

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

February is flying by, and we had a wonderful end to our second week with our own version of Carnaval.

The grade 8 English teams of Arctic and Frostbite organized several fun stations for students to do, including “skiing”, human curling, pin the hat on Bonhomme, kin-ball, as well as bringing in yummy Beaver Tails to enjoy. Bonhomme even paid us a visit! Many thanks to Ms Beatty, Ms French, Mr Howe and Mr Stephen for organizing!

I cannot say enough about how thrilling it is to have school-wide activities like this back after almost three years of having to “hold back.” Seeing the looks on students’ faces, hearing them laugh as they interact with each other, and experiencing us being in community in these positive ways is really what Team Avalanche is all about.

I am filled with gratitude for our wonderful staff who create opportunities like this for our students.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Feb. 13	
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Wednesday, Feb. 15	
Thursday, Feb. 16	
Friday, Feb. 17	Pro-D Day—Students not in session

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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
Wednesday, Mar 15	Term 2 Report Cards go home

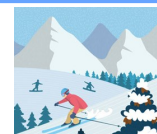
Music—Band and Choir

Upcoming Important Dates:

- 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.



GRADE 8 SKI TRIP



The **due date for returning these forms** to the student's Division Teacher is **February 21st**, but earlier is helpful.

*If the cost of the trip is a barrier to your child's participation please email cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca as we hope every grade eight who would like to partake in the trip will attend. Your request will be kept in confidence.

Grade 8 Global Action students are organizing a few fundraising events to donate money to organizations involved in the relief efforts in Turkey and Syria.



Events (jellybean raffle; bake sale; rock/paper/scissors 50/50 tournament) will require \$1 or \$2 for entry or purchase. There will also be a donation kitty in the office for general donations by students and families. Thank you for your help.

ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

Volleyball:

The season continues for all of our teams. They are representing Arbutus well and competitive teams continue game play next week.

Rugby: practices are now only Wednesdays.

Basketball: Our Maroon team continues to train for provincials. They play an exhibition game against Monterey on Wednesday, Feb 15th at Mount Doug after school. A donation bin will also be available to contribute toward their fundraising efforts.

Pro-D: Is this Friday the 17th. Gr 6 girls competitive volleyball practice is confirmed and Gr 8 boys volleyball and Gr 8 Maroon team practices will be at 8:30am.

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



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.

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.**

