



# MAY NEWS

May 30, 2019



## Attention Kindergarten Parents Volunteer Gardeners Wanted

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

**When: Saturday, June 1st 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

*Our garden is looking fantastic - but we're not done yet!*

Please sign-up on the Google Doc for a 1-2 hour shift and we will assign jobs once you arrive.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1URnt0qf0Lm9WJ43wjHmoly6VtDv1adRCiMnHqTMFQ34/edit?usp=s0013haring>

This time we are focusing on building cedar planter boxes for the garden. Please bring any tools that you may have. (Power tools, hammers, measuring tape, etc.) If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hovis at dhovis@sd61.bc.ca

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, June 3**

Earthquake Drill (student and staff only)

**Tuesday, June 4 to Thursday, June 6**

Cycling BC's "iRide"  
Grade 4 & 5 students

**Wednesday, June 5**

Staff Appreciation Lunch

**Friday, June 7**

Last Pizza Day of the Year

**Tuesday, June 11**

Parent Appreciation Drive-By

**Tuesday, June 18**

All School Fun Day  
(Afternoon)

**Thursday, June 27**

Last Day of School for Students

## READING BINGO RETURNS...

Oaklands is celebrating their love of reading with another round of Reading Bingo starting June 3rd! Families are encouraged to complete as many of the reading bingo activities as possible. Students can **RETURN the bingo sheet by Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win** a "Lunch & Book Buying" trip to Hillside Mall with Mr. Hovis & Ms. Mai. *Happy Reading!*



## School Supplies for Grades 1 to 5 for 2019-2020

Oaklands PAC is organizing school supplies that families can order through Staples. More information to follow soon!



## Parent Appreciation Drive-By Tuesday, June 11



To show our appreciation for all that you do for your children and our school, all our wonderful parents and guardians are welcome to "drive by" between **8:15 and 9:00 am** to pick up a coffee and muffin

Thanks to Starbucks and Koffi for their donation of coffee and to Thrifty Foods for their donation of muffins



**Congratulations to all our Zone C Track runners! Some of them moved on to the UVIC finals on Thursday!**

*Thank you to parent, Ken Wilkinson, for the wonderful photos.*

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## Update from the PAC AGM

It was a fairly quiet PAC AGM on Monday, which is the disadvantage of holding a meeting at the start of the Stanley Cup finals 😊. We covered three topics: 1) Year-end financial update, 2) PAC Executive elections for 2019/20 and 3) Administration funding request.

### *Year-end financial update*

A detailed statement is posted as part of the PAC meeting minutes on the board near the staff room. A brief summary is as follows: We currently have approximately \$19,800 in PAC accounts with approximately \$4000 in outstanding expenditures remaining. We should finish the school year with about \$15,000 - \$16,000 in the PAC accounts. This sum reflects a trend for the past three years that I have been on PAC to spend cautiously and consequently have funds available for unique funding requests from the school administration (more on this below).

### *PAC Executive elections for 2019/20*

As mentioned in previous newsletters, many of the current PAC executives were interested in returning. They were elected by acclamation to the following positions:

President - Eugene Johnson

Vice President - Patti Christianson and Sarah Milbrath

Treasurer - Melissa Donaldson

Secretary - vacant

VCPAC Representative - vacant

Members at large - Dave Evanoff, Jennifer Hoffman, and Jillian Detellis

We will need to recruit a Secretary as well as additional support for the pizza team. While I am hopeful of finding some interested individuals in the incoming parent group of kindergarteners, we would welcome anyone who is able to commit the time.

### *Administration funding request*

As with the past three years, our principal, David Hovis, identified the following priorities for PAC funding: Chess lessons, Art Start performances, Classroom supplies and Field trips

Taken together, these funding requests are approximately \$14,000. The new PAC executive voted to fund these requests for 2019-20. In addition to these items, David also brought forward a new idea - the opportunity for Oaklands to participate in an all school musical through the Voices of Nature School Program. This initiative involves preparation through the school's music program and through curriculum links via science and social studies, culminating in a five day artist in residence that includes a whole school performance. This program was hosted by one of David's previous school to rave reviews. The PAC felt that this was a good opportunity for students and voted to fund the \$6,000 cost. The PAC anticipates receiving a Gaming Grant in the fall of 2019, which will enable funding for all five expenditures mentioned.

Eugene Johnson