

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

The time has come to say goodbye for the summer. And goodbye and good luck to our grade 8s and their families.

This week has been a roller coaster of emotions: we started with the in person Grade 8 Ceremony on Monday, which went incredibly smoothly due to the hard work of our VP, Suzanne Weckend, PAC, and the many parent volunteers who helped organize, plan, decorate, and execute the day. It was a joy to celebrate our 8’s and all they have accomplished; it is also bittersweet to know they will not be back next year. They have been an incredible group and we will miss them. (See photos on pages 2 and 3)

Tuesday, we started National Indigenous People’s Day with staff drumming the Children’s Blessing Song by Sherryl Sewepagaham (Cree-Dene) outside in front of the school, which we also performed at Thursday’s assembly. Honoring this day is important in our path to Reconciliation, and choosing a song that affirms our support of and care for children was a perfect choice by our amazing Music Teacher, Jennifer Hill.

Wednesday, on top of a variety of field trips, the whole school enjoyed Avalanche Fun Day, which included inflatables, a giant Slip and Slide, a movie in the cafeteria, foosball and table tennis, board games, floor hockey and badminton in the gym, karaoke, and so much more! Students also chose to just enjoy the sunshine on the field, relaxing and visiting with friends. It was awesome. (See photos on pages 2 and 3)

Then, Thursday. We started the day with a fun, celebratory assembly, which included an incredible slideshow by Ms Weckend and student recognition. We also took the opportunity to say goodbye to staff who will be leaving Arbutus this year: Mrs. Rankin (Div 2), Mrs. Golder (Counseling), Mr. Harte (Home Ec), Ms. Irish (Tech Ed), Mr. Gwilliam (Global Action and Outdoor Ed), M. Van Spronsen (Divs 17, 18, & 19), Madame Loschiavo (Divs 17, 18, & 19), Ms. Fierz (EA), Ms. Lang (EA), Mr. Scigliano (Div 3), Madame Caletagne (Div 16), and our beloved librarian, Ms. Popovic, who is retiring. Grade 8 Students Saanvi Katiredy and Zoe Gill gave a wonderful speech to share with Ms. Popovic how much she has meant to all of us.

We then ended with a staff dance to the song, “Celebration” by Kool and the Gang. By the end, most students were up clapping, dancing and singing along. From there, the whole school went to Gyro Beach for a day in the sun. It was the perfect way to end an incredible year.

Thank you to all of you families for all of the support, love, and care you give your children every day. We see it and benefit from it here at Arbutus Global; it forms the foundation on which we can build more learning and growth. We are grateful that you are also part of Team Avalanche.

Wishing you, our staff, and students a wonderful, restful, rejuvenating, and FUN summer.

— Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Sept. 5	Labour Day - no school
Tuesday, Sept. 6	First Day of School—students here 9:30-11:30
Wednesday, Sept. 7	
Thursday, Sept. 8	
Friday, Sept. 9	

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Sept. 6

First Day of School—students come 9:30-11:30

Friday, Sept 16

Photo Day

Watch for emails later in August for full start of year details.

Avalanche Fun Day!



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.

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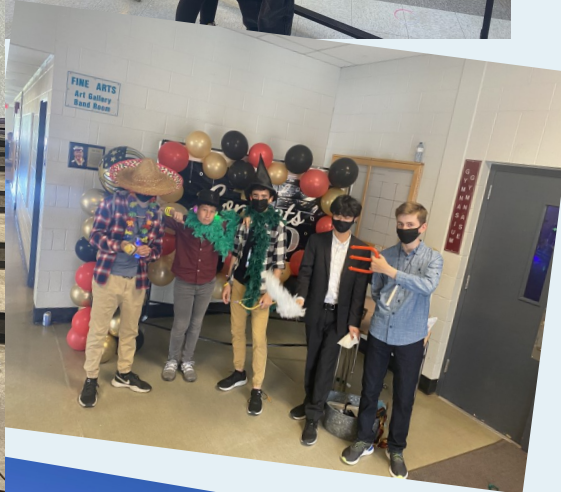
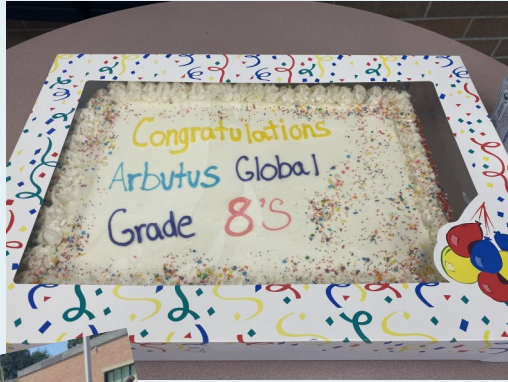
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Grade 8 Celebration Day



Beach Day Fun

