

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It has been a week of rich learning experiences here at Arbutus Global.

First, I would like to say a sad goodbye to our eleven Thai students from the Patumwan school in Bangkok, who were with us for the past few weeks. They were a pleasure to work with and fit right into our school community. Here are some photos of a small ceremony where we exchanged gifts and school executives thanked us with this beautiful commemorative plate.



Next, our teacher, Jennifer Hill, led students in circle and drumming in our Indigenous Courtyard to recognize Moosehide Campaign Day yesterday. The sun was shining, and students listened intently to the lesson Mrs. Hill had to share. Ms. Weckend and her Global Action class also learned more about the plants in our Indigenous Garden, including the beautiful camus.

Today, Grade 8 French Immersion classes, led by Amanda Putman, went to release our salmon fry in the stream at Pkols. Madame Putman put in countless hours of the time and energy into raising the fish from eggs, and it was a huge celebration to see them into their new home at Pkols – and soon to be, the ocean.



To cap off today, we had the wonderful STAGES Dance company come and perform, with our very own students, Isha and Sarah! It was a dynamic, engaging, and exciting performance. Thank you, Stages!

I am so grateful for every minute I am here.

Until next week—have a wonderful sunny weekend with your families.
- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, May 15	
Tuesday, May 16	
Wednesday, May 17	
Thursday, May 18	District Transition Day: Grade 8's will go visit their high schools for the afternoon. Incoming Grade 6's will be here visiting us.
Friday, May 19	Pro-D Day—students not in session

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 22	Victoria Day—school not in session
Thursday, June 1	Grade 8 Leadership overnight
Friday, June 2	Grade 7's Day trip to Camp Thunderbird
Friday, June 9	Curriculum Completion Day – Early Dismissal @ 11:35am
Week of June 12-15	Last Hot Lunches for the year
June 14-15	Grade 8 Music Trip



ARBUTUS ATHLETICS

It was such a great week for athletics this past week. Our rugby teams finished up their regular seasons, we finished the badminton season with some amazing finishes at City Finals and our track team represented Arbutus so well at the first meet of the season. We are so proud of all of our athletes!

Next week sees all rugby teams at all-day jamborees. Forms have been given to players and **MUST BE RETURNED** before the jamboree. The track team is back in action twice next week with Tuesday's events being 100m, 4 x 100m practice, high jump for qualifying gr 6/7 girls and triple jump for all athletes. Thursday will have hurdles, 1200m, 400m, boys long hump, gr 8 high jump, girls discus and boys shot put.



Pictured here is our amazing badminton team. In Gr 6: Bernadette - consolation winner, Grace - 1st place winner, Natalie & Gloria (missing) - 1st place doubles team. In Gr 7: Sam & Tiger - 1st place boys doubles, Justin & Eric - 2nd place boys doubles, Tina & Angelina - 3rd place girls doubles, (missing Gavin - 1st place boys singles). And in Gr 8: Dylan - Consolation winner, Jake & Chris - Consolation doubles winners, Linda - 4th place, Luke & Kai - 3rd place doubles, Victor - 1st place (missing Lizzie - 3rd place)

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



Strings Students

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.

With warmer weather upon us, please help your student to remember to bring their water bottle daily. A hat and sunscreen are also good things to use too.



Reminder of the upcoming PAC meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm when we need to elect individuals to serve in each of the PAC Executive positions for the 2023/24 school year. All involvement is more than welcome! For any inquiries in advance, please reach out to agms.pac@gmail.com.

[PAC Meeting Tuesday May 16, 7pm via MS Teams](#)

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.**

