

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

It was a fairly quiet week after our Monday ProD Day. Arbutus Global hosted three events on the day, including a French Immersion conference, a Proficiency Scale opportunity, and a Music Teachers and Proficiency Scales activity. All were well-attended and provided wonderful learning opportunities for our staff. Professional Learning is my happy place, and it was a fantastic day to connect with colleagues and push each other’s thinking around some important topics.

Looking forward to next week, just a reminder that it is Curriculum Completion Day (CC Day) next Friday. Please use this coming weekend to support your children in getting caught up on assignments so they do not need to stay on CC Day. Letters will be coming home today or Monday for you to sign and return.

On Sunday, November 20th, it is Transgender Day of Remembrance. It was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. As a school that has students who identify as transgender, non-binary and questioning, we want to make sure that they know they are well supported in a safe school and community. At Arbutus our core values are to be inclusive and treat everyone with kindness, respect and safety – and this is just one more way we can do that.



It looks like it is going to be another beautiful weekend. Have a wonderful time with your families.

— Carrie Schlappner - Principal

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Nov. 21	
Tuesday, Nov. 22	
Wednesday, Nov. 23	
Thursday, Nov. 24	Indigenous Student Lunch
Friday, Nov. 25	Curriculum Completion Day: Early dismissal at 11:35am unless required to stay to complete school work.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Nov 29	Grade 6 Immunizations
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!



**École Arbutus
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!*



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Hot Lunch for Term 2

We will again be offering the hot lunch option for Term 2. You will be able to purchase these online starting **Thursday, December 15 through to Friday, January 6.**

Hot lunch program will start the week of January 16.

We will be offering the following options:

- Monday—Sushi
- Tuesday—Pizza
- Wednesday—Burrito
- Thursday—Subway

Please note: the last day for Term 1 lunches will be Thursday, December 8. There will be no lunch options the final week before the Winter Break.

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.



ARBUTUS ATHLETICS



Our basketball season is nearing an end with Gr 8 boys playoffs starting next week, Gr 6/7 teams playoffs happening the week after and our Rec teams finishing up their season in the following two weeks as well. Our athletes continue to play hard, work together and develop new skills. Good luck to all teams in the last two weeks. Go Avalanche!

The swim team has one practice remaining before their first meet of the year on Sunday Nov 27th. This will be a great experience at Commonwealth pool.

With basketball winding down, we are looking to volleyball season and getting our teams set before the winter break. If you are interested in coaching, especially a gr 6 boys team, please e-mail mpeddle@sd61.bc.ca.

Our Athletics schedule is available here:

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

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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Poinsettia Concerts are fast approaching!

These concerts begin at 7:00 pm in our school gymnasium and we look forward to welcoming all families back to enjoy these concerts in person.

There are no tickets required for this event.

November 30: Band 7, Intermediate and Summit Strings, Avalanche Band, Choir

Dec 1: Band 6, Band 8, Junior Strings, Summit Jazz

Arrival times:

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30 :

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| 6:00 p.m. | Avalanche Band in the Music Room |
| | Summit & Intermediate Strings in the Gym |
| 6:30 p.m. | Choir in the Drama Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | Grade 7 Band in the Music Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Concert Begins |



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 :

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| 6:00 p.m. | Summit Jazz Band in Music Room |
| | Junior Strings in the Gym |
| 6:30 p.m. | Grade 8 Band in the Music room |
| | Grade 6 Band in Drama Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Concert Begins |

Poinsettia Sales: Thank you to all families that have participated in this fundraiser! It was a great success. The flowers are being delivered on November 30 and will be displayed at our concert. **Parent volunteers are needed** for after the concert to distribute the flowers. If your child sold a large number of poinsettias (more than 20 plants), please contact us at arbutusmusic@sd61.bc.ca if you'd like to arrange additional pick up times.

If you can volunteer to help distribute plants after a concert, please email us at arbutusmusic@sd61.bc.ca

