

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

I cannot believe it is already Spring Break! Term 2 has flown by. I am hopeful that the recent sunshine is an indicator of what the weather will be like for all of us to enjoy.

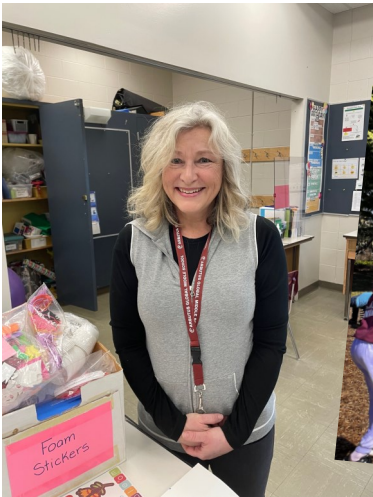
We had smooth end to the term, including the excitement of Report Cards going home on Wednesday. If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning, please never hesitate to reach out to your child’s advisory teacher.

Today, many classes went for a beach day, and many students and staff joined in with celebrating St Patrick’s Day by dressing in green. We also said a bittersweet goodbye to Maryanne McKinnon, one of the EAs in our Low Incidence Program, who has been with us for 18 years. She has been an invaluable member of the Arbutus community who always put students first, and she will be greatly missed. We are happy for her to now have more time with her beautiful granddaughter, Violet.

Term 3 often goes by quickly; we will try to savour the last few moments with our grade 8s as they head into their final days at Middle School. This transition can bring up a lot of emotions for students, and can take them by surprise. We encourage them to be especially kind, patient and supportive of each other to help each other with saying goodbye to this important chapter in their lives.

Have a wonderful Spring Break with your families.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



Maryanne McKinnon



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, April 3	First Day back after Spring Break; Hot Lunches begin
Tuesday, April 4	
Wednesday, April 5	First Day of Passover
Thursday, April 6	
Friday, April 7	Good Friday—No School

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, Apr 10	Easter Monday—No School
Wednesday, April 12	Student Led Meeting 4:30-6pm
Friday, April 14	Division and Team Photos
Tuesday, April 18	PAC Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, April 19	Night of Music—UVic 7pm
Thursday, April 20	Ramadan Ends
Friday, April 21	Earth Day



Music—Band and Choir

Arbutus Night of Music

tickets are coming soon! Mark your calendars.

Who: The Arbutus Night of Music is a concert to celebrate the learning of all music ensembles. Performing at this concert will be: Band 6, Band 7, Band 8, Choir, Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Summit Strings, Avalanche Band, Summit Jazz.

When: April 19. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. Student arrival times will be between 6-6:45 depending on which ensemble(s) your child is in - more information to come after spring break.

Cost: Tickets are \$10 each. Performing students do not need a ticket. Tickets go on sale April 3 at the UVic Ticket Center.

<https://www.uvic.ca/farquhar/ticket-centre/index.php>

Please let Ms. Schlappner know if your family needs financial support in obtaining tickets. We are happy to help.



ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

We are still looking for a lot of Arbutus jerseys. If you see one at your house on the break, please pack it into your child's backpack to hopefully make its way back to us! We appreciate all your help with this.

After the break, we will have badminton practices starting and continuing. This year the team will be split into 2 groups to allow for more play time on play days. Rugby will also continue with games in the second week of April. Thank you to Coach Hill for working so hard with the players. We will also start Track and Field in early April, so have your child looking to sign up for events they are interested in when they get back.

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

Camosun Middle School Trades Exploration

Summer Programs will be happening during the first two weeks of summer.

There will be 16 seats in each of these programs, open to students born between 2009 – 2011. Spaces fill up VERY quickly.

July 4 - 7 (4 days):

- Pipe Trades Sampler

Welding Sampler

July 10 - 14 (5 days):

- Sheet Metal Sampler
- Indigenous Woodworking - open to students who identify as Indigenous

Future Women in Trades - open to students who identify as female

Registration for these programs will open **Wed, April 5th at 10am.**

Once open, parents will be able to register their child in **one** session by going to the [SIP webpage](#) and clicking the [Register Here](#) button within the *Middle School Trades Exploration - Summer Programs* tab.

If you have any questions, please reach out to sip@camosun.ca



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