OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

June 26, 2020

Wishing everybody a wonderful summer break.
All the best to our grade 5's moving on to middle school in September!

~David Hovis, Amei Mai and all the Oaklands staff

> **First day back at school for Grades 1 to 5**
> is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

COVID and Me: Child Thrive Kids speak to BC Representative for Children and Youth II

A few children from Ms. Mullen's grade 2 class were featured in a special video with BC's Representative for Children and Youth.

The video focuses on how kids are heroes for navigating the ups and downs of COVID-19. The children share their ideas about their rights, feelings and tips to inspire other kids who may be having a harder time.

The [video] has now been released!   Please click on the highlighted word "video" in the previous sentence to view it.

Congratulations to the Reading Award Winners for 2019-20!

Each year we give out two different awards to two students each who are selected by teachers.

The Betty Erskine Reading Award is dedicated to young readers in grade five who exemplify and model a love of reading. Donations are made in Betty Erskine's honour by her daughter, Lorraine Bottrell.

The Rhoda McAndrew Love of Reading Award is for two determined grade three students who persevered and developed a true love of reading. Donations are made by the McAndrew family and friends in Rhoda's memory.

Students are traditionally given a book for these awards that is selected for them and another of the same book is donated to the library. This year our winners will receive a gift certificate to Bolen Books.

Rhoda McAndrew Grade 3 Reading Award:
Rocco Rosal
Sierra Graves

Betty Erskine Grade 5 Reading Award:
Jasper Fox
Dexter Kenny

A few of our staff members are moving on. We wish them well in their future endeavors….

Mrs. Westby, Ms. Hemus, Mr. Stepney, Mr. and Mrs. Marta (back in 2021-2022!) Mrs. Norma Chan, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Hovis.

Monk Office School Supplies for 2020-2021

Attached is information on how to order school supplies through Monk Office. We provide Monk Office with our school supply lists and they organize packages for each grade for you to order all your child's supplies at once. They will be delivered to your child's classes in September. A portion of the proceeds of the purchases go directly to our own PAC (Parent Advisory Committee).

The Greater Victoria Public Library's Summer Reading Program is online now!

Please see the attached document with more information.

From Our PAC Executive

Hello Parents,

What a strange school year this has been. Covid19 has disrupted all of our usual routines and expectations. As we look ahead to September and the start of a new school year, we are still uncertain as to what "normal" will look like.

In light of these uncertainties, the PAC Exec wanted to let you know that we will be resuming as many of our activities as we can and adapting them as needed. PAC meetings will resume in September through virtual connections. Instead of gathering at the school library, we will be connecting via Zoom or other virtual platforms. We will find speakers for parent talks who are able to connect through virtual technology and who can offer insight and guidance in adapting to the new circumstances our families and children face on their education journey.

If we can identify a safe means to resume pizza lunches with whatever protocols are in place for the school year, we will bring that option back to Oaklands. And for those parents who pre-paid for their children's pizza lunch via the Hot Lunches website, thank you for your patience. We will work to ensure that your credit carries over to next year.

Finally, to all the teachers and staff at Oaklands, thank you for your dedication to our children in these challenging times. We didn't get to host an appreciation lunch this year, but we still think you're awesome.😁

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer. Stay busy. Stay outdoors. Stay well.

The Oaklands PAC Executive