

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

This week was another short but busy one at Arbutus Global. Today was District Transition Day – a fun day created for grade 5s to visit their new Middle Schools and grade 8s to visit their new high schools. Our grade 6s and 7s also did fun activities with their next year’s teachers. We welcomed the 5’s as part of Team Avalanche and they experienced a couple of Exploratory classes. See the photos on the last page of the WAG to enjoy from the day. Many thanks to all of the teachers who helped organize and execute today. It was a real success!

We’ve also had an enjoyable Rainbow Week, in honor of the International Day against Homo/Bi/Transphobia on May 17th. Many staff and students joined in by wearing different colours for each day of the week, culminating in all colours day today!



Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Hill and I also went to visit Frank Hobbs and Campus View on Tuesday so they could see our Music Program in action prior to deciding if they wanted to join next year. It was wonderful to see how excited and engaged our incoming 5s and their schoolmates were as the Choir, Intermediate Strings, and Grade 8 Band performed.

Our English Language Learners and International Students went on a field trip to Goldstream Park yesterday as well. We crossed fingers that the winds would stay away – and they did from Langford for the entirety of the trip. Phew! This was an exciting opportunity for them to meet fellow students from Cedar Hill Middle School, as well as experience some good old Canadian

traditions like eating hotdogs and roasting marshmallows. Many thanks to Ms. Davis and Mrs. Hill for organizing.

Staff are now gearing up for our ProD Day tomorrow, where we will be exploring how to best support and engage in Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Teaching, Social Emotional Learning, and Culturally Responsive Teaching

This will be a great way to ease into a much-deserved (and needed!) reflective and relaxing three day weekend.

Please enjoy it with your families.
— Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day—School not in session
Tuesday, May 24	
Wednesday, May 25	
Thursday, May 26	Battle of the Books
Friday, May 27	Curriculum Completion Day—those students not required to stay will be released at 11:35am

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Thursday, June 16	Last Hot Lunch of the year
Monday, June 20	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
Tuesday, June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, June 22	Year End Assembly and Avalanche Fun Day
Thursday, June 23	Last Day of School—Beach Day— Report Cards go home (please note: we do not email or mail reports out)

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

GRADE 8

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.



Music Field Trip for Grade 7 and 8

We are very excited to announce that Grade 7 and 8 music students who participate in band, choir or strings are invited to attend an optional field trip on June 6 (Grade 8) and June 7 (Grade 7) to Wildplay Nanaimo and Riptide Lagoon Minigolf in Parksville. Notices and forms for this trip were sent home with students this week. If your child plans to attend, please fill out the appropriate Wild Play Waiver. **Forms are due May 25 and payment due May 31.**

See the notice sent home for more details.



Grade 8 Waiver:

<https://customer.singenuity.com/#checkin/form/585997af-2ab8-444d-be94-e84c05a70a40/wpna/false>

Grade 7 Waiver:

<https://customer.singenuity.com/#checkin/form/8f03b650-1bcc-49e8-a373-9c93f99fc89e/wpna/false>

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

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

TEAM AVALANCHE

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District Transition Day FUN

