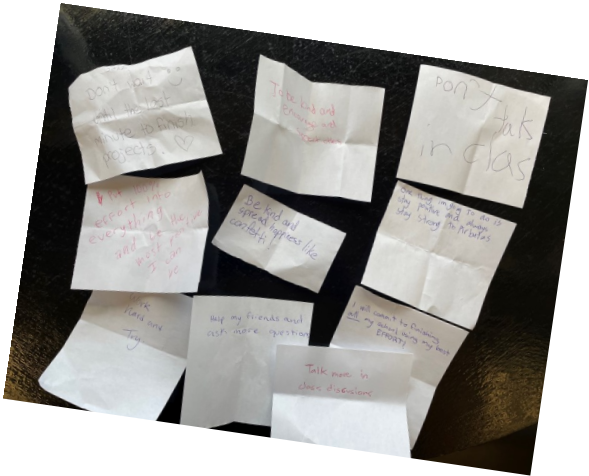
Ms Hill and I also took some of our students with Indigenous heritage to join in a student drum circle at the *Everything Is Connected: Songs, Relationships and Indigenous Worldviews* conference at the University of Victoria. It was a powerful and moving experience to have the circle led by drummers and singers from a variety of the Island’s nations, including Gigalis (Avery) Nelson-Seward, who I had the pleasure of teaching at Reynolds Secondary many years ago.



Another highlight from this week was a Publishing Party in the Courtyard hosted by Ms Rankin and Division 2, where parents came to hear students read their “published” stories aloud. It was a wonderful celebration of student ideas, creativity and achievements.

Be aware that we will only have 6 weeks left to this school year, with some short weeks ahead, including CC Day on May 27th. We held grade assemblies this week to celebrate what we’ve accomplished this year, highlight exciting events to come, and

encourage students to “Finish Strong”, and reflect on ways to do so. We then invited students to write down one thing they could commit to in order to finish their year to the best of their abilities. Please see the photo of just some of the examples out of the hundreds we received. Our students are amazing!



Enjoy this weekend with your families.  
– Carrie Schlappner - Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 16	Start of Rainbow week
Tuesday, May 17	International Day Against Homo/Trans/Biphobia PAC Meeting—7pm
Wednesday, May 18	Grade 6 Immunization Pick-up Day—morning (for those who missed last week)
Thursday, May 19	District Transition Day in the afternoon
Friday, May 20	District Pro-D—school not in session

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 23	Victoria Day—school not in session
Friday, May 27	Curriculum Completion Day—students not staying will be dismissed at 11:35am
Thursday, June 16	Last Hot Lunch of the year
Monday, June 20	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
Wednesday, June 22	Year End Assembly and Avalanche Fun Day
Thursday, June 23	Last Day of School—Beach Day— <b>Report Cards go home</b> (please note: we do not email or mail reports out)



Looking for parent volunteers who would like to support our **Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony Day**. We are looking for a team of parents who consider themselves party planning enthusiasts! If you're full of ideas, like to coordinate and organize, like to decorate, etc...

please reach out to Ms. Weckend (Vice Principal) at [sweckend@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sweckend@sd61.bc.ca) **We especially need help with FOOD for our Potluck and decorating and set-up.** It's going to be a special and fun day and we look forward to parent involvement.

### District Transition Day—Thursday, May 19—afternoon.

**Grade 8's** will be going to visit their new high schools. Please refer to emails sent out for instructions.

**Current Grade 6's and 7's** will be here spending time in activities with their next year possible teachers.

**Current Grade 5** students who will be coming to us in the fall will be here for the afternoon for a tour and get to experience a couple of our exploratory classes.

Next week is Rainbow Week. Rainbow Week coincides with the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia which takes place every year on May 17th. The purpose of the week is to celebrate gender diversity and inclusion in our schools, to acknowledge that we are working to create safe and welcoming spaces for all LGBTQTS+ and gender diverse students.

In support, we at Arbutus Global would like to celebrate this by encouraging everyone to wear different colours each day next week.

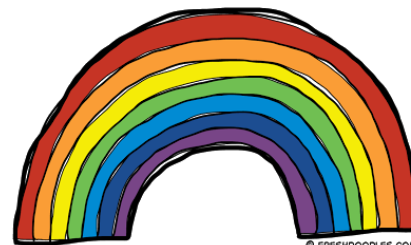
On **Monday** wear **RED** and **ORANGE**

On **Tuesday** wear **YELLOW** and **GREEN**

On **Wednesday** wear **BLUE** AND **VIOLET**

On **Thursday** wear that outfit you always wanted to. Be brave! Express yourself!

(Friday is a **PRO D DAY**)



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## Arbutus Sports

We have amazing badminton results in our city finals. In grade 6 Gavin was City Champion and Tiger finished 2nd. In grade 7 Victor was City champion in boys singles and Jake and replacement partner Ethan won both their games but finished 3rd. In gr 8 Kevin finished 4th and Cindy and Raine finished 2nd! Congrats to all of our badminton athletes on a great season.

The rugby regular season finished up this week as well with one more opportunity to play on May 26th. Thanks to coach G for all his great work in bringing rugby to Arbutus!

Track meets have started and Arbutus was represented so well! With unofficial finishes over all events we saw Arbutus Athletes winning heats frequently and we know we'll have lots of representation at City finals. Next meet is May 18<sup>th</sup> with 100m on the track and relay practice, plus all triple jump qualification and Girls gr 6/7 high jump.

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.

**ATTENDANCE**



# Arbutus Global - IMPORTANT Grade 8 Events

## ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS— DISTRICT TRANSITION DAY—THURSDAY, MAY 19th in the afternoon

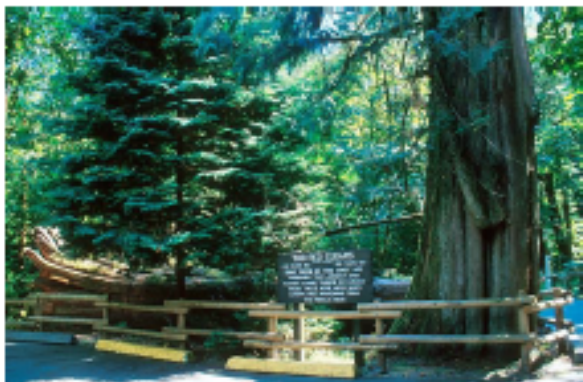
Please be aware that **Grade 8 students will be dismissed at lunchtime on Thursday, May 19th** to travel to the high school they will be attending next year. Students are **expected to travel on their own or with parent support**. Students will be dismissed to go home from their high school at the end of the day.



**NOTE: The Grade 8 Ceremony date is JUNE 20th (Changed from the 17th)**

## Grade 8 Day at Goldstream Provincial Campground – Friday, June 17th

On June 17th, all grade 8s will be bussed to Goldstream Provincial Park group site campground at around 9am for a day of fun activities led by Mr. Lemon, grade 8 teachers, and Athletic Leadership Students. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch /snacks and water. Students will return by the end of the day for 2:46 dismissal.



## Attention Grade 8 Families



You are cordially invited to our  
IN PERSON

Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony  
on **Monday, June 20th**  
at **10:45am**  
in the **gym**.

If you would like to help with decorating or food,  
please contact our AGMS PAC at  
[agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com)

