

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 14 – 18	Bully Awareness Week
November 17	Sports Days (Pending ADEK approval)
November 18	Sports Days (Pending ADEK approval)
November 18	First Term Reports (K – 9)
November 18	Mid-Term Reports (10 – 12)
November 21	Term 2 Begins



AGS (Canada) received an award for a contribution to a successful Thanksgiving Family Brunch that was held at Shangri La by the Canadian Business Council on Friday, October 15th. Many members of our school community took part in this family event.



AGS students... *always* make us proud!

Assemblies were held in the morning across grade levels starting from grade 4 upon return from our Mid – Term Break to recognize students who scored above 90% in their academic performance in the year 2021 – 2022.



AGS students still find a way..... to make us proud!

Early this month our Grade 12 student, Tamer Nakkash, weighs 63.5 kg won the golden medal in the 2021 UAE Youth Muay Thai Championship in 2:221:00 minutes. Congratulations Tamer on your amazing achievement. For viewing please click on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZSWNiXrK18>

Afterschool Activities for Term 1

All students were encouraged to participate in an activity among the list that was offered to their grade level. All Activities were designed by our dedicated teachers and catered to meet student's intellectual, social, motor, sensory and psychological need. The admission was based on a 'First Come First Serve Basis'. Afterschool activities will continue until December 9th, 2021.



Afterschool Activities, Times vs Grades

KG – Grade 2.....2 pm – 3pm

Grade 3 – 12..... 3 – 4pm or
3 – 4:30pm or
3 – 5:00 pm



At AGS ... we proudly support



"The Orange Shirt Day movement began from the story of Phyllis Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation. In 1973, on her first day at St. Joseph's Residential School in Williams Lake, BC, the orange shirt her granny bought for her for her first day of school was stripped from her. Forty years later, on September 30th, 2013, Phyllis spoke publicly for the first time about her experience, and from there, Orange Shirt Day began" (The Centre for Social Innovation).

High School students watched a short clip of Phyllis Webstad recounting one painful memory before learning and discussing further examples of colonization, and the unfortunate assimilation attempt on First Nations and Metis peoples.

Truth and Reconciliation Day is now officially recognized by Canada to commemorate and honour the survivors and their families affected by the Indian Residential Schools in the past. The last Residential School was only closed in 1996. Many Indigenous children were forced to attend "Indian Residential Schools" where various atrocities occurred in hopes of "Killing the Indian in the child" - an unfortunate consequence of colonialism and attempt to force assimilation among First Nations and Metis peoples on Turtle Island (aka North America).

On September 30th, there had been over 6500 unmarked graves found confirming what many survivors already had known, which reinforces the message that Every Child Matters - deceased or alive. Although the content and topic is very upsetting, it is also important to create awareness. This is one way we can honour Indigenous people in their healing journey.

Students discussed why it is important for Canadians to learn the history of colonization and the lasting impacts on First Nations peoples. Students also shared possible ways in which they could help support Indigenous communities and other marginalized groups affected by colonialism and discrimination.

After watching a short clip called **The Secret Path** directed by Gord Downie, students had an opportunity to watch the remaining animated clips independently and write a personal response to the video, story, and the impact of residential schools. *Ms. April L. – Senior High teacher*

The photo shown on the right was all student made and students even put it all up. They were SO interested in learning about residential schools. The 6s even made great connections with other issues happening around the world. They still talk about it a month later- it really made an impact on them! *Ms. Alecia –Grade 6 teacher*



October...Breast Cancer Awareness Month



BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

In order to accommodate both groups, our AGS community showed support for this important cause by wearing Pink on Thursday, October 14th, and on Monday, October 25th. Those who didn't wear pink showed support by wearing a pink ribbon, tie, hairband, or any other fitting accessories.





Character Day

At the end of the month students and teachers across grade levels were encouraged to dress up their favourite character from movies, books, cartoon etc.



SAC...SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council (SAC) at AGS is made up of professional and support staff, students, parents and community members. They meet on a regular basis to discuss school issues. Their most important task is to provide advice to the Administration and support the school improvement plan. They also may offer advice on school policies and governance matters.

We are very grateful to the parents who have shown an interest in our school and students. With 8 candidates and only three positions available we had to hold an election on October 27-28. We would like to thank them all and congratulate the three successful candidates; Mrs. Amira Mohammed Saber, Mrs. Sahera Alian, and Mrs. Manal Nimir. We would also like to thank all the members who serve on our SAC and we look forward to working with them in

2021-2022. *Danny Berry- Principal*

