

Month Events

June 7 – Curriculum Completion Day
Early dismissal – 11:51am

June 12 & 13 – Seattle Band Trip – Grade 8
Band Students

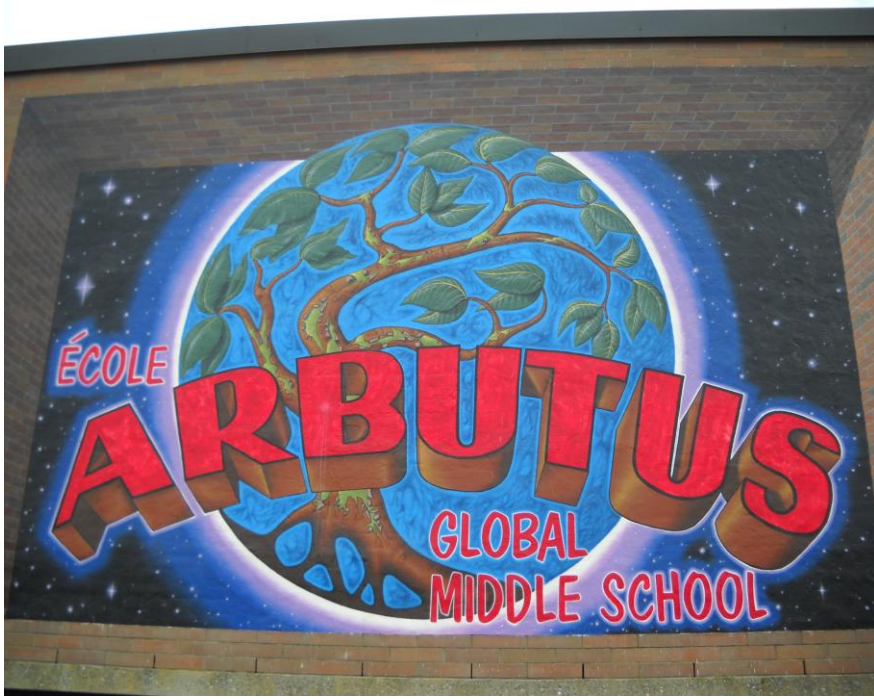
June 17, 18 & 19 – Grade 7 classes to Camp
Thunderbird

June 24 – Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony
11:00 a.m. – gymnasium

June 25 – Air Band 1:45 pm– gymnasium

June 26 – Whole School to Gyro Park
10:00 – 2:00

June 27 – Students Last Day - Fun Day
afternoon



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June 2013

Arbutus by the Month- June

It is hard to believe that we are only a month away from the end of our school year. The days and the dates have flown by and will continue to do so in the final month of June. Please see the bottom page and mark those special dates for next year.

I have now met with staff, parents and students around the organization of our Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony. Thank you to all that gave input. This is our opportunity to recognize this group of grade eight students before they depart for their various high schools next year. In my conversations with students I have explained that this is not a grad or a prom, but rather it is a recognition ceremony. It is still an important occasion and your dress should reflect this. This means that you are dressed for the occasion. *It does not mean that you need to go out and buy a new outfit.* Thank you for strengthening this message at home.

I look forward to recognizing your son/daughter with you on June 24th at 11:00 a.m. Please see the invitation that was emailed to grade 8 parents/guardians for specifics.

Sean Powell
Principal

Curriculum Completion Day

Curriculum Completion day is Friday, June 7th from 11:51 to 2:45. Letters indicating whether students are required to attend or not will go home with all students on Monday, June 4th. Students not required to attend will be dismissed at 11:51. Students required to attend to complete unfinished work must stay until 2:45 unless they are given permission to leave when their work is complete.

Any Arbutus student is welcome to attend all day.



GYRO PARK DAY

Our whole school will go to Gyro Park on Wednesday, June 26th for a picnic and beach clean-up. Students should pack: lunch, snacks, towel to sit on, sunscreen, hat, light jacket and appropriate footwear. It can be cool down by the ocean and we go rain or shine, so please help your child to come prepared for all kinds of weather!

Students cannot leave Gyro Park during our visit. No trips to the store or Starbucks will be permitted. Students can be dismissed from Gyro Park if they give a signed note to their teacher in advance.

June 27th - Fun Day Afternoon

Each year, during the last week of school we spend an afternoon involved in fun outdoor activities. Students will have a choice of activities; slip and slide, face painting, floor hockey etc. Students planning on 'slip and sliding' should bring a towel and change of clothes.

ATHLETICS

FIELD HOCKEY: Thank you to the parents, Milena Gaiga and Cathy Boraston, for coaching the field hockey team. The team had a great season!

Track and Field: Thank you to all parents and staff that have had a hand in helping with the Track and Field Team this past year. A special thank you to Mr. Lemon who was the Track and Field Commissionaire for the entire city and was responsible for organizing the events for this year.



PEANUT AND NUT ALLERGIES IN OUR SCHOOL

Just a reminder, that a number of students and some staff at Arbutus have severe allergies to peanuts and nuts. Please be aware that this is a life-threatening allergy. Please be respectful of this serious situation and keep food items containing peanuts, nuts or nut and/or peanut products at home. Thank you.

Textbook Refund

When your son or daughter entered our school, you were asked for a \$20 book deposit. Should you wish to reclaim this deposit, I am asking that you write me a signed letter before June 20, 2013. A cheque will then be written to you and will be kept at the office until it is picked up. All funds left in the book deposit account will go to replacing damaged and lost textbooks for future years.

Thank you,

Sean Powell

Textbooks

We are getting close to the end of the school year. For the library, this means that we are extremely busy collecting borrowed materials. It is our hope and desire that all library and textbook items will be returned so that we can provide these items to students during the fall startup. With limited funds, it is difficult to replace items and as such, we greatly appreciate the return of materials or the payment for lost or damaged items.

During the next few weeks, there will be an increase in notifications for either overdue library material or library books. Often we have students that return textbooks, but it may not be the textbook, that he/she has signed out, but that of another student. The student is still responsible for the item signed out to him/her.

We are asking that students start now to locate material, so that when it needs to be returned the process can move on smoothly. If materials are not being used these should be returned promptly to the library.

There will be glitches or problems that need to be solved. Send me an email and I will try to solve the problem.

It is expected that all library material will be returned by June 14, 2013. Textbooks are to be returned by June 21, 2013. Shortly thereafter, a notice will be sent home, electronically, through a phone call or a note with your child indicating the missing item and the cost for replacement.

Last year was an exceptional year, as we only had to track down a dozen items. Zero will be our goal for this year.

Thank you for your support and understanding while we go through this process.

Darinka Popovic, Librarian

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Healthy, Safe and Caring Schools Update:

BE SUN SMART

Too much sun exposure and especially sunburns in young children can cause eye damage and can increase the risk of skin cancer in later years. Sun damage is cumulative, which means that the damage builds up with each exposure.

Those at highest risk of skin cancer are those with:

- ◆ Fair skin and blond or red hair
- ◆ Skin that burns and freckles easily and doesn't tan easily
- ◆ Lots of moles or large and unusual moles
- ◆ History of severe sunburns

The good news is that skin cancer is almost totally preventable.

From late spring to early fall, avoid unprotected sun exposure between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If your children are outdoors between these times, teach them to:

- ◆ **SEEK** out the shade
- ◆ **SLIP** on clothing that covers arms and legs
- ◆ **SLAP** on a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses
- ◆ **SLOP** on sunscreen with SPF #30 or higher

SLURP lots of water

École Arbutus Global Middle School SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013 — 2014

Please Keep This For Future Reference

In keeping with Section 96 and 96.1 of the British Columbia School Act,
the following information is being made available to parents.

Number of days in session: **188** Number of non-instructional days: **6**
Number of days of instruction: **181** 1 Administrative Day (Friday, June 27, 2014)

September 2013

Tuesday, September 3 **School opens 9:30 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.**
Tuesday, September 17 Meet the Teacher Night – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 23 Non-instructional day (district 61)

October 2013

Monday, October 14 Thanksgiving Day - school is not in session
Wednesday, October 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews – **Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m. (subject to change)**
Thursday, October 17 Parent /Teacher Interviews – **Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m. (subject to change)**
Friday, October 25 Non-instructional day (province-wide)

November 2013

Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day - school is not in session
Friday, November 15 Curriculum Completion – **Early Dismissal 11:51**
Friday, November 22 Non-instructional day (district 61)

December 2013

Wednesday, December 4 Report Cards go home
Friday, December 20 Last day of school before winter vacation. Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.

January 2014

Monday, January 6 School re-opens 8:30 a.m.
Monday, January 20 Non-instructional day (Arbutus)
Wednesday, January 29 Student Led Conferences – **Early Dismissal 1:45 p.m. (subject to change)**
Wednesday, January 29 Arbutus Open House – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

February 2014

Friday, February 7 Curriculum Completion – **Early Dismissal 10:38 a.m.**
Monday, February 10 Family Day – school is not in session
Friday, February 21 Non-instructional day (tri-district)

March 2014

Wednesday, March 5 Report Cards go home
Friday, March 7 Last day of school before spring vacation. Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.
Monday, March 24 School re-opens 8:30 a.m.

April 2014

Friday, April 18 Good Friday – school is not in session
Monday, April 21 Easter Monday – school is not in session

May 2014

Friday, May 16 Non-instructional day (district 61)
Monday, May 19 Victoria Day – school is not in session

June 2014

Friday, June 6 Curriculum Completion – Early Dismissal 11:51 a.m.
Thursday, June 26 Last day for students
Friday, June 27 Year-end Administrative Day. School closes for 2013—2014 school year