

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It has been a fun-filled first week back! We held our first Term 2 Assembly on Wednesday, and then our Staff vs Students Soccer Game against Grade 6s on Thursday.

At the assembly, we viewed a dynamic Term 1 slideshow (thanks, Ms Weckend!), recognized our sports teams, music program and clubs, and took the opportunity to review things like our new cell phone policy to ensure there is no confusion about how things will work. As you can see, lots of laughs were shared with staff and students in our "Pin the Nose on the Snowman" game at the assembly... Grade 8s won!

Then the Staff vs Students game was fantastic – full of high energy, intensity, and pro moves. Staff won the game, but the students won the crowd – especially Santino Meyer, who scored the only goal against the staff. Great job, Santino! Grades 7s and 8s will get their turn playing against staff later this year.

Kudos to Olivia Doyle who refereed, and the many grade 8 coaches who worked with the teams. Many thanks as well to M. Tran and Mr. Clemens, who are organizing the Staff vs Students events, and to those staff who put their bodies (and pride!) on the line to play. One of the highlights had to be when Mr. Lemon, goofing around, started dribbling the ball and threw it at a basketball net – and it went in! 3 pointer!

It feels so good to be back to normal, doing joy-filled activities like this with our students. It's part of what makes Team Avalanche so wonderful, and we look forward to doing more as the year goes on.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Jan. 9

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Late French Immersion
Zoom Information Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 12

Friday, Jan. 13

Our Hot Lunch Program starts Monday, January 16. If you have placed orders, please note that you will need to send a lunch with your students for next week.

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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 *** Was incorrect on calendar
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.](#)

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.**

Grade 8 families.

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.

Discover Your Passion in Secondary Programs of Choice

Are you thinking about registering in a Secondary Program of Choice for the 2023-2024 school year?

Attend an information session for parents/guardians and students to learn more about the options available:

January 5th
Flexible Studies: Leadership in Learning
Reynolds Secondary, 7:00 p.m. in gym

January 11th
Esquimalt Rugby Academy
Esquimalt Secondary, 7:00 p.m. in gym

January 17th
Baseball and Softball Academy
Lambrick Park Secondary, 7:00 p.m. in library

January 5th
Centre for Soccer Excellence (CSE)
Reynolds Secondary, 7:45 p.m. in gym

January 12th
Spectrum Hockey Skills Academy
Spectrum Secondary, 7:00 p.m. in library

January 10th
Challenge Program
(Offered at Mount Doug and Esquimalt Secondary)
Mount Doug Secondary, 7:00 p.m. in gym

Application deadline for Secondary Programs of Choice is Friday, January 27, 2023.

For more information on Secondary Programs of Choice, please visit the school websites.

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Grade 8 Fundraiser
BOTTLE DRIVE!

THIS SUNDAY

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!

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION:

Please join us for a virtual Open House to discuss Late French Immersion. We will discuss the concept of a district program of choice, what to expect in grade 6 Late Frim, registration and we will have plenty of time for you to ask questions. Please click on link to attend:

Parent Information Session

Late French Immersion Open House
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Please click here to attend: [https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/67320101228?](https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/67320101228?pwd=SFVhSzVPSkovdzZ1T2hTQmx1aEFBZz09)

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LATE FRENCH IMMERSION Registration will be open online the week of January 23–27.

Happy New Year!

Volleyball is in full swing now and practice schedules are set as follows:

Gr 8 boys: Thurs and Fri -7:30am

Gr 7 boys: Tues at lunch and Weds after school

Gr 6 boys: Weds 7:30am and Friday at lunch

Gr 8 girls: Mon 7:30am and Thurs after school

Gr 7 girls: Mon and Weds at lunch (Tues after school this coming week)

Gr 6 girls competitive: Mon and Fri after school

Gr 6 girls rec: Mon at lunch (this week) and Thurs at lunch

Practices will change as games are scheduled by the leagues. Forms will be sent home with players as game schedules come out and cancelled practices will be communicated then.

Thank you for all your support for the teams and a special thank you to our parent coaches!

Our Athletic schedule can be found [here](#)

**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 not be accepted before 8:30am Monday, February 6.

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

Elementary School Concerts - Wednesday January 25

Intermediate and Summit Strings, Choir and Grade 8 Band



The groups listed above will be visiting our feeder schools to perform for students on Wednesday Jan 25. Students in Choir, Intermediate and Summit Strings, and Grade 8 Band 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.