

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

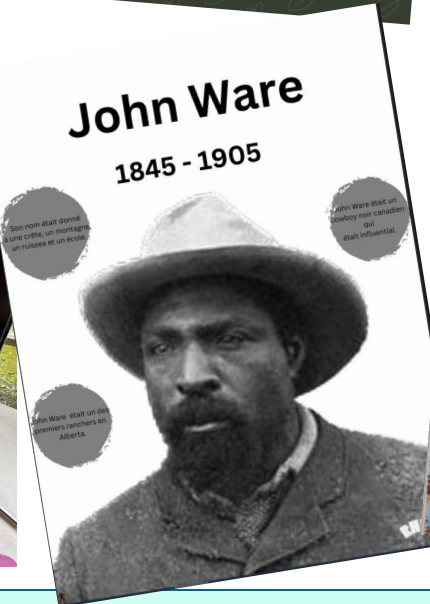
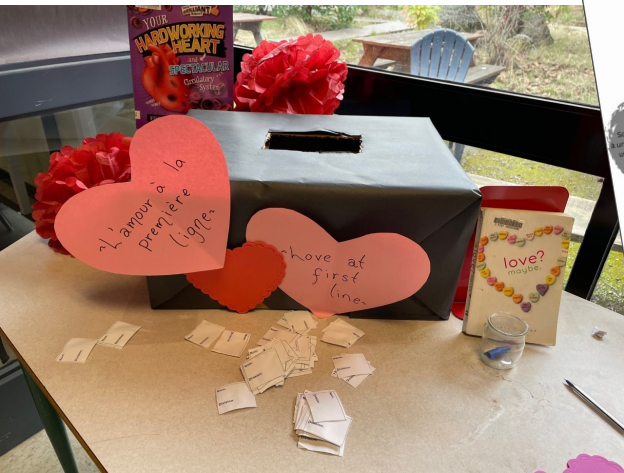
The weather is warming up just in time for a super long weekend for students. Friday, staff will be engaged in professional learning largely through the Tapestry Conference, which includes the Victoria, Saanich and Sooke school districts. I am a real ProD nerd and am looking forward to learning from Michael Bungay Stanier, author of “The Coaching Habit” and “The Advice Trap”.



This past week we enjoyed “Palentine’s Day” with students, and classes are continuing their learning for Black History Month. Ms Petrini organized a “Love at First Line” contest that students enjoyed, and I also had the pleasure of joining Madame Ehrkamp and Division 15 as they learned about the laws of motion – in motion! We went to Montague Park, where students needed do activities and describe them using the vocabulary of the laws of motion (in French!). Please enjoy some of the images from student activities and learning.

I hope everyone has plans to be together and do something fun for Family Day— have a wonderful weekend with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Feb. 20	Family Day —School not in session
Tuesday, Feb. 21	
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday, Feb. 23	Indigenous Student lunch
Friday, Feb. 24	Curriculum Completion (CC) Day —Students who do not need to stay are dismissed at 11:35am . Please be sure your child returns the signed form ASAP next week

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, Mar 8	Victoria Sings—Choir Performance
Friday, Mar 10	Grade 8 Ski Trip
Wednesday, Mar 15	Term 2 Report Cards go home
Friday, Mar 17	Last Day of School before Spring Break
Mar 18-Apr 2	Spring Break
Monday, Apr 3	First Day of School after Spring Break
Friday, Apr 7	Good Friday— No School
Monday, Apr 10	Easter Monday—No School

Music—Band and Choir

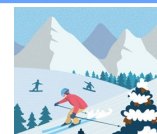
Upcoming Important Dates:

- ♦ Wednesday, Mar 8—Victoria Sings: Choir performance
- ♦ Wednesday, Apr 19—Arbutus Night of Music. UVic Farquhar Auditorium at 7pm.
- ♦ Please see attached Music Newsletter :)



GRADE 8 SKI TRIP

The **due date for returning these forms** to the student's Division Teacher is **February 21st (Tuesday)**, 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.

Let's get fundraising!

Events (jellybean raffle; bake sale; rock/paper/scissors 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

Congrats to all **volleyball teams** who played this week. They continue to represent Arbutus so well and improve their skills.

Congrats to the **Grade 8 Boys Maroon Basketball Team** who played for the first time since December in an exhibition game against Monterey in preparation for provincials in March. Thank you to the Monterey team for coming to play different defence styles to help us prepare!

Friday the 17th is Pro-D but we have team practices as follows:

8:30-10 Gr 8 boys volleyball.

10-11:30 Maroon team basketball. 3-4:30 Gr 6 girls competitive volleyball.

All practices and games resume as normal February 21st, with all teams in action this week (other than the teams that play Mondays).

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



Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Team

PAC Meeting

Tuesday,

February 21st

via MS Teams

PAC Meeting

Invite:

[AGMS PAC Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 21 @7pm](#)



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.**

ATTENDANCE