

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It has been a wonderful week of teachers, students and parents /guardians connecting with Parent-Teacher Interviews. Thank you to everyone for making the effort to come and connect – we've had one of the best turnouts ever for parent and guardian attendance.

It is no wonder – many mentioned that they are thrilled to be able to come back into the building more this year. And we are happy to have you! Working as a team to support students is crucial to their success, and we appreciate those who were able to make the time to be here. If you were unable to attend but still want to connect with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), please do not hesitate to send them an email to set up a time to chat.



This week, swimming has started, and competitive basketball games will start next week. The Rec Schedule will be out soon. Several teachers, Ms Weckend, and I also had the privilege of judging Cupcake Contests in Foods with Ms Winterburn... so many were delicious and beautiful! I was very impressed with their skills and appreciate the fun and creativity they expressed in choosing their own recipes and decorations.



As part of our value of Celebrating Diversity, I wanted to share with you about Diwali festival of lights, which starts next week on October 24th and lasts for several days. (Thanks to our school counselor, Sonia Manak, for helping me gather this information).

It is a festival that is celebrated by millions around the world. As it is not as widely known and we have students in our school that may be celebrating, I wanted to share some information about Diwali.



Here's a little overview: Diwali, or Dipawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row(awali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus and Sikhs as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that is enjoyed by most Indians regardless of faith: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs throughout India and South Asia. <http://thefactfile.org/diwali-facts/>

I hope you are able to take some time to learn more about and acknowledge this beautiful festival and the message of good overcoming evil. :)

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

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Oct. 24	Diwali—Festival of Lights begins	
Tuesday, Oct. 25	Photo Retakes in the morning PAC Meeting—7pm—link on pg 2	
Wednesday, Oct. 26		
Thursday, Oct. 27		
Friday, Oct. 28		

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, Oct 31	Hallowe'en
Sunday, Nov 6	Daylight Savings Ends—Clocks "Fall" back an hour
Thursday, Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday, Nov 11	Remembrance Day—School not in session
Monday, Nov 14	Pro-D Day—Students not in session

Music

update:

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our Poinsettia fundraiser so far. Order forms and payments are due to Mr. Mazza or Mrs. Hill on Tuesday. See attached if you need more copies of the information newsletter or forms. We are still looking for a volunteer parent to organize a silent auction for the Poinsettia concerts.



Microsoft Teams Arbutus Global PAC meeting—7pm

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Meeting ID: 283 249 329 16

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Immunization consent packages for grade 6 students

will be sent home shortly. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school. Students in grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 6 students on November 29, 2022.

Contact the local Health Unit at 250-519-5100 if you have any questions.



Family Remembrance Day Photos, please

If you have a connection to someone who is or has been in the military, please **share a .jpg picture** of this person with us so we can include the photo in our *Arbutus Global Remembers* slideshow at our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th. **WE NEED THE PHOTOS TO MAKE THE SLIDESHOW BY NOVEMBER 4th.** In addition to the photo(s), it would be helpful if you could identify the person or people in the photograph, and let us know the context and connection to Arbutus Global. For this, could you **please include:**

1. Your child's first and last name,
2. The first and last names of the person/people in the photo
3. The relationship of person in photo to student at Arbutus
4. Rank and/or titles of the person/people in the photograph
5. Which part of the Armed Forces they served in
6. The wars or conflicts the person/people has/have served in.

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



Please email the .jpeg (or similar file format) and explanation to Suzanne Weckend at sweckend@sd61.bc.ca.

If you have provided us a photo and information in the past two years, please e-mail Ms. Weckend by November 4th to remind her of your child's name and the person/people in the photo, so she can re-use them. No need to send again.

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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It's Socktober, and our Global Action grade 7s have organized a sock drive to collect socks for the [Kiwanas Emergency Youth Shelter](#). Boxes will be located outside the school office to collect new or slightly used (unstained) socks until Monday Oct. 31. Please help our kids understand the importance of charity and caring for youth in need by purchasing and/or donating socks for the oncoming wet winter. **Our goal is 250 pairs of socks!**

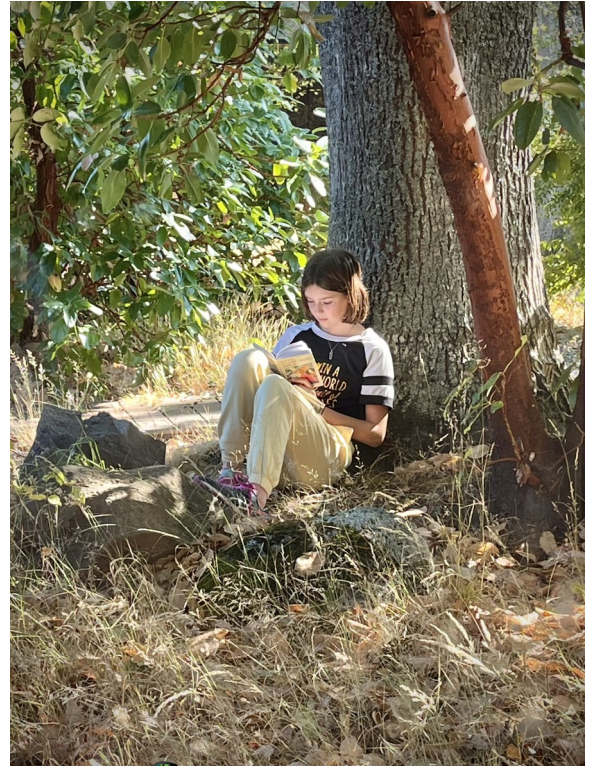


Athletics update:

Swim club began their first practice this week. If your child is interested in joining please consult the last WAG for more info or e-mail the parent co-ordinator: teresa.pitt@gmail.com

Basketball is ramping up! Our gym is literally busy morning, noon and night, and our competitive teams will start playing next week. We are waiting on a game schedule for our rec teams and then will have their forms out ASAP. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Go Avalanche!



Over the past week our Grade 8 divisions have received a presentation by our Police Liaison Officers Dean and Alex, with Saanich Police. The topics for discussion included; safe online security and communication, what to do if you feel you're being communicated with inappropriately online, Halloween night behaviours and expectations, and trends that the Saanich Police are noticing specific to middle school aged children. The conversations were insightful, important and made an impact that we believe will support our students in making informed, respectful, kind and safe choice both inside and outside school. Thank you to Dean and Alex for connecting with Arbutus Global students and staff!

