



MARCH NEWS

March 1, 2019



Ms. Liddell's Class Visits Parkwood Court

Students in Mrs. Liddell's class showed their Valentine love and community connection by baking and delivering 80 heart sugar cookies to the seniors at Parkwood Court last Friday. They made and decorated cards for each table with positive messages and caring words. ♡♡

Shrek at the MacPherson Theatre

Thursday, May 2nd.

Oaklands is fortunate enough to have access to a limited number of evening dress rehearsal tickets to this live performance. Ticket order forms are available from Mrs. Westby through your child's classroom teacher (and one is attached). Tickets are \$15.00 each. Forms and money (cash only) need to be returned to Mrs. Westby no later than Friday, March 12th. Thank you to all the staff who have volunteered to supervise this event.

Permission forms for the student dress rehearsal of the opera "Countess Maritza" at the Royal Theatre will be available after the spring break.



Bake Sale for Cancer

Some of our grade 4 students decided to raise money for cancer by holding a bake sale Friday after school. It was a huge success - selling out in 15 minutes! They raised \$450! Thank you to Mrs. Liddell, Vienna F, Lucy W, Zoe W, Loa H, Amelia F and all their families, for their hard work!

Monday, March 11th, 2019

Visiting Author: LANA BUTTON

For Kindergarten - Grade 2 classes

Assemblies start at 12:45 and 1:45 pm

During her 45-minute presentation

Lana shares her stories *Willow's Whispers*, *Willow Finds a Way*, and *Willow's Smile*, and opens up discussion around empathy, self-esteem and self-reliance.



Mini-Rugby Practice

Starts Monday, March 4



Spencer Field (across Ryan St.) right after school. Students must have a consent form signed and returned to participate.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, March 13

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

Friday, March 15

Report Cards go home

March 16-31

Spring Break

May 1 & 2

Student Led Conferences

Students dismissed at 11:55 am both days

May 7 & 8

The Intermediate students present:

Peter Pan the Musical

Details to follow soon



PINK
SHIRT
DAY!

On Feb. 27th, students at Oaklands practiced kindness and tolerance for Pink Shirt Day... which coincided with a very fast-moving, energetic basketball game between the grade 4/5 basketball teams and Oaklands staff! On this day that celebrates equality and acceptance, the score was a fitting 14-14! Way to go Oaklands!

Grade 3 Egg Drop!



All grade 3 students participated in this fun experiment today - dropping eggs from the 2nd floor window of the 1912 building. The idea was to make sure the eggs didn't break! There were some amazing, innovative designs. Congratulations to all grade 3's for their hard work!

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PAC News

Hello Oaklands Families,

We wanted to give you an update of the conversation from Monday's PAC meeting regarding the Oaklands Community Association's (OCA) proposal to convert the South end of Spencer field (across Ryan road) into a community garden. Marni Vistisen-Harwood, Facilities Project Manager for School District 61, was present and provided some information on the school district's perspective:

- The current configurations proposed by the OCA in consultation with the school district allow for adequate clearance for soccer and rugby pitches. In addition, the configuration allows for a 100 m race line for track and field events.
- The school district will support or not support the project based on input from our principal, David Hovis, who in turn has indicated he will defer to the recommendations of parents via the PAC.
- In the event that the school community is supportive of the proposal, the school district will discontinue its lease of that specific portion of the field designated for the garden so that the liability and management of the space will be arranged between the city and the OCA.

Katherine Muncaster from the OCA was also present and was able to provide a further update on the timelines for the project:

- The OCA will do a neighbourhood consultation (door knocking) of people living on Forbes and Victor in the immediate proximity of the proposed site in early May.
- The OCA is then planning to do an open house for neighbours at the Oaklands street party, which is scheduled for May 17.
- Following the open house, there will be a design workshop open to the public in late May.
- A draft design would then be displayed at the summer night markets held at the school in June and July
- A final design would be presented to the PAC in September with a request for confirmed support by October.
- Approvals from the school district and city along with the lease adjustments would then take several months
- The OCA is then targeting beginning shovel work in the spring of 2020.

Based on the conversations on Monday night, there are number of different opinions from Oaklands parents on this project and its impact on the school's field space. Given that the OCA has a very involved plan for public engagement, which will require significant staff and volunteer time, it has indicated that it would like to know if there is general support (or not) from Oaklands parents before starting further public engagement. The PAC Executive will therefore put this on the agenda for the April PAC meeting when everyone has returned from Spring Break. Stay tuned to the newsletter for further updates in April.

Oaklands PAC Executive