

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Finally! Spring has REALLY sprung this week! The sunshine and warmth are invigorating! Students are enjoying our outdoor learning spaces as well lots of field games at breaks. Making daisy chains has also quickly become a favourite activity. :)

This week, Ms. Hodge and Ms. Platis's divisions went to CARSA, led by the wonderful group of our Grade 8 Athletic Leadership students. Many thanks to Mr. Lemon and Ms. Mawson for their work with our leadership students.



We had a school-wide BINGO game on Wednesday during last period. It was a great time to get together as a school community to have some fun with a little light competition built in.

We also had a guest speaker for our grade 8s, Tony Brown, who is a film producer of BC's History, former football player, a nationally ranked rower, father, grandfather, and advocate for equal rights in BC. Tony shared stories about his own life to illustrate the lessons he's learned and inspire students to make thoughtful choices in life so they can achieve success in their goals.

We also just wanted to remind parents of grade 7s and 8s to consider helping with the planning and execution of the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony on June 26th. Please contact Ms Weckend at sweckend@sd61.bc.ca if you'd like to lend a hand. It comes up quick!

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend with your families.
- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 1	
Tuesday, May 2	
Wednesday, May 3	
Thursday, May 4	
Friday, May 5	

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Saturday, May 14	Mother's Day
Wednesday, May 17	International Day against Homo/Trans/Bi Phobia
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

Badminton season has concluded for most of our students with our top 12 athletes from each grade competing at City Finals next week. Parents should receive an e-mail today if their child made the team. Congrats to all of our badminton players for such a successful season, we wish we could bring everyone to city finals, but we are so proud of all of our athletes.

Rugby season continues with the arrival of the sun! Thanks to Coach Hill for all of his hard work.

Track season is ramping up with practices for events happening every day of the week. For students to compete at the meets they need to be attending practice. Forms were handed out at the end of this week so if your child does not yet have one, remind them to pick one up this coming week.

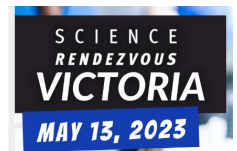
Athletic schedule for practices and games can be found [here](#)



Strings Students

ARBUTUS MUSIC Please read the important document attached to the email regarding the Orchestra Finale 2023 taking place May 17 at UVic. All information is in the document.

Science Rendezvous!



UVic and Camosun College are offering a 1 day exploration for STEM related activities. Please see the attached poster for full details.

Or click on this [link](#)

TIDE Attention All Rugby Players!



The next ID opportunity will be a non-contact skills and drills session coming up this **Sunday, April 30th from 2-4pm** at Wallace Field (UVic).

Do you know anyone who is interested or new to rugby? We would love to have them join us! Please pass on this information to club & school friends!

Please register if you have not yet, the fee for the 2023 season of TIDE skills & drills/ID sessions is \$50.00. There are another 3 skills & drills/ID sessions available for you to attend for this price. You can find all the information [here](#) and if you have any questions please email us at info@juniorriderugby.ca. Come 20-30 minutes early to get signed in and make sure you get your photo taken if you have not already. Look forward to seeing you Sunday!

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.**