

# Arbutus Middle School

## Back To School Night 2017-18

## AMS VISION

Arbutus Middle School students will have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to reach their potential as middle level learners and be prepared to excel in their high schools and communities as respectful, responsible, productive, college and career ready 21st century learners and citizens.



## AMS Mission

**Create a Better World!**

Arbutus Middle School embraces the challenge of ensuring success for every student. We strive to create opportunities for all students to experience academic, personal, civic, social, and vocational growth. We work together as a school community to provide a visibly safe, disciplined, inviting, and nurturing environment. At Arbutus Middle School, we believe that middle school is a time when students grow as creative and critical thinkers. Our mission is to help our students develop into life-long, 21st century learners who are college and career ready.

# P.R.I.D.E. Time ~ 1B

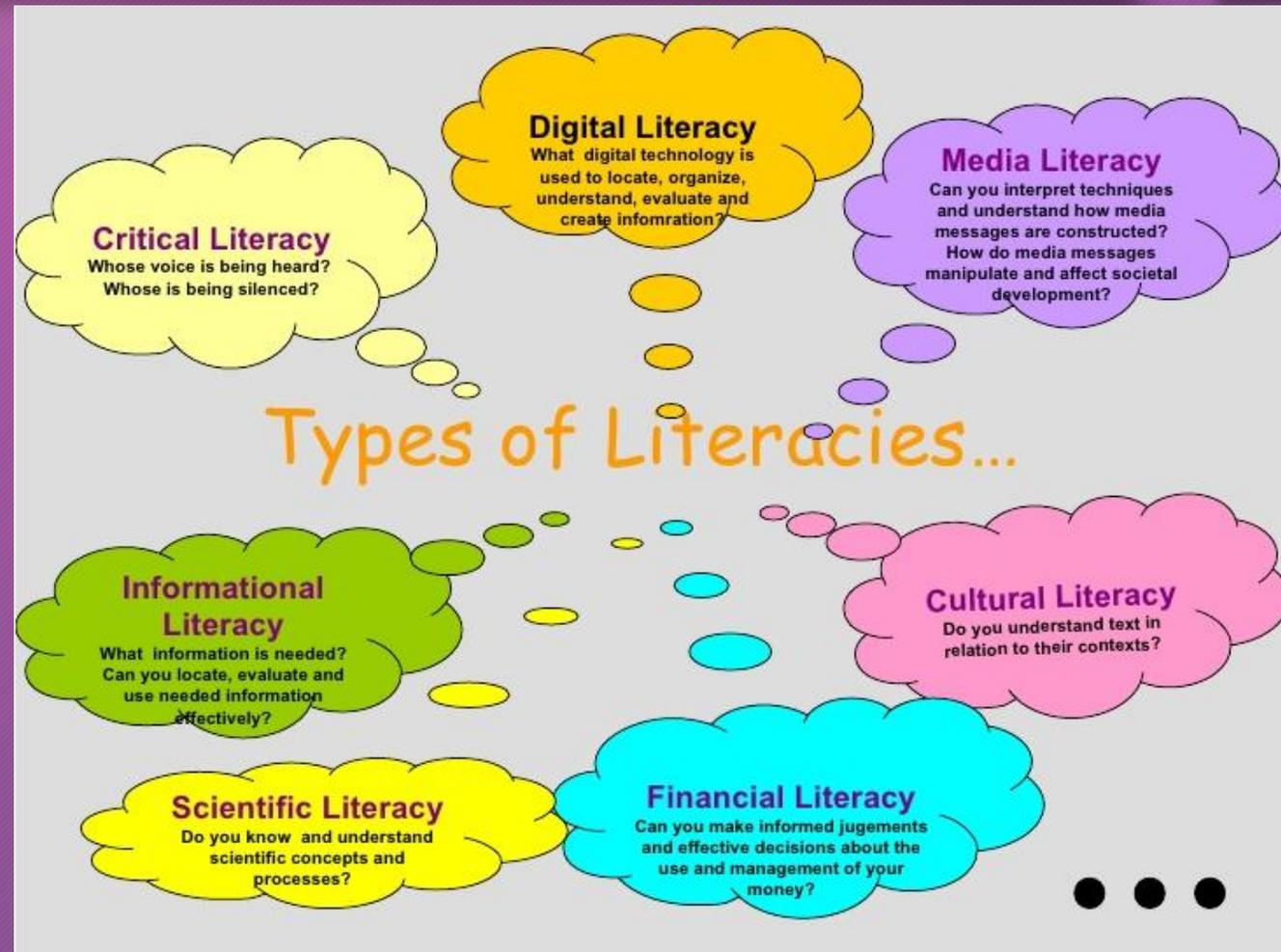
Every 1B the entire school coordinates PRIDE Time so that students are able to receive small group instruction, remediation and extension activities, and opportunities for development of student skills needed for current and future success.

Students also receive multiple opportunities to practice strategies that enhance literacy skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking).

In addition to academic supports, students participate in character education lessons that promote positive relationships.

# Literacy

There are many types of literacy that students will develop at Arbutus Middle School.



# The Three P.R.I.D.E. Components

## 1<sup>st</sup> D.E.A.R.

All students and staff read for a sustained 20 minutes.

Students who are exposed to more literature throughout the school year grow to have better writing skills.

Reading allows students to see how writing works in different forms. Students can discover what voice sounds like through a variety of genres.

Please help ensure your child always has reading materials available and brings something to read every day. Books, magazines, pre-printed articles are all fine.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Activity

A variety of activities/lessons are planned throughout the year.

- \*Study Skills
- \*Student Skills
- \*PBIS Lessons
- \*Team Building
- \*Technology
- \*Genius Hour
- \*Cultural Activities
- \*Prerequisite Skills
- \*Assemblies
- \*Class meetings
- \*Goal setting



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Enrichment

### Must Do

- \*Meet with teachers (mentoring, skills review or reteach, extension activities, goal monitoring)
- \*Complete missing/redo work
- \*Organize binder

### May Do

- \*Read
- \*Study
- \*Selected other activities such as Edutyping, Multiplication/Division Facts, Genius Hour, Coding, complete activity work

# What do our students think?

Give us better books to read.

Genius Hour is fun and helpful because it allows us to learn about our interests.

Dear time was a good time to read any book or catch up on one of your book report books.

I want to learn more about nature.

I like DEAR because it helps me finish a book and gives me extra reading time that I don't have at home.

More group activities!

I wish we could discuss the books we read.

I like to research stuff.

Genius Hour helps me work on my presentation skills.

I don't enjoy reading because I don't read. 😞

More team building activities.

I want to learn more coding.

I wish we had a list of choices for Genius Hour.

Genius Hour was so much fun! This is an excellent idea. I enjoyed learning about topics I love in school.

I love Genius Hour because it shows that I can do more than just school work.

I would like to read with a partner.