

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

It was another full week at Arbutus Global, including lots of great examples of student learning and creativity in our hallways. Enjoy some of the photos Ms Weekend took on page 3.

Our biggest event this week was our Black History Month Assembly on February 1st. In this assembly, we shared four stories to celebrate black accomplishments from the past and present, and also to acknowledge the challenges of systemic racism that still exist today. We also shared how anti-racism is crucial to moving forward in our society by being honest about the realities of racism and committing to fight racism in our society, school, and most importantly, ourselves.

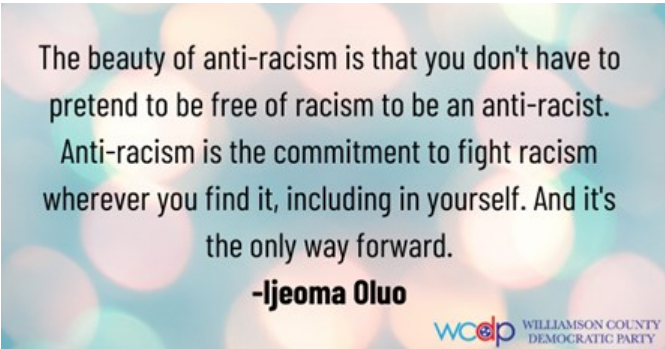
If you would like to view the videos we watched as a family, here are the links:

Faith Mumba and Rosemary Brown: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CysW_agwAPY&list=PLT9Mbfnkf-Ujor-4wYeVWxiyolxQPIXF&index=13



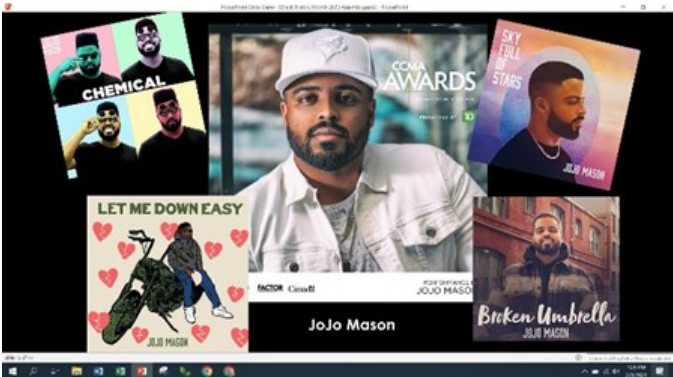
Ice Breakers – The story of Josh Crooks, amateur hockey player (NFB): <https://vimeo.com/398510868>

I also shared the story of a former student of mine from my time teaching at Reynolds Secondary and his accomplishments: JoJo Mason. JoJo is someone who overcame many obstacles to become a successful Canadian Country Music star, and who also sets a wonderful example around promoting the importance of mental health. I am so proud of JoJo and it was an honor to share his journey with students.



Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, Feb. 6	Transfer week—Forms will be available in the Office and online on the District website. Forms are to be turned in to the Office.
Tuesday, Feb. 7	
Wednesday, Feb. 8	
Thursday, Feb. 9	
Friday, Feb. 10	FUN DAY—Carnaval :) Deadline for transfer forms 3:30pm

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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

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.



TRANSFER WEEK

Transfer forms will be available February 6-10.

~ Forms need to be filled out and turned in to the Office before 3:30pm on **Friday, Feb. 10.**

~ *If you are switching from French to English, you will need to submit a transfer form.*

~ If you know your 9 digit PEN number, please fill it in.

~ Transition letters will be emailed home closer to the End of February.

ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

Volleyball season continues with all team practicing and our competitive teams playing this past week. Next week everyone is in action. Because of hosting our teams, practices are cancelled Monday and Tuesday after school.

Rugby has started and turnout is great! Practices are Wednesday after school and Thursday at lunch. A reminder that players need a mouthguard and ideally cleats to play. If you are interested in helping coach, please email the address below.

Our maroon team is also fundraising to help with the cost of their provincial tournament by having a shoot-a-thon. If you know a player, and wish to contribute, please see them directly. If you would like to sponsor an athlete but are unsure how to connect with them, please email mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca

Thank you for all your support across sports and seasons!

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

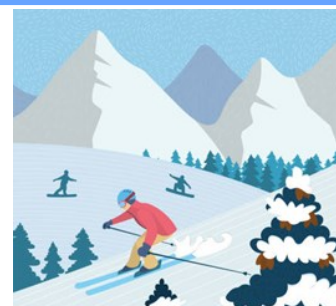
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GRADE 8 SKI TRIP

Ski Trip forms have now been shared with every grade eight student. These forms include details and expectations for the trip as well as a permission form, waiver and rental requirements.

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 eschlappner@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.



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



Fabulous exam-
ples of student
learning displayed
in our hallways

