

OAKLANDS SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2ND, 2020

Dear Oaklands Families,

Wednesday, September 30th was Orange Shirt Day - a day during which we take the time to better educate ourselves about some of the terrible injustices of colonialism (particularly residential schooling) and the impact on Canada's indigenous peoples, as we seek opportunities to travel together – indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians – on a collective journey toward truth and reconciliation.

Many Oaklands teachers prepared learning activities around this theme to share with their classes as a complement to the many ways in which Indigenous Education is woven throughout the curriculum.

Thank you for supporting Orange Shirt Day and our collective journey toward truth and reconciliation,

Kind regards,

Petra Eggert

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 12

Thanksgiving

No school



Friday, October 23

Professional Development Day

No school for students

Wednesday, October 28 &

Thursday, October 29

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Via ZOOM meetings

Teachers will contact families with more information soon.

Thursday, October 29

Photo Re-Take Day



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A reminder to families,

We ask that all adults other than staff to remain outside the school. If you need to drop off your child late or pick them up early, please check in at the office via the **main entrance only. Ms. Appleton and Mrs. Beckett will be happy to call your child's classroom or escort them to their class if needed. Thank you.**

Community Fundraising

The following local businesses generously contribute funds to the Oaklands PAC whenever you shop with them.



Soap Exchange – As a member of the Soap Exchange's 'Clean-Up Program' we receive 10% (in dollar value) of all purchases made by our members. Simply let the staff know at the time of purchase that you are an Oaklands PAC member (all parents and guardians of students at Oaklands are automatically PAC members). The Soap Exchange is located at 1393A Hillside Ave.
Website: victoriasoapexchange.com

Finn and Izzy – Over the past three years Finn and Izzy's 'Give 'Back to School' A New Meaning Program' has raised over \$1200 for the Oaklands PAC. With every pair of regular priced shoes sold at a value of \$40 and up, Finn and Izzy give \$5 back to the Oaklands PAC. At purchase, choose 'Oaklands' from the list of Greater Victoria schools. Finn and Izzy is located at 2259 Oak Bay Ave.
Website: finnandizzy.com



Thrifty Foods – The Smile Card Program is a significant part of the PAC's annual budget; every year they donate up to \$3000. In the past we have used these funds for field trips, classroom support, and new technology purchases. Smile Cards are available in the school office.

Take the Smile Card with you to any Thrifty Foods location when you go grocery shopping.

Ask the cashier to load any amount you wish onto the card before having your grocery order rung through. Pay for the card load with cash, debit card or credit card. Ring the grocery order through and pay for the order with your Smile Card. When the card balance is running low, load it again to continue to support the Oaklands PAC every time you shop. Loaded Smile Cards can also be used to pay for groceries delivered to your door.

FAQs: <https://www.thriftyfoods.com/community/smile-card-fundraising-program/faq>

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Pro-D Days
Non-Instructional Days
(students not in attendance)

Monday, September 28, 2020

Friday, October 23, 2020

Friday, November 20, 2020

Monday, January 25, 2020

Friday, February 12, 2021

Friday, May 21, 2021

SHIELDS FOR SALE \$3.00 EACH

Although the Ministry of Education website (under the updated Health and Safety Guidelines) states that **Elementary** school students **are not** required to wear masks, we would like to support our families and their personal choices regarding personal protective equipment while students are inside Oaklands school.

Through our Oaklands Website, **School Cash Online Payments** <https://oaklands.sd61.bc.ca/> you will be able to purchase a child size shield with the Oaklands logo for **\$3.00 each**. The shields are comfortable and allows us to see our student's faces. **SHIELDS ARE IN THE OFFICE FOR PICK UP.**

Backpacks & School Supplies

If your child(ren) are in need of school supplies and a backpack, Telus has generously donated these items. Please let our office staff know, and we will distribute them on a first come, first served basis. (We have 14 backpacks left.)

Each backpack contains:

- 2 pencil cases
- 4 erasers
- A package of lined paper
- 12 lined exercise books
- A ruler

