

OAKLANDS SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Dear Oaklands Families,

Congratulations to you and your children for successfully completing our first full week of school together. I have visited all of our classes and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our students. It has been a full week of new routines and schedules and students and staff have been adjusting well. Thank you again for supporting us as we work to make this a safe and happy place for students to learn.

A highlight for me this week was leaving the building at 7:00 PM on Thursday to find a hand written note on my windshield that said, "Believe".

I do believe that in challenging times, we can do and accomplish hard things together. I also believe that together we are stronger.

Thank you to the compassionate person who thoughtfully left notes on our cars. This small act of kindness lifted our spirits and I felt that this was carried forward to others.

I hope that everyone has a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards,

Petra Eggert



IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 20

Terry Fox Virtual Run
(see details below)

Monday, September 28

Professional Development Day

No school for students

Tuesday, September 29

Individual Photo Day
PAC Meeting via ZOOM

Wednesday, September 30

Orange Shirt Day

Shirts can be purchased year round at:

<https://victoriaorangeshirtday.com/>

**Professional Development Days
(Pro D)**

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

PLEASE NOTE:

Student information forms went home today, please check your child's backpack, complete, sign and return all forms as soon as possible.

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Please leave toys at home

Students are encouraged to bring labelled balls (soccer balls, basketballs, bouncy balls, etc.) to play with at recess time. We ask that children do not bring toys to play with, even little ones. These toys are encouraging social "closeness" rather than distancing. Please help us to help kids stay safe. Thank you!

TERRY FOX RUN

This is the 40th year of the Terry Fox Run. Unfortunately this year will not be an organized school or community run event. Check out the Terry Fox Virtual Run One Day. Your Way. **Sunday, September 20th** registration at <https://terryfox.org/>

Oaklands School will continue to fundraise here:

School Fundraising Link:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/OaklandsElementary>

Username: 2020BC6583

Password: CUREBC4043



SHIELDS FOR SALE \$3.00 EACH

It is so nice to see all of our students back at Oaklands school excited and ready to learn. Many students are wearing masks and face coverings. 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.**

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MESSAGE FROM PAC

Message from the PAC

To all parents,

We have attached the PAC Contribution Request Form. Please take a moment and read through. This year Covid-19 has changed some of the ways we use the Contribution Funds. In previous years the funds helped the school for musical, chess club, etc. This year our focus will be mainly on more sports equipment for less sharing and easier to rotate for cleaning, classroom materials that teachers may need this year, and the school community garden project that keeps growing.

A reminder the first PAC general meeting will be Tuesday, September 29th at 6pm. A Zoom link for the meeting will be shared in the coming weeks. This first meeting will be our AGM as we did not hold it at the end of last year. Petra Eggert, the principal will also be in attendance and will provide an overview on the upcoming school year.

Thanks, The PAC Executive

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.

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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: thriftyfoods.com/community/smile-card-fundraising-program/faq

