

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

Though it has been a quiet week in many ways, the size of the WAG (4 pages!) shows you how much is going on and is coming up!

Badminton is wrapping up, but Rugby and Track and Field are going strong. Check out details on page 4. We are so proud of all of our students who are participating in all of the sports offerings this year, as well as clubs like the GSA and Yearbook. We are hopeful that by next year, everything will be available in person right away in September, and students will have even more opportunities to try to new things and expand their experiences. That’s what Middle School is all about!

I would like to highlight the events that are coming up for GRADE 8s. Parents -please read through the WAG carefully, and let us know if you have any questions about the upcoming DISTRICT TRANSITION DAY May 19th, or our in-person Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony on June 20th.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of the mothers, grandmothers, and mother influences in our students’ lives a Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday. We appreciate working with you to help our students navigate these Middle Years. The impact you have on your children by supporting them, guiding them, and teaching them is immeasurable. Thank you.

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

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- JAMES E. FAUST

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.



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 9	Students with Indigenous Heritage—Field Trip to UVic
Tuesday, May 10	
Wednesday, May 11	Choir Festival Field Trip Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
Thursday, May 12	Moosehide Campaign Day
Friday, May 13	Last day for class placement requests

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, May 17	PAC Meeting—7pm—Voting in New Exec
Wednesday, May 18	Grade 6 Immunization pick up day
Friday, May 20	Pro-D Day—students not in session
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day—school not in session
Friday, May 27	Curriculum Completion Day—students not staying will be released at 11:35am

Gr. 6 Immunizations—Help, please :)



Want to help out?! 4 Parent Volunteers are requested from 8:30am to 11:50am on Wednesday, May 11th.

Parents will help with supporting students as they have their immunizations done by Island Health.

Please email Suzanne Weckend (Vice Principal) at sweckend@sd61.bc.ca if you are available to volunteer for 3+hrs on May 11th.

Invitation for Input: Arbutus Global's 2022-2023 Code of Conduct

Annually, every school in British Columbia is expected to, and given the opportunity to review its school's code of conduct. This is a living document that's purpose is to support our school in being a safe, caring and sustainable environment for all learners.

Please see the attached copy of our current Code of Conduct for reference. It can also be read on our website under the "Student Info" tab.

Staff, parents and students are invited to give input and we hope to hear from you. Please email Suzanne Weckend (Vice Principal) at sweckend@sd61.bc.ca with any suggestions, ideas or comments you have.

Thank you, Ms. Suzanne Weckend

MUSIC Performances

The music department is very busy preparing for upcoming concerts. Please mark these dates in your calendar:



- May 11: Choir performing at the West Coast Choir Festival. Permission forms were due this week. Please send the form if you haven't done so yet.
- May 17: Choir, Intermediate Strings and Grade 8 Band performing at Frank Hobbs and Campus View 8:30-noon
- May 26: Junior, Intermediate and Summit Strings performing in Strings Finale with students from all over our district. Notice will come home next week about this event. Students will arrive at 6:15 for a 7:00 performance at McKinnon Gym.

Arbutus GSA Return-It Fundraiser

Help us raise awareness about LGBTQ issues at Arbutus Global Middle School by raising funds to purchase:

- flags
- posters supplies
- custom pins & badges



Bring your returnables to the Return-it Depots at

4261 Glandford OR 655 Queens Ave OR 396 Quadra Street

USE THE CHARITABLE ACCOUNT:

"Arbutus Global Middle School GSA"



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

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ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

MAMMAMIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS
AND SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON
BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON
ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER

FROM: GREECE
TO:
ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE
847 COLVILLE ROAD
DATES: MAY 6, 7*, 8, 12*, 13, 14
*(50% CAPACITY)
EVENING SHOWS AT 7:00PM
MATINEE (MAY 8) AT 2:00PM

TICKETS
ADULT: \$12
STUDENT/SENIOR: \$10

VIP TICKETS
ADULT: \$20
STUDENT/SENIOR: \$18

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
[HTTPS://WWW.SHOWTIX4U.COM/EVENTS/ESQUIMALT](https://www.showtix4u.com/events/esquimalt)

MAMMA MIA! IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI). ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI.
WWW.MTISHOWS.COM

Victoria Ultimate Players Society (VUPS) Youth Summer League



This league is for beginners or veteran players ages 10-16 years old! Come learn and grow your skills with friends, and enjoy the summer with VUPS Youth Summer League.

<https://vups.bc.ca/e/vups-youth-summer-league-2022>

**Skill Development
Modified Gameplay
SOTG
7x7 & 5x5**

Participants will learn a variety of throws, movement skills, and play a variety of games to enhance their abilities and knowledge of the game

**Lansdowne Middle School
June 9th - July 28th
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Each session will run Thursday evenings at Lansdowne from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This time includes dynamic warm-up, cool down, and Spirit Circles

**Theme Weeks
Carnival Day
Halloween in July
Bring a Friend!
Collaboration/Equity
Multi-Ulti**

Each week the coaches and participants will have a particular focus of the day where they can set goals for themselves and others

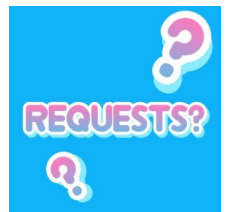
**Cost
\$40 for 8 weeks
+\$25 for a VUPS Youth Jersey
+\$10 for a VUPS Membership**

The \$40 is the total cost of the participant fee with the additional \$25 for a new VUPS jersey and the \$10 is a mandatory VUPS membership for all participants

<https://vups.bc.ca/>

REMINDER:
**7
Weeks
Of
School
Left!!!**

REMINDER:
**Class
Placement
Requests
for
2022-2023
are due
Friday,
May 13th.**



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

CHANGE YOUR WORDS TO CHANGE YOUR THINKING!

I give up
OR
Let me try another way!

This is too hard
OR
This may take some time and effort!

I made a mistake
OR
Mistakes help me learn!

I can't do math
OR
I am going to train my brain to do math!

One Learning Community May 2022

May 2022 Snapshot

Navigating Change and School Transitions

Change is a natural, expected part of life. But that doesn't mean it's easy. While some people thrive on change, most experience some level of discomfort around transitions. And some people really struggle when adjusting to a new situation. For teens, change can be particularly difficult.



One of our Global Action Exploratory groups in action at Haro Woods

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SPORTS UPDATE

This is a big time for sports.

BADMINTON

This past week was city playoffs for badminton and we had so many great athletes represent Arbutus. The following students will play at city finals on Monday, but we'd like to congratulate the whole team (more than 50 kids) and our representatives. For Gr. 6 Gavin and Tiger; Gr 7. Victor, Jake and Chris; and Gr 8, Kevin, Lorraine & Cindy will all play in their respective divisions. Good luck!



TRACK & FIELD

We've been training for weeks and Meet 1 is this Thursday, May 12. Events are 800m, 200m, 2000m, Girls long jump, Gr 6/7 boys high jump, boys discus and girls shot put. Athletes should be at the track by 3:30 and will meet Ms Walt in the stands for a jersey. Track events are run oldest to youngest and Field events are run youngest to oldest. Athletes should be listening for their event and can check in with Ms Walt or Ms Weekend if they have questions. Parents are welcome to attend and observe from the stands. Dress warmly! Next meet is May 18th.

*Also a reminder that high jump practice is Tuesdays at lunch.

RUGBY

Rugby continues for the next few weeks. The teams are doing great and look like they're having a blast! Next week the gr 6/7 team plays here at Arbutus in their last game of the season and the gr 7/8 team plays at GNS (**note the location change** from Spencer). The 7/8 team will also play in the end of year jamboree during the day of May 26th. Details to follow from Coach G.



GO TEAM AVALANCHE!

Interested in hosting an International Student?

The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program provides homestay accommodation for international students studying in the district's middle and secondary schools. They are currently looking for new host families. Hosting a student is a great opportunity for cultural exchange and the program offers orientation and on-going support. \$1100 per month is provided for student support (after July 1st.)

For more information, please reach out:

Website: www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay

Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca

Phone: 250-592-6871

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