

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

Today we held our first in-person Remembrance Day ceremony in two years, and it was wonderful.

Ivey Su of Division 17 and Elliot Olatunji of Division 10 showed maturity and poise as our student speakers, and Mr. Mazza’s rendition of The Last Post and Reveille set the mood perfectly. We appreciate that students demonstrated a high level of respect by staying silent throughout the ceremony.

Many thanks to our Music teachers, Michael Mazza and Jennifer Hill, who led the Grade 8 Band, Choir, and Summit Strings in several pieces, including O’Canada. Mrs. Hill also led Mr. Tran’s Division 13 class in Indigenous drumming the Equality song by Patrick Aleck of the Snueymuxw (Snu-ney-moch) First Nation.

Other highlights included students from each division laying wreaths while the slideshow of family members who have served in the Armed Forces played, and hearing about the experiences of our inspiring guest speaker, Lt N Catherine Gray. She shared about her experiences as a current member of the Navy and spoke about promoting Canadian values across the world.

I hope you are able to take some time tomorrow to stop and reflect on the sacrifices that have been made so that we may a life of freedom. Have a wonderful weekend with your families. — *Carrie Schlappner* - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Nov. 14	PRO-D Day—School not in session
Tuesday, Nov. 15	PAC MEETING—7pm-8pm —MS Teams Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODRmZDIIM2UtYjYzOS00OGIyLWlwYTktNDBiNDk4Y2YxN2Jj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228a520c68-fb98-411b-895a-4dda2896b742%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22760497e2-2c14-454a-9580-100f6cf4d067%22%7d
Wednesday, Nov. 16	
Thursday, Nov. 17	
Friday, Nov. 18	

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Saturday, Nov 19	Transgender Day of Remembrance
Mon Nov 21-28th	Munro Virtual Book Fair (see info below)
Thursday, Nov 24	Indigenous Student Lunch
Friday, Nov 25	Curriculum Completion Day— Early Dismissal 11:35am for students not required to stay
Tuesday, Nov 29	Grade 6 Immunizations (please get forms back ASAP ;))
Wednesday, Nov 30	Poinsettia Concert—7pm in the Gym
Thursday, Dec 1	Poinsettia Concert—7pm in the Gym
Wednesday, Dec 14	Reports Home
Thursday, Dec 15	Indigenous Student lunch
Friday, Dec 16	Last Day of School before Winter Break—PJs and Hot Chocolate Day!

ARBUTUS WEAR

It's that time of year again!

Our Arbutus Wear is available for purchase from the Online Store until end of day on **Monday, Nov. 14** (note –this is the Pro-D Day). **Late orders will not be accepted.** We anticipate delivery in early December. If you are purchasing the item(s) as a gift, please email Shauna: shjohnson@sd61.bc.ca—and we will put the order aside for you; otherwise, we hand the orders out when they arrive.



[Click here for the store](#)

ARBUTUS ATHLETICS



Basketball continues to keep our gym full from 7:30 am to 6pm daily.

See the link below for practice times and game locations.

Playoffs are 2 weeks away for our competitive teams while our rec teams are preparing for their next games.

Our swim team also continues with an upcoming meet on Nov 27th. Families of team members can refer to the e-mail from the parent organizer for more information.

Our Athletics schedule is available here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1toeRQKeG6Tn4YPNO7mQFdehU4Ah8liBZTa7CXcTzhKU/edit?usp=sharing>



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Global Middle School

Virtual Book Fair

November 21-28

At Munro's Books ~ www.munrobooks.com

Shop at Munro's Books online or in store between November 21-28 and tell us that you'd like your purchase to support the Arbutus Middle School Library, and we'll give them HALF of the profits from your purchase to buy books for the school library!

*Please mention that you are shopping for the ARBUTUS VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR at our checkout or in your online order notes.

*You can order online for pickup or delivery. Delivery is an \$10 flat rate Sooke-Sidney and shipping is free in BC for orders over \$100 (before tax).

*In stock items only – includes books, games, toys, cards, and much more!



MUNRO'S BOOKS

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Student Family

Affordability Fund

Families: if you are in need of assistance to support the cost of field trips, school supplies, food or clothing for students, please email Ms.

Schlappner at cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca

We are happy to help.



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