



# FEBRUARY NEWS

February 1, 2019



## CATCHMENT BOUNDARIES

Earlier this week the Greater Victoria School Board passed a motion to move forward with consultation on new proposed catchment boundaries for 2020. Included in this proposal are several changes for our community:

- Reducing the current boundary for Oaklands Elementary. The former portion is proposed to become the new Victor School catchment.
- Victor School would open as an elementary catchment school. The district anticipates the school will start by phasing Kindergarten and Grade One students.
- The current pathway of Oaklands students is from Lansdowne Middle School to Victoria High School. The proposed pathway change would see Oaklands students going to Lansdowne Middle School and then to Oak Bay High School.
- Richmond Elementary will reopen as a middle school South Campus for Lansdowne. The intention is for Richmond to serve the Grade 6 cohort.

For more information or provide feedback please visit [www.sd61.bc.ca/catchment-boundary-review](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/catchment-boundary-review).

The District will also be hosting a series of Open Houses to receive feedback.

### Open Houses:

#### Open House #1

Wednesday, February 6  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Spectrum Community Secondary  
In Gymnasium B

#### Open House #2

Wednesday, February 13  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Lansdowne Middle School  
In Gymnasium

#### Open House #3

Saturday, February 16  
8:30 - 11:30 am

Victoria High  
In Andrews Gymnasium

## Reading Celebration Week Feb 4 to 8

See attached information for more details.



## IMPORTANT DATES

February 4 to 8

### Literacy Celebration Week

Please see attached for more information!

Thursday, February 7

Literacy Celebration Assembly

1:00 pm, Gym

Friday, February 15

Professional Development Day (Pro D Day)

No school for students

Monday, February 18

Family Day

No school for everyone

Thursday, March 13

Talent Show, Gym, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

## Safety Reminder from Oaklands



Drop-off and Pick-up times can be very busy for us here at Oaklands! We appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe. Please:

- Avoid parking on or close to our crosswalks located on Ryan and Belmont.
- Use designated crosswalks when crossing the road with your child.
- Do not park your vehicle in the staff parking lot (unless you have a designated handicapped parking pass) or walking through the parking lot with your child.
- Avoid blocking our neighbours driveways.

As a reminder, supervision on our school grounds starts at 8:30 am each morning and ends at 3:00 pm each day. If you will be late picking up your child from school at 2:48pm, please make alternate arrangements for your child and notify your child's teacher or our office staff in advance. Thank you!

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## PAC News



Hello Parents,

### **Oaklands Community Association Community Garden proposal**

At the PAC meeting on Monday, the Oaklands Community Association presented their vision for a community garden to be located at the far end of the athletic field across Ryan road. They envision a garden with the following features:

- Approximately 50% of the space dedicated to public use (i.e. paths and food bearing plants available to all members of the public)
- Approximately 50% of the space dedicated to individual garden boxes
- Deer fencing around the perimeter of the community garden
- Wheel chair accessible pathways
- An available water source for irrigating the garden

Parents at the meeting raised a number of questions, which the Oaklands Community Association has not yet resolved. Their planning process is at an early stage and they intend to hold public workshops in the next few months to gather input into the design process. At the meeting, our principal, David Hovis, reiterated his emphasis on gathering parent input before providing a recommendation to the School District as to whether to support the project. To help parents gather further information, the facilities manager from the School District will attend our next PAC meeting on Monday, February 24 to provide input on some of the School District's land use considerations. We encourage parents to attend and ask questions.

### **Childhood Stress and Anxiety - Building Resilience**

Julie-Ann Richards will be speaking to how parents, caregivers, and educators can support children experiencing stress anxiety next Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6 - 8PM in the Oaklands gym. If you have not yet registered, but are interested in attending, please use the following

link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/childhood-anxiety-presentation-tickets-53577392423>

Our thanks to the Eric Palmer Memorial Foundation for helping to put on this event.

Oaklands PAC Executive

Drawings from Oaklands' students (Owen M., June B. and Colton V.) were featured in a 'show and tell' [video](#) between puppet Giggles and the BC Representative for Children and Youth, Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth. More than 80 Oaklands students participated in workshops to learn about child rights and to celebrate **Universal Child Day on November 20**, facilitated by Child Thrive. We encourage you to watch the video with your children!

Thank you to parent Elaina Mack for providing this opportunity for Oakland students!

