

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

It was a busy week with Rugby Jamborees galore, International Day against Homo/Bi/Transphobia, and District Transition Day. District Transition Day is when the grade 5s coming to Arbutus Global next year come visit, and our grade 8s go visit their high schools. Our current grade 6s and 7s engage in fun activities while grade 5s tour the building and get to hear about all of the exciting new things they'll get to try while in Middle School.

As part of our transition as Principals, Ken Andrews came here for the afternoon, and I went to Colquitz. This allows us to start to get to know the school, staff, and students, and they us. We both had a great time!



We are entering our last six weeks of school, which can be a bit of a roller coaster ride. Students need to make sure to keep up with assignments, as there can obviously be no more extensions after June... and it's also a time of lots of fun, field trips, and sunshine! And then there's the grade 8 leaving ceremony at the end of June. I think I mentioned before, but it's worth repeating, that leaving Middle School can bring up unexpected emotions, even for those who feel like they're ready to move on. So, my message to all of us is remember this and, "let's be gentle with each other."



We hope you can all take time to rest and re-charge on this long weekend. Enjoy the sunshine and good times with friends and family.



- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE	
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day—Stat Holiday—School not in Session
Tuesday, May 23	
Wednesday, May 24	
Thursday, May 25	
Friday, May 26	Entrepreneur Fair—see pg 2 for details

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, May 31	Grade 6 Immunizations in the morning
Thursday, June 1-2	Grade 8 Leadership overnight
Friday, June 2	Grade 6 day trip to Mt. Doug Park
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 a super busy week this week in Athletics with 2 track meets and the end of Rugby with 3 jamborees. First, a special thank you to Mr. Lemon and his Athletic Leadership students who are integral members of running the track meets. Our athletes continue to show great athleticism and spirit and We continue to be wowed by their results.

Rugby saw great jamborees with the girls playing on Monday, the open weight team on Wednesday and the 6/7 boys on Thursday. Thank you to Coach Paul and Coach Eric for all of their hard work and congrats to the Open Weight team for a 2nd place finish and to the 6/7 boys for finishing 4th!

Next week is a quieter week with track practices continuing before the last meet on the 31st before City Finals.

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



Entrepreneur Fair

The Grade 7 Entrepreneur Fair is happening on Friday, May 26th in the Gym. Hours of operation will be 9:30am – 11:45am and again from 12:45pm – 2pm.

Students are selling hand-made products while learning about marketing, pricing, promoting products etc. You are welcome to come to the Fair. It has been suggested to students that they donate 10% of their earnings to a charity of their choice.

See you there!



Kung Jaadee

INDIGENOUS
STORYTELLER,
EDUCATOR AND
AUTHOR

Professional storyteller, educator and author Kung Jaadee, belonging to the X̱aayda (Haida), x̱w̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish) First Nations, shares her telling of famous Haida and Squamish legends, which have universal teachings.

Some of our staff attended her sharing on the Pro-D



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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