



DECEMBER NEWS



December 14, 2018

Important Dates

Thursday, December 20

Whole school assembly - 10:30 am
Whole School Pajama Day!

Friday, December 21

Last day of school before winter break

Monday, January 7, 2019

First day back to school after winter break

Monday, January 11, 2019

Pizza Day!

Drop off and Pick up at Oaklands

As a reminder, our morning supervision begins at 8:30 am and after school supervision ends at 3:00 pm. At Oaklands School, your child's safety is of paramount importance and we kindly ask for your cooperation in picking your child up on time. If you know that you will be late, please call the school as soon as possible at 250-595-2444, and/or make arrangements with other responsible adults to assist with pick-ups.

Thursday December 21

Whole School!



Photo Gallery

Mr. Hovis is looking for a parent volunteer or two to help sort our archive photos to create a photo gallery that we can display. If you have some time to spare, please let Mr. Hovis know.

Primary Concert Bake Sale

What a great success it was! Thank you to all the families for their contributions. We still have some dishes left over. Please come to the office to claim yours.

Swim Club



Hello families! We will be offering 'Swim Club' again for students in grades K-5. This program is run through Crystal pool and will start on January 14th and runs through until March 15th. The classes are every Wednesday from 3:30-4:15. **Parents are expected to get their child to the pool and pick them up.**

To register please use the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFGajlUctN_yHFAyP1xMmuiUxPtKkm4_wUOpJIUIYjfRUZJg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Payment for this program will be **collected by the school and will need to be paid before the first lesson.** The school can accept cash or cheques, made out to Oaklands School. Unfortunately we cannot do on-line payments until we have a registration list. If this creates a problem, please email me directly. **The Winter session for Oaklands will be limited to 30 swimmers and fills up quickly!!!**

Once we reach capacity I will close the registration link. If anyone drops out after we have started the lessons I will contact families on the waiting list.

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PAC News

Our final PAC meeting of 2018 will be taking place on Monday, December 17 at 6 pm in the school library. We would encourage you to come out because we have a number of updates and discussion points about events that will be happening in January and February.

We will be discussing:

- Input into the budget process for the School District. They have sent the following questions:
 - What areas should be given priority in order to support success for all students?
 - What areas do you feel progress is being made and should be continued?
 - How do you feel the budget process could be improved for greater public participation and ease of understanding?
 - Do you have any general comments you would like to add?
- PAC support for the Vancouver Island Parent Conference
- Presentation at the January 28 PAC meeting from the Oaklands Community Association
- Presentation on February 7 on Childhood Anxiety
- Updates from the School Administration (Mr. Hovis and Ms. Mai)

As always, child-minding is available if you RSVP in advance. Please contact

Victoria.Oaklands.PAC@gmail.com no later than Saturday 5 pm if you are attending the PAC meeting and bringing your children.



Dear Oaklands Families,

Winter Break is a great time for families to read together! Don't forget that Oaklands has a subscription to **TumbleBookLibrary**, and your family can access it from home. It's **unlimited**, and it's **FREE** for you to use from home.

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of **e-books** for children. There are **over 250** animated, talking picture books. The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, graphic novels, quizzes, and exciting games and puzzles.

We hope that you will get the chance over the holidays to check out the collections with your child. Below is all the information you'll need to login to the collection:

www.TumbleBookLibrary.com

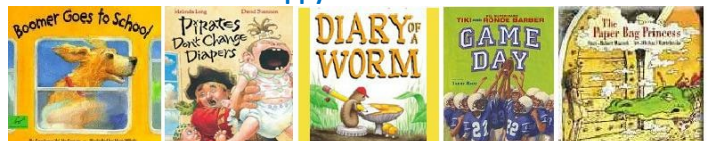
Username: oaklands

Password: student

You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. All you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON...

Happy **TUMBLING!**



Mud mud mud!

Tis the season for muddy fields and playgrounds... and sometimes muddy boots and children! Our staff is doing our best to remind students not to play in the mud during recess (i.e., no tromping, splashing, or throwing mud). While it's fun to play in, it has left some cold and muddy children (past their boots), and Jeff, our trusty custodian is having to sweep and mop up tracked in dirt and mud.

Parents, we would really appreciate it if you reinforce this message at home: please don't play in the mud! Also, make sure your children dress for wet weather. Thank you for your help!