

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It was a short but full week here at Arbutus Global, with our Student-Led Open House on Wednesday, and our Division and Team photos today. Many thanks to Ms Weckend for doing a stellar job with the organization of the pictures. It was wonderful to see and meet so many family members who came to support their children and hear about their learning. Next week, we will be welcoming eleven international students from the Patumwan Demo School in Thailand, who will be here until May 12th. We are excited to host them so they can learn more about and experience our Canadian education system and culture, and are looking forward to learning from them as well.



This was also a week where the sun came out, and the blossoms are popping off – I think Spring may finally be here! Spring is a time of change and growth. And so, it is apropos that it is also a time when staffing changes happen amongst administrators. It is with a heavy heart that I must share that I will be leaving Arbutus Global. I have been re-assigned to Colquitz Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.



While I am someone who always embraces new challenges and experiences – and I am looking forward to bringing my skill-set to Colquitz's community – I am of course sad to say goodbye to this amazing school, students, staff and community. I have been honored and blessed to have had my first principalship experience here, and I cannot thank everyone enough for helping me on my learning journey to improving myself as a person and a leader. Arbutus Global will always hold a special place in my heart.

I am pleased to announce that the person who will be the new Arbutus Global Principal is Ken Andrews. Ken has been at Monterey Middle School for the past eight years, and this is his 23rd year in school administration.



Ken has a lot of depth of experience, and many strengths, but is particularly an expert in outdoor/environmental education, including having worked leading remote wilderness courses for adults & youth and having trained sea kayak instructors.

Please join me in welcoming Ken to the Arbutus Global Community.

I look forward to spending these last three months enjoying my time with students, staff, and those of you that I have the pleasure of seeing and working with more closely. My goal for the next three months is to have FUN and finish strong. It will be great!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Kempe, who has been our student teacher in Division 4. He has finished his practicum and we look forward to seeing him soon as Teacher on Call! We appreciate all he has done to create a warm, welcoming, kind, and caring classroom environment for students, and for all of his contributions to the larger school and Arbutus community. Best of luck, Jason!

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

	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, April 17	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Tuesday, April 18	PAC Meeting via MS Teams—7pm—link on pg 2
Wednesday, April 19	Night of Music at UVic—7pm
Thursday, April 20	Ramadan Ends
Friday, April 21	Earth Day

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Saturday, May 14	Mother's Day
Thursday, May 18	District Transition Day
Friday, May 19	Pro-D Day—students not in session
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day—school not in session



## Music—Band and Choir

### Arbutus Night of Music

Wednesday, April 19

Please read the document attached to the email for full details on the event!

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help transport instruments over to UVic at 12:30pm on the day of the event. If you can help—please email [arbutusmusic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:arbutusmusic@sd61.bc.ca).



## ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

All badminton and rugby teams played this week to start their seasons. They represented Arbutus well and it was some fun afternoons of sport. They play again next week all in away games.

Track and Field signup is happening with a practice schedule coming out Monday. Students are encouraged to sign up and try out as many events as they are interested in. More info to follow.

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



## AGMS PAC Meeting

Our PAC will be meeting Tuesday, April 18 at 7pm via MS Teams. See separate email sent for full details of agenda and opportunities for you to get involved.

[AGMS PAC Meeting - Tuesday, April 18 @7pm via MS Teams](#)



## Parent Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, May 31, morning.

Gr. 6 Immunization Clinic.

We are still looking for a couple more helpers for this. Please email Suzanne Weckend, Vice Principal at [sweckend@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sweckend@sd61.bc.ca) if you are able to support with the Clinic.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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**