

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

How much excitement should it be legal to have in a week?!?! Well, here at Arbutus, ours has been full of great opportunities to connect, enjoy our school and each other, as well as begin to learn about some of our important systems to help things run smoothly.

First, Exploratory classes began on Monday. These are wonderful experiential learning opportunities for all students. Whether your child is in Drama, Home Ec, Tech Ed, Art, Global Action, or Outdoor Ed, we hope they’re embracing learning new things.

Next, we had Avalanche Fun Games and an Assembly on Wednesday. We saw a slideshow of our first week together, and revealed the top 5 winners of our “Kind, Respectful and Safe” poster contest (see photos). Congratulations to Ava Bond, Ava Deshaw, Saya McGran, Marissa Bestwick, and Harmony Pesta!

Lastly, today was Photo Day in the morning, and we had our FUN Earthquake Drill in the afternoon. (Thank you, sunshine!) We took the time to walk through the roles and responsibilities of staff during an Emergency Procedure and Reunification Drill, and it gave students an understanding and appreciation of how things work in an emergency. As you can see from pictures, we planned ahead to make it as enjoyable as possible, as well as educational.

Next week will be an unusual week with the day off on Monday to commemorate the Queen’s funeral, and a ProD Day on Friday. While Monday is a solemn occasion, we hope are able to use it to relax, and connect with loved ones.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families. — Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Sept. 19	School Closed in Honour of HRH Queen Elizabeth’s Funeral Service
Tuesday, Sept. 20	
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Terry Fox Run Meet the Teacher and PAC Family Pizza Picnic Hot Lunch Orders close
Thursday, Sept. 22	
Friday, Sept. 23	Pro-D Day—school not in session

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Thursday, Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day observed
Friday, Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—school not in session
Monday, Oct. 10	Thanksgiving—school not in session
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Parent Teacher Interviews—Dismissal at 1:45pm
Tuesday, Oct. 18	PAC Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 19	Grade 6 Immunizations in the morning
Wednesday, Oct 19	Parent Teacher Interviews—Dismissal at 1:45pm
Friday, Oct 21	Pro-D Day—school not in session

### Hot Lunch Program

We are again offering a hot lunch program.

Tuesdays—Pizza

Wednesday—Burrito

Thursday—Subway

You can place orders for our first term through our school cash online system: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>

**Deadline for ordering is: Wednesday, September 21**

**Late orders will NOT be accepted.**

**Hot lunch's will start Tuesday, September 27**



Our **student information package of forms** went home last week. Please return them as soon as possible so we can maintain the most accurate information on your student. Some of our forms can now be filled out online—information on those in in the package.



If you have a change of address—please know that we cannot make a change in our system without proof of address verification as outlined on the district website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/registration-guide/>



Please join us next **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** for our **Meet the Teacher and Community Picnic** here at Arbutus Global.

The plan is:

**6:00pm – Community Picnic** - families eat dinner outside on the field (or in the gym if raining) – bring your own food, or, get pizza from PAC if you pre-ordered.

**6:45-7:15pm** – Parents move to classes to **meet Advisory Teachers**

**7:15pm-7:30pm** – Students can take their families on a **school tour**

In addition to pre-orders, the PAC will have limited extra pizza and drinks available for sale on a first come, first serve basis for two toonies (\$4) per slice and a toonie (\$2) per drink—payable in cash. The Ice Cream Truck will also be there for families to purchase their treats on site.

### Terry Fox Fundraiser – please send loonies or toonies! (or more!)

Your child will be participating in Arbutus Global's Terry Fox Run in the morning of Wednesday, September 21st. Any donations to support the cause of Cancer Research is appreciated, so **please send loonies or toonies (or more if you wish!) with your child next week!**



No  
School  
Monday

School will be closed on

Monday,

September 19th

in observance of the funeral for HRH Queen Elizabeth II.



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



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Thought Exchange re: Student and Families Affordability Fund

You as parents and guardians should have received an email from the district regarding sharing your ideas about the Student and Families Affordability Fund through a Thought Exchange Survey.

In case you missed it, here is the information and link to participate:

*Responsive to rising costs of living due to global inflation, the Ministry of Education and Child Care is allocating \$60 million in one-time funding to school districts across the province to help meet the needs of students and families.*

*The funding is to assist families with affordability concerns and to help expand school meal programs, secure school supplies and cover any additional fees so all students have an opportunity and the tools required to succeed in the classroom.*

*As part of this funding, the Greater Victoria School District has received \$1.9M. We are now seeking input from our learning community to understand the needs of the families in our school district to appropriately allocate the funds across our 48 schools. We invite you to share your thoughts using this online forum, ThoughtExchange.*

As you participate it's important to understand:

- Your thoughts will be shared exactly as you entered them
- Your thoughts and ratings will be seen by other participants
- Each participant remains anonymous unless you share your name

**To participate:** <https://tejoin.com/scroll/797141058>

*A summary engagement report will be brought forward to the Board of Education prior to the determination of funding allocation. The one-time funding is to be fully spent by June 30, 2023.*

*Your voice is important. Thank you for participating!*

***This exchange closes at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.***

PLEASE - NO PARKING IN PULL OUTS BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL

**At Arbutus Global, safety for students, staff, and our wider community is our number one priority.**

Please recognize that there are many families who are trying to drop their children off quickly and safely, and need access to these pull-outs to do so. **So, please, if you are dropping your child off in the morning, do so and move on as quickly as possible.** Also, please remember you should not be pulling into driveways and backing out, or making U-turns. **Please plan your route so that you can drop off/pick up and keep going in the same direction.**



And... just a reminder that it builds student independence and wellness to walk, bike, scooter or skateboard (with helmets!), even if it's just from a few blocks away.

**SD61 Island Ukuleles "B Group" is OPEN for new registrations!**

Aloha! This dynamic group of students meets every Monday evening at Oak Bay High School (6:30 – 8:00pm) and has spaces open for new registrations from grade 4 through 8. No previous ukulele experience is required to join the "B Group", though, it is an asset. Our registration fees cover the entire year of music lessons including performance opportunities! We look forward to having your student join us this year! Please visit [www.islandukulele.org](http://www.islandukulele.org) for more information and to register your student. All registrations must be received by September 19 and can be done online or the day of at Oak Bay High School.

Mahalo!



IT'S FINALLY HERE!  
VIP BASKETBALL

**GIRLS ISLAND PERFORMANCE CENTRE**

DETAILS

What: Skills and Drills  
Where: Claremont Secondary, 4980 Wesley Road  
When: Sundays: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 16, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec 4  
2-4pm females ages 10-12 (Grades 5-7)  
4-6pm females ages 13-16 (Grades 8-10)  
COST \$285 For Basketball BC Members  
\$320 for non members

Sign-Up on the Website!

<https://vancouverislandplayers.webnode.page/skills-clinics/>

DETAILS

Join Coach Thiessen  
• Camosun College

Coach Finlayson  
• BC Summer Games

Along with several current and former USport and CCAA athletes over 8 weeks to sharpen your skills for the upcoming season!

