



# JANUARY NEWS

January 11, 2019



## REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is just around the corner for the 2019-20 school year for children born in 2014 and begins on **Monday, January 28 through to Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please note, there are some changes to the registration process.

For more information visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/kindergarten-registration/>

**Greater Victoria School District invites you to:  
Welcome to Kindergarten Information Session**

Wednesday, January 16  
Oaklands Gym, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

## IMPORTANT DATES

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**Welcome to Kindergarten Information Session**  
Oaklands Gym, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Monday, January 14

**Late French Immersion Parent Information Session**  
For Grade 5's from 6:30-7:30 pm

Monday, January 21

**Professional Development (Pro D) Day**  
No school for students

Thursday, January 24

**Open House for Grade 5 Students**  
at Lansdowne Middle School, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

January 28 to February 1

Kindergarten Registration Week  
Late French Immersion Registration Week for Grade 6

February 4 to 8

**Literacy Celebration Week**  
Stay tuned for more information!

**Open House for Grade 5 Students**  
**Lansdowne Middle School, Thursday, January 24, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Attention Parents of Grade 5 Students:

You are invited to our PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT at Lansdowne Middle School, 1765 Lansdowne Road (corner of Lansdowne & Richmond), Phone #: (250) 598-3336

We'll begin presentations and guided tours at 7 p.m. Come and meet our teachers, our PAC, and our principal, find out more about our programs, talk to our students, hear our band and choir, and visit our classrooms!

Principal: Sean Powell  
Vice-Principal: Hilary Braid-Skolski

**Late French Immersion Parent Information Session**  
**For Grade 5's**

Monday, January 14, from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Richmond School Gym  
2780 Richmond Rd., Victoria, BC



## 1000X5

**1000 Books by Age Five**  
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

**January 27 - Family Literacy Day**  
...Donate books to increase early literacy

Do you know that reading books to babies and preschoolers is the most significant indicator of early school success? Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the..... All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of the 172,000 books donated over the last eight years.

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## PAC News



VANCOUVER  
ISLAND  
PARENT  
CONFERENCE

Registration for the 2019 Vancouver Island Parent Conference is open at <http://vipc.ca/register>.

New this year:

- childcare will be available for ages 5-11 through West Shore Parks and Recreation for \$35 / child for the day!
- Sessions are marked according to suggested age focus
- A special conference rate has been arranged with the Grand Pacific for out of town guests \$129 + tax
- There will be a post-conference social at the Six Mile

Cost: \$75 if registered by February 3. \$100 if registered after February. This cost includes lunch and refreshments for the day.

Bonus: The first 100 paid, non-sponsored registrants will receive a wag bag on the day of the conference.

Location: Belmont Secondary School (3041 Langford Lake Road)

The Oaklands PAC Executive would like to draw your attention to a number of School District and PAC initiatives that will take place in January and February when your children return to school. These include:

1. Registration for the 2019 Vancouver Island Parent Conference
2. Presentation by the Oaklands Community Association at the Jan. 28 PAC meeting
3. Presentation at Oaklands on Childhood Anxiety on February 7.

### Vancouver Island Parent Conference

The 2019 Conference will be held on March 2, 2019 at Belmont Secondary School on 3041 Langford Lake Rd. For more information about the conference and the astonishing array of speakers presenting, check out their website at <http://vipc.ca>

Traditionally, the Oaklands PAC has sponsored the early bird registration fee (\$75) for two parents who wish to attend. If you would like to attend the conference and would like to be considered for PAC sponsorship, please send an email to [Victoria.Oaklands.PAC@gmail.com](mailto:Victoria.Oaklands.PAC@gmail.com) by January 14. We will be doing a random draw from the requests submitted. If you receive PAC sponsorship, you will need to use a registration code that we will provide and you will need to ensure that you register by January 25, 2019.

### Oaklands Community Association - Proposed Community Garden

The Oaklands Community Association has reached out to our principal, David Hovis, to discuss the idea of building a community garden in part of the field across Ryan Rd that is currently leased to the School District. In order to better understand this proposal so that we can solicit parent input, the PAC has requested that the Oaklands Community Association provide an overview of the proposed project at our PAC meeting on January 28, 2019. Please come out and learn more about this proposal so that we can ensure parent input is built into any future decision around the use of the athletic field.

### Presentation on Childhood Anxiety

As part of our ongoing Speaker Series, the Oaklands PAC has partnered with the Eric Palmer Memorial Foundation to bring Julie-Anne Richards to deliver her presentation *Childhood Anxiety: Empowering Strategies and Effective Supports* to Oaklands on Thursday, February 7 from 6-8PM in the school gymnasium. Julie-Anne Richards is a highly regarded clinical counsellor and keynote speaker who is an expert on the effective treatment of anxiety. As with our other events, the PAC will be providing childminding services. Registration for both the event and childminding is required. Please see the attached poster for information on how to register.