

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello wonderful parents and guardians:

Now that COVID restrictions are (mostly) over, we would love to welcome more guest speakers and presenters from our community into Arbutus Global. We are also committed to building our knowledge and practices around being anti-racist and culturally responsive. With Lunar New Year starting on Sunday, and Black History Month starting February 1st, we thought these would be great opportunities to do both of those things.

If you or anyone you know in our community may be interested in coming in to present to / work with classes around these cultural events, or in general around anti-racism, we'd love to learn from you. We also have a whole-school assembly planned for Wednesday, January 25th, to launch Black History Month, where a guest speaker would be very welcome.

Do you have other ideas to share? We'd love to hear from you - please complete this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/iBYNfh88uAHfFrD17>

Please email Ms Schlappner at cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca if you would like to volunteer to present at our assembly or come work with students another time.

Thanks so much for your ongoing assistance and support of our students and their learning.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Carrie Schlappner -
Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Sunday, Jan 22	Lunar New Year begins
Monday, Jan. 23	Middle School Pro-D—students not in session Late French Registration opens
Tuesday, Jan. 24	
Wednesday, Jan. 25	Music students visiting Elementary School in the morning
Thursday, Jan. 26	
Friday, Jan. 27	Mt. Doug Challenge Test—if your student is writing, please inform our attendance.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

January 27-29	Music Discoveries—UVic Music Camp
Monday, Feb 6	K-12 Transfer process is open—deadline is Friday, Feb 10 at 3:30pm
Monday, Feb 13	Grade 8 Music Trip Parent Meeting
Friday, Feb 17	Pro-D Day—students not in session
Monday, Feb 20	Family Day Stat Holiday—school not in session
Wednesday, Feb 22	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, Feb 24	Curriculum Completion Day—Students not required to stay will be dismissed at 11:35 am
Wednesday, Mar 8	Victoria Sings—Choir Performance
Friday, Mar 10	Grade 8 Ski Trip

ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

Volleyball, the boys gr 7 & 8 teams started their seasons off with exhibition games. They learned how to play together and got some good points to train until their games in 2 weeks. The rest of the teams will start playing this week and we will see their growth in practice over this time.

Rugby signup has also begun for all players.

The results for the swim team were posted from their last meet with many positive results for Arbutus swimmers. We have been told that the last meet is February 26th so only a few more practices before the end of the season.

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



Music—Band and Choir

Upcoming Important Dates:

- ◆ Wednesday, Jan 25—Elementary School Visits
- ◆ January 27-29—Music Discoveries: UVic Music Camp
- ◆ Monday, Feb 13—Grade 8 Music Trip Parent Meeting 6-7pm
- ◆ Wednesday, Mar 8—Victoria Sings: Choir performance
- ◆ Wednesday, Apr 19—Arbutus Night of Music. UVic Farquhar Auditorium at 7pm.

Please see the PDF attached to the email and on our website for full details.



Thank you Arbutus Families. You brought in 18,521 units to be recycled, helping us to raise \$1481!!

Thank you to our PAC for organizing and running this successful fundraiser for our Grade 8 students.

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 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.**

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