



Year-End Message

It is that time of year when we close the school for a short time. While students are away, our custodial and office staffs continue to work hard to prepare for the beginning of a new school year. Files are being filed, floors are being waxed and lockers are being painted. The halls and classrooms are unusually quiet without the voices and the learning.

This is also the time of year when we have to unfortunately say goodbye to some staff that have been with us.

Goodbye and best wishes to:

Ms. Yaworski, who joined us just after spring break and taught math support and Gifted classes.

Ms. Penhale, who covered the music position for Ms. Hill while on maternity leave.

Ms. Macdonald, who taught our drama exploratory for the last part of the year and supported our Drama Club.

Ms. DeGryp, who also joined us for a short time this spring and worked as an Educational Assistant and Supervisor.

Ms. Johnston, who worked as an ABA Assistant and has taught many staff about the world of Applied Behaviour Analysis in supporting students. Ms. Johnston will be transferring to Mt. Douglas High School in the fall.

Mr. Drysdale, who also worked as an ABA Assistant at our school. Derek will be taking an educational leave of absence to study at UVIC in the fall.

Mr. Laroque, who taught here for two years while working on two temporary contracts. We wish Mr. Laroque all the best at his new school.

Ms. Grigor, who has only been with us for one year but will leave a lasting impression on those students she connected with. Ms. Grigor will be teaching at Margaret Jenkins Elementary School next year.

Mme Leah Donlevy, who taught our grade 6 Late French Immersion since January, will be leaving a very sad group of grade 6 students.

Ms. Reksten, who taught a grade 7 class this year and also helped with our athletic department.

Mr. Smith, our beloved counselor, who has worked with individual students but also with the entire school promoting initiatives such as acceptance among students. He will also be fondly remembered for skim board club and Monday morning breakfast club. Mr. Smith will be moving to Glanford Middle School for next year.

Ms. Renard, who has taught grade 6 here since Arbutus became a middle school. She will fondly be remembered by students for her hands-on projects in class. We wish her all the best in her new position at Rogers Elementary School.

Mr. Kilbank, who taught grade 6 at Arbutus Global Middle School and will be retiring this summer. Mr. Kilbank was a big help in organizing all of our science supplies and helping out on a variety of committees at the school. Sincere best wishes for your retirement Mr. Kilbank.

The first day of school is set for September 2, 2014. Please refer to our website <https://arbutus.sd61.bc.ca/> for updates and instructions as we approach that date.

Please take time to enjoy the summer and rest with your family.

See you in the fall,

Sean Powell
Principal
Arbutus Global Middle School