

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



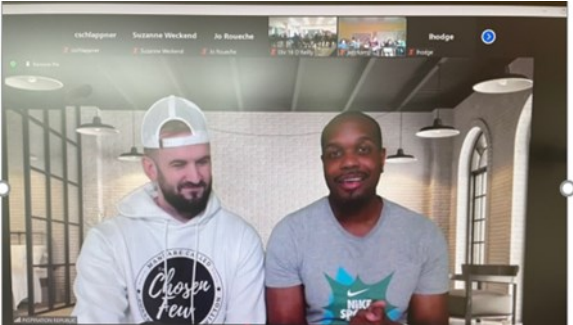
THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS

I cannot believe we are only two weeks until Spring Break! Just a reminder that Report Cards are being worked on, and will be handed out on Wednesday, March 15th. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress, now is the time to reach out to their teachers.

On Thursday, our Grade 8 Boys Basketball Maroon Team headed off to provincials in Vancouver with their coaches, Mr. Difelice, Mr. Schaddelee , and our Athletic Director, Ms Peddie. We are so proud of them and will be rooting for them from afar!



On Wednesday, the whole school took part in a virtual Anti-Racism assembly with a group from Ontario called Inspiration Republic. While virtual, it was quite interactive, with activities that helped us reflect about different perspectives, microaggressions, and how to be an ally. This is part of our ongoing work in our journey as a school to be anti-racist. We hope the conversations around activities such as this continue at home as well.



There was also great excitement this week with a snowy day on Tuesday. There is something about snow that brings out the kids in everyone. But let’s hope that’s the last of it! ;)

Have a wonderful weekend with your families. - Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, March 6	
Tuesday, March 7	
Wednesday, March 8	International Women’s Day
Thursday, March 9	
Friday, March 10	Grade 8 Ski Trip

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, Mar 15	Term 2 Report Cards go home
Tuesday, Mar 14	Deadline for ordering hot lunch for Term 3
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—see attached document for full details.
- Wednesday, Apr 19—Arbutus Night of Music. UVic Farquhar Auditorium at 7pm. Tickets go on sale April 3. More info to follow.



Grade 8 Global Action



Thank you Arbutus for contributing to the earthquake fundraisers!! **We raised \$400!** which will be donated to the Global Empowerment Mission for the earthquake relief efforts in Turkiye and Syria.

Term 3 lunches are available for purchase through our School Cash Online [HERE](#)



Deadline for orders is Monday, March 13.

Term 3 hot lunches will run from Monday, April 3 to Thursday, June 15.

Late orders will not be accepted.

ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

This is an unusual week in Athletics as the weather caused game cancellations Tuesday. Both the gr 6 and the gr 7 teams will re-play the games next week. The rest of the competitive teams played their games and playoff location is as follows:

Arbutus Blue (gr 7 boys) : @ home

Arbutus Red (gr 8 boys): @ Royal Oak

Gr 8 girls: TBA

Gr 6 boys: @ Cedar Hill

All games are on the regular play day at the regular time.

The rugby team continues to practice and Rugby forms are available in the office for those interested.

The gr 8 boys basketball team is currently at provincials.

Badminton season and Track and Field Season are starting very soon. If you are interested in coaching any of these, plus we are looking for a Girls Rugby coach, please contact mpeddie@sd61.bc.ca

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

It's Cookie Friday!



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.**

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