

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It was another great week at Arbutus Global. One of the main highlights from this week was that some of our grade 8 students attended the district's Student Symposium to be able to add student voice to the budget decision-making process.

In the morning, students took part in sessions to learn more about the topics for discussion, and give them the context they needed to share their ideas and opinions. The morning sessions included ones on Climate, Technology, Cultural Responsiveness, and Mental Health and Wellbeing, then the afternoon was a budget simulation. Many thanks to Madame Putman for taking the students to participate, and Ms Weckend for organizing. It sounds like it was an amazing day and we look forward to hearing more about it!

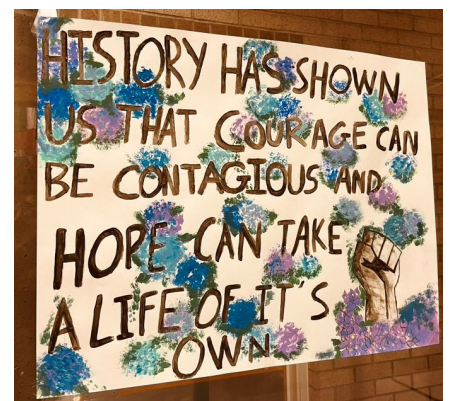
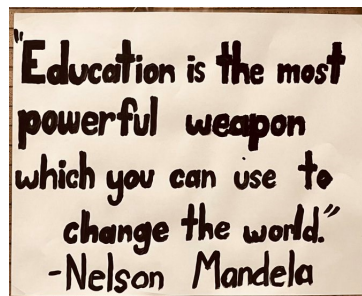
Just a reminder that it is Black Excellence Day on Monday, and we encourage staff and students to wear black to show support. The date was chosen because it is Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.



To quote from the provincial proclamation, "The term "Black Excellence" was born out of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, and recognizing Black Excellence Day in British Columbia is a step towards reconciliation and recognition of the ongoing civil rights struggles of Black British Columbians and encourages everyone to learn more about the history and contributions of Black British Columbians". As Celebrating Diversity is one of our key school values, we hope you will join us in participating in this day.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Jan. 16	Black Excellence Day observed Hot lunch program starts today
Tuesday, Jan. 17	PAC Meeting—via MS Teams—see link on page 2
Wednesday, Jan. 18	
Thursday, Jan. 19	
Friday, Jan. 20	

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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
Wednesday, Jan 25	Band—Elementary School Visits for Intermediate, Summit Strings, Choir and Grade 8 Band
Friday, Jan 27	Deadline for Grade 8 Applications for Programs of Choice and Late French Registration
Monday, Feb 6	K-12 Transfer process is open—deadline is Friday, Feb 10 at 3:30pm

ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

Volleyball games start next week with the Grade 7 and Grade 8 teams playing on Monday. All other teams start playing the week after, but practices will continue throughout the week. Forms have come home for players with game and practice information. Please sign and return to the office ASAP. Go Avalanche!



Our Athletic schedule for practices and games can be found [here](#)



PAC Meeting will be held via MS Teams this week.

[AGMS PAC Meeting - Tuesday, Jan. 17th 7-8pm](#)

Transfers and Transitions:

The District Transfer process takes place the week of February 6-10. Transfer forms will not be available until Friday, February 3. Forms will be accepted Monday, Feb. 6—Friday, Feb. 10.

Parents will be informed of placement acceptance for High School Programs of Choice and for Late French prior to this week.

If your student is planning on switching from French to English, you will require a transfer form.

Volleyball is in full swing at AGMS. If any students (and their families) would like to watch some high-level volleyball, the Camosun Chargers have two weekends of home games this month (January 13/14 and January 27/28). Kids under 12 are free. Youth (12-17) are \$4 and adults are \$6. Come support the Camosun Chargers - the games are always exciting to watch with amazing athletes displaying their talents. Perhaps your own volleyball star will be inspired by these athletes.

Game schedule: <https://camosun.ca/chargers/schedules-results>

Ticket information: <https://camosun.ca/chargers/connect>

Grade 8 students applying for Mt. Doug Challenge

If your student will be attending the written test portion on Friday, Jan 27, please report your student's absence to our attendance line to avoid getting an absence call out from us.

Elementary School Concerts:

Intermediate and Summit Strings, Choir and Grade 8 Band

These groups will be visiting our feeder schools to perform for students on Wednesday Jan 25. Students will be traveling via school bus to perform at Campus View and Frank Hobbs. Students should come to school dressed in their uniform with their instrument(s) and music, a water bottle and a pocket snack. We will return to the school at approximately 12:00 pm and students will attend their regular afternoon classes. There will be choir before school that day.

To report your student's 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 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 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 get confirmation that they can sign out. **Informing the teacher does not always mean the Office gets the information!! Please email our attendance as well.**

