

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

This week was a little quieter as we settle into routines and deeper learning.

It was **International Teacher's Day** on Wednesday, and Ms Weckend and I took the opportunity to go into every class to thank teachers and Educational Assistants for their hard work and dedication with our students. We are very fortunate to have such a committed group of educators at Arbutus Global, and I am a very proud principal indeed. ;)

It was Mental Health Awareness Week and it will be World Mental Health Day on October 10th. Ms. Weckend and I have been visiting Grade 6 and 7 classrooms to discuss the importance of being able to identify our emotions and what we need when we are not feeling at our best. We focus on students sharing the strategies they use or could use to help them self-regulate and access support at school. This helps raise student awareness and develop skills to help them support themselves and their classmates in being their best selves. At Arbutus, we look out for each other!

Parent Teacher interviews will be coming up on October 18th and 19th. Sign up will begin next week. Your child's teacher will email you the link to make your appointment along with instructions. Keep an eye out! We hope everyone is able to take the time to connect around their child's learning, as we feel working together as a team helps students feel supported and successful.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your families in the sunshine.

— Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Oct. 10	Thanksgiving—No School
Tuesday, Oct. 11	
Wednesday, Oct. 12	
Thursday, Oct. 13	
Friday, Oct. 14	



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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Saturday, Oct. 15	Municipal Elections
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Parent Teacher Interviews— Dismissal at 1:45pm
Tuesday, Oct. 18	PAC Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 19	Grade 6 Immunizations (rescheduled for November 29)
Wednesday, Oct 19	Parent Teacher Interviews— Dismissal at 1:45pm
Friday, Oct 21	Pro-D Day—school not in session
Tuesday, Oct 25	Photo Retakes in the morning

ARBUTUS SPORTS



The first three fall sports have come to an end with Arbutus representing amazingly well on the rugby pitch, on the ultimate frisbee field and on the cross-country route. We are so proud of our student-athletes and we are so thankful of both our community coaches (Coach Hill, Coach Kevin and Coach Danny) and our staff coaches.

We are now fully turning our attention to basketball. We are slowly getting teams organized and off the ground with our gr 8s all practicing this past week and adding our 6 & 7 teams in as we can. We are looking at 9 teams for our students this year so gym space is tight but we're excited that we have so many keen players in the building. A schedule of practices is available on the website and is updated in real time under program and clubs and then Athletics.



ALSO we are starting a **SWIM TEAM!** After an extended Covid break, we are excited to offer an Arbutus Swim Team. The pool time is Thursdays from 3:15-4 at Gordon Head Pool and all of the information of season length, cost, meets etc. is available in the attached parent letter. Thank you so much to Teresa Pitt for offering to take this on.

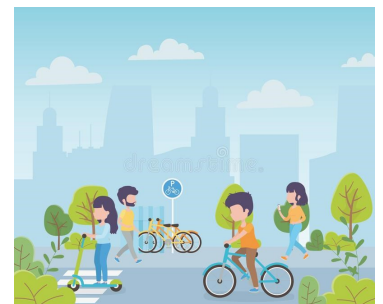


Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place Tuesday, October 18 & Wednesday, October 19. **Students will be dismissed at 1:45** both days. Your students teacher will be sending out an email next week with instructions on signing up for appointments directly with them. Hot lunch will continue on both of these dates.

Being considerate in our neighbourhoods

Please have conversations with your students regarding good etiquette around bike safety and behavior in our neighbourhoods. We have received calls and emails from concerned neighbours and neighbouring schools regarding middle school aged students being in their yards, speaking harshly or profanely to adults, unsafe bike safety on pathways (including those around Frank Hobbs Elementary). Encourage them to slow down on walking/bike paths and be cautious passing by people walking on them. It is always good to be kind and respectful to the people who live in the homes close to our school.



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