

# The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It was another wonderful week at Arbutus Global, made all the more special because I am trying to cherish every last moment with this amazing school and community. :)

Wednesday was a full day with our Team Meetings with divisions and our Night of Music at UVic. For our Grade 8 Meetings, we welcomed Rabbi Harry from the Congregation Emmanuel, who spoke to students about the impacts of racism on a personal and community level. Unfortunately, he could not stay for the day, so Ms Weckend and I continued with that theme with Grades 6s and 7s as well.

One of our key messages was that students themselves have a lot of influence and power over each other, and we encouraged them to try to use that power to make their school and community a better place. One way to do that is by speaking up against any form of racism, discrimination, or just plain mean-ness when they see it. Rabbi Harry shared some personal stories about how being called racist things throughout his life has been hard, but having no one stand up for him in those moments made him feel even more alone. We gave examples to students of strategies and things to say should they be exposed to someone doing or saying something unkind or inappropriate. We hope that with practice, and a little courage, more and more students will learn to feel comfortable and confident with holding each other to a higher standard of kindness and respect, not just at Arbutus Global, but everywhere they go.

On Wednesday evening, it was our Night of Music at UVic. This is always a special experience, and this night was especially so. Our students are so incredibly talented and poised! Many thanks to our Music teachers, Michael Mazza and Jen Hill for all of their hard work and dedication to students and for their masterful planning and organization around putting on a professional grade performance for us all to enjoy. It was magical!

Today, students enjoyed "Anything But a Backpack" Day. It was fun seeing the variety of choices students and staff made, but Jayden and Ein definitely took the cake for most original (see photos). It was a hoot!

This week we sent out a class placement requests email to parents. Please note requests are for exceptional circumstances only, as we cannot possibly meet every individual student or parent request. Our staff know students well and we do our best to create groups who will create cohesive and successful learning communities – along with meet contractual class size and composition language. Thanks for your understanding.

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



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, April 24	
Tuesday, April 25	
Wednesday, April 26	International Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday, April 27	
Friday, April 28	

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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



## ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

Rugby continues next week with the 6/7 team at Arbutus, the girls here at Arbutus and the 7/8 team at Central.

The badminton team plays Tuesday with N-Z at SMUS and A-M at Arbutus. This week attending practice is important as we set our roster for City Finals.

Track and Field practices have begun with most practices over lunch time other than shot put and discus Thursday after school. Athletes must attend these practices to participate in the meets.

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

## Grade Eight Leaving Celebration



Please join us on **Tuesday April 25th** from **7-8pm** to talk about the Grade Eight Leaving Celebration. All parents welcome.

We will be gathering our volunteers together to discuss ideas and identify next steps to make this the best Arbutus celebration ever!

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 240 733 125 433

Passcode: JXjJJ

## Night of Music



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.**

