

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It has been such a fun week! Field Trips and Movies and Dances, Oh, My!

First off, some “housekeeping”: we hope all families received their children’s Report Cards this past Wednesday. If you did not, they will be in the office for pick up in the New Year. Also, please keep an eye out for an email today announcing our new electronic devices policy for January. We appreciate your understanding and support in our efforts to create a calm, focused, healthy, and purposeful learning environment for all. Also, please note: we just noticed an error on our school calendar. **Our January ProD Day is Monday, JANUARY 23rd, NOT the 30th.**

We had our first school-wide dance in three years on Wednesday afternoon. It was a BLAST. Many thanks to PAC for supporting the cost of the DJ. We also had our annual Door Decorating Contest. Congrats to Division 8 for the win (see below)! Also, thanks to all families who contributed to our Food Drive – we were overwhelmed by the generosity – and congratulations to Division 11 for bringing in the most items. And a shout out to Division 7 who was runner up in both the door decorating and food drive! We are so proud of you, Team Avalanche!

Today, it was PJ day, and Ms Weckend and I served Hot Chocolate to students while members of the Choir sang carols in the Cafeteria. It was fun to connect with students just before the break to hear about plans and wish them a good holiday. A great way to end the term.

Have a wonderful, restful Winter Break with your families.

Carrie Schlappner  
- Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Jan. 2	Stat Holiday—no school
Tuesday, Jan. 3	First day back after Winter Break
Wednesday, Jan. 4	
Thursday, Jan. 5	
Friday, Jan. 6	Deadline for Term 2 Hot Lunch Orders



# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sunday, Jan 8	Grade 8 Bottle Drive
Sunday, Jan 15	Black Shirt Day
Monday, Jan 16	Black Shirt Day observed
Monday, Jan 16	Term 2 Hot Lunches start
Sunday, Jan 22	Chinese New Year
Monday, Jan 23	Late French Registration Week. Registration closes Friday, Jan 27
Monday, Jan 23	Pro-D Day for all Middle Schools in SD61 *** <b>Was incorrect on calendar</b>
Friday, Jan 27	Deadline for Grade 8 Applications for Programs of Choice

To report your students absence, [call our main phone line \(250-477-1878\)](tel: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.

If your student needs to leave early for an appointment—please email [attendance62@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:attendance62@sd61.bc.ca) as well as letting the teacher know. If the Office hasn't been informed that your student has permission to leave, we will have them call you so we can have confirmation that they can sign out.

**Grade 8 Fundraiser**  
**BOTTLE DRIVE!**

SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!  
SAVE THE DATE!

**JANUARY 8TH, 2023**  
**10AM - 2PM**  
ARBUTUS GLOBAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
2306 Edgelow Street, Victoria BC

All funds raised will go towards our Grade 8 class trip!

Term 2 Hot Lunch order deadline is Friday, Jan 6 through our school cash online [here](#)  
Late orders will not be accepted.

## Grade 8 families.

It's time to start thinking about High School! Many of the Secondary schools offer Programs of Choice: Flex studies; Soccer Academy, Rugby Academy, Hockey Academy, Baseball and Softball Academy and Challenge Program.

All of them will have an information session for parents/guardians and students early in January. Application deadline for Programs of Choice is Friday, Jan. 27th.

**HOLD ON TO YOUR REPORT CARDS—THEY WILL BE NEEDED FOR APPLICATIONS!! THE OFFICE MAY NOT HAVE TIME TO REPRINT THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

