

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello wonderful parents and guardians:

It has been a busy week and a crazy day! My apologies, but this will be a short and sweet one!

The highlight of my week was accompanying the Music Program on their visits to our elementary feeder schools; Campus View and Frank Hobbs. Students love seeing their old schools, teachers, and often, friends and siblings. It was a wonderful morning of music and meeting our incoming grade 5s. Many thanks to Mr. Mazza and Mrs. Hill for always organizing and coordinating the visits and performances with expert precision! Please enjoy these photos from the day.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, Jan. 30	
Tuesday, Jan. 31	
Wednesday, Feb. 1	First Day of Black History Month
Thursday, Feb. 2	
Friday, Feb. 3	

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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

If you would like to participate as part of the **TC 10k Arbutus Global Middle School Team** please register with us!

The early bird registration deadline is January 31st.

Here is the link to register:

<https://raceroster.com/registration/d538d2c9-f186-4358-abd0-5ce7bda4454e/entry?team=469576>

and make sure you select “Join a Team” and “School Team” and lastly select our school name from the drop-down list to join our team



ARBUS ATHLETICS

All volleyball teams have now played their first games and they saw how the pre-season practice has paid off. All of the coaches were impressed with the team play and all but one team will be in action again this coming week. A note that these games seem to go long, so planning to end later might be needed. Please refer to the game schedules on the permission slips (or the additional handout) for location information.

Rugby practices will also start this coming week. This is open to all students. Practices will be Wednesdays after school until 4 pm and Thursdays at lunch. Players **MUST** have a mouth guard to play and cleats are an asset (not baseball ones though).

Thank you to all of our coaches for offering these opportunities to our students!

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

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.

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

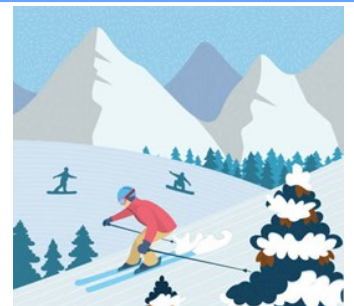


GRADE 8 SKI TRIP

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