



# APRIL NEWS

April 18, 2019



To our families that celebrate, we wish you a:

Happy Passover!

Happy Easter!

Happy Vaisakhi!

## Student Led Conferences

Wednesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 2

Classroom teachers will be contacting families regarding the scheduling of these conferences.

Information will be sent out in the next week. Please note the early dismissal of 12:00 pm for both dates.

## Oaklands Earth Day Celebrations

Think globally, act locally. Save the whales. Do your part. Those messages resounded through today's assembly as students danced, read poetry, gave a presentation, and listened to speeches about the importance of saving the Southern Resident orca population.

Our Grade 5 Leadership students (pictured) presented important facts about orcas.

Lastly, the Canadian Orca Rescue Society (CORS) spoke about the importance of working together to preserve the environment. A team of grade 4 students (pictured) gave CORS the \$150 cheque that students raised for the Four Mile Creek Project (to raise Chinook salmon).



## IMPORTANT DATES

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

## Peter Pan Musical

A request from our directors..



We are looking for the following items for our Peter Pan musical. If you have any of these things, please email [rheath@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rheath@sd61.bc.ca) or bring them into the office next week.

- a fold up cot bed or extra child's bed
- an umbrella stand
- a small oar
- three mops (can be small from a play set)
- a faux fur wrap

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## LEARNING PORTAL



What do you want to find out about British Columbia?

Check out the Royal BC Museum's exciting new LEARNING PORTAL – a place for learners of all ages to explore BC's natural and human history. Families can have fun exploring the museum's collection through different pathways by reading, watching video, listening to recordings, looking at images or meeting the people who have something to say about the topic. Find out more about the Learning Portal [here](https://learning.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/) or start exploring at <https://learning.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/>

### 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/>



### Attention Kindergarten Parents

#### Volunteer Gardeners Wanted

#### Spring Clean-up Party - Oaklands Garden Courtyard

When: Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

This week we started the preparations for our courtyard clean up!

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](mailto:dhovis@sd61.bc.ca)



Celebrate Volunteering with the Friends of Uplands Park  
**Sunday, April 28, 2019 · Noon - 3pm**  
Beach Drive Entrance to Cattle Point, Uplands Park

Inviting all volunteers of Greater Victoria Parks and those interested to come, listen and dance to the rock music of the Bald Eagles.

Enjoy: food & drinks, activities, wildflower and family activities through the Uplands Park Garry Oak meadows and win prizes. Have a blast!

Enjoy displays from:

Compost Education Centre, Parks Canada, Saanich Parks Pulling Together, Victoria Natural History Society



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