

The Arbutus Global Week at a Glance...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Welcome to May! Apparently, we are going to need to be more patient for some consistently sunny weather, but we have been grateful for our time in the sun earlier this week.

Mrs. Walt and I had the pleasure of visiting Frank Hobbs and Campus View on Tuesday to meet with grade 5 teachers for transition meetings. We are very excited about all of the students who will be joining us next year! Grade 8 teachers are meeting with high schools over the next two weeks to pass on important information to high schools.

Today is Red Dress Day – also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People. The day honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada. Red Dress Day was inspired by Métis artist Jaime Black's REDress Project installation, in which she hung empty, red dresses to represent the missing and murdered women. Red dresses have become symbolic of the crisis as a result of her installation. You can view the website here: <https://www.jaimeblackartist.com/exhibitions/>

Individual teachers chose how to acknowledge the day in different ways, and Ms Weckend and I joined Mrs. Hill in Mr. Stephen's grade 8 class, where we engaged in drumming several songs. It was explained to students that the reality of how Indigenous women and girls are viewed and treated in our society is part of our current history, and that it is our responsibility to learn and do better. Honoring and celebrating Indigenous culture is one way that we can shift that view to one of respect and valuing. Students learned today about circle protocols, Indigenous medicines, and drummed and sang several songs for which SD61 has permission to perform.

Here are several resources you can look at to inform yourself and review with your children if you so choose:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/inr/mmiwg/index.html>

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/red-dress-day#:~:text=Red%20Dress%20Day%2C%20also%20known,is%20observed%20on%20May%205th>

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/red-dress-day-2022-bc-1.6443456>

Video - TEDEX - We are more than murdered and missing. | Tamara Bernard
<https://youtu.be/fyLSRQ5kx8>

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



	YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Monday, May 8	
Tuesday, May 9	
Wednesday, May 10	
Thursday, May 11	
Friday, May 12	Moosehide Campaign Day Stages Dance Company coming

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Saturday, May 14	Mother's Day
Tuesday, May 16	PAC Meeting—Executive Election—IMPORTANT!
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

Athletics this week at Arbutus brought playoff badminton over three days. Our team did extremely well with many athletes qualifying for the semifinals happening Monday May 8th.

Rugby also continued this week with final regular season games happening next week. The final jamborees for the teams are two weeks away and forms will be coming out ASAP for those events.

The track team has continued to practice, and the first meet is this Thursday at UVic. Forms are available in the office for those who have not received them.

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



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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.



A very special Pandora bracelet

has been found in the hallways. If your student has lost a bracelet, they can come and describe it and claim it in the Office.

Short Term Summer Flyer Route

Would your student be interested in earning a little bit of spending money over the summer? Check out the attached document for flyer route details!



Congratulations to Felicia Ma, Zavannah Turvey, Vivian Krawitz, Angelina Vozian, Isha Khaira, Ike Zhang, Grace Chen, Sepehr Dehghani, and Ivan Zhang, who competed at the city level concours at Vic High! Arbutus students took home 6 of 9 medals awarded!

For grade 6 early immersion, Felicia Ma and Zavannah Turvey placed first and third respectively. For grade 7 early immersion, Isha Khaira and Angelina Vozian placed first and third. For grade 8 immersion, Grace Chen and Ivan Zhang placed first and second.

We wish Felicia, Isha, and Grace luck as they head to Vancouver this weekend to compete in the provincial level of Concours d'Arts Oratoire!

Bravo et bonne chance!



Your PAC is looking for help on next years executive. Please read the attached document for full details! Also consider attending the next PAC meeting on Tuesday, May 16 @7pm via Zoom.

Division 15—Mme Ehrkamp
At Arbutus Cove



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.**

ATTENDANCE