

Pro D Day
Friday, April 12
No School for Students

APRIL NEWS

April 11, 2019



Oaklands Community Clean-up

Thursday, April 18th

As part of our **Earth Day celebration**, we will be cleaning up the Oaklands neighbourhood on **Thursday, April 18th**! Following our Earth Day assembly (after morning recess), students will help clean up the surrounding neighbourhood.

Please note, in an effort to reduce waste, we will **not** be providing plastic gloves to students. We encourage students to bring a pair of garden gloves or reusable latex (cleaning) gloves from (then back) home.

Before venturing out, students will review safety and "etiquette" rules. Following the Community Clean-up, ALL students will wash hands with soap and water.

Please let your child's teacher know if you are available to accompany your class on this important event.



TESSL 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 April 27 and runs until June 12. 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/1FAIpQLScFGajlUctNyHFAyP1xMmuiUxPtKkm4_wU0pJIUIYjfRUZJg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Payment for this program will be **collected by school and will need to be paid before the first lesson**. They school can accept cash or cheques made out to *Oaklands School*. Unfortunately I cannot do on-line payments until I have a registration list. If this creates a problem, please email me directly and I can try to get it up sooner.

The spring 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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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, April 12

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

Friday, April 19

Good Friday - no school

Monday, April 22

Easter Monday - no school

Friday, April 26

Pizza Day

May 1 & 2

Student Led Conferences
Students dismissed at 12 pm both days

Friday, May 3

Pizza Day

May 7 & 8

The Intermediate students present:
Peter Pan the Musical
Details to follow soon

Friday, May 17

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

Monday, May 20

Victoria Day - No school

PAC NEWS

Hello Oaklands Parents,

A reminder, that this **Monday, April 15 at 6PM** in the library is the PAC General Meeting. Please come out to hear updates from the PAC and the school administration. As always, child minding is available by sending a note to Victoria.Oaklands.PAC@gmail.com.

Oaklands PAC Executive

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The Walk so Kids Can Talk presented by BMO

Is a fun and inspirational 5K walk where thousands of kids, adults, families, schools, community organizations, and corporations across Canada join together to support youth emotional well-being by raising funds for Kids Help Phone. It's a great way to build community and enjoy a fun, family friendly experience outdoors while supporting an important cause.

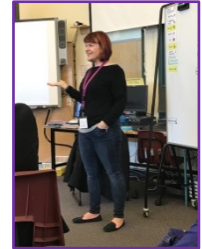
The Walk provides hope and courage to young people everywhere, sending them the message that it's ok to reach out for help, and that we walk together to make the world a more supportive place.

Held on the first Sunday in May since 2002 – this walk is Canada's largest for child and youth emotional health and well-being and celebrates Mental Health Week in Canada each year. The Walk allows Kids Help Phone to keep its services available to kids across Canada 24/7.

<https://walksokidscantalk.ca/>

Jennifer Gibson, Island Sexual Health Educator, spoke candidly to parents at the PAC-sponsored event on Wednesday evening. Her thoughtful and engaging presentation covered: talking about sexuality with kids, healthy relationships, consent, and caring for bodies.

Gibson stressed the importance of open communication from a young age. After all, she said: "Parents are their children's primary and most important sexual health educators."



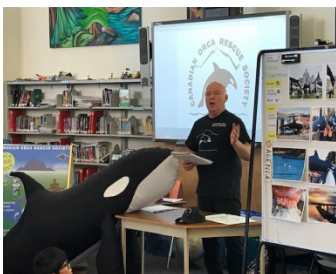
2019-2020 School Year

If you are planning to move your child(ren) to a different school for the 2019-2020 school year, please inform the office as soon as possible.



Our Code of Conduct displayed throughout our hallways...

The Bohemian Ballet came to visit on Wednesday.



Our grade 4 and 5 classes had a "whale" of a time with the Canadian Orca Rescue Society presentations this week.



Attention Kindergarten Parents
Volunteer Gardeners Wanted
Spring Clean-up Party - Oaklands Garden Courtyard
When: Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Our courtyard garden is an integral part of our Outdoor Education Program. It is designed to provide a safe space for our children to connect with nature, with other students and with themselves. Outdoor learning results in healthier, happier children.

We are seeking help from families to donate 1-2 hours to get our courtyard garden ready for spring planting and improve its overall appearance. Please sign-up on the Google Doc for a shift and we will assign jobs once you arrive - <https://bit.ly/2WOnsC1>.

Bring your gardening gloves and any gardening tools that you may have. Children are also welcome to assist their parents. We will provide pizza at noon so please ensure you have signed up on the Google doc.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hovis at dhovis@sd61.bc.ca

