

# OAKLANDS SCHOOL

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## SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2020

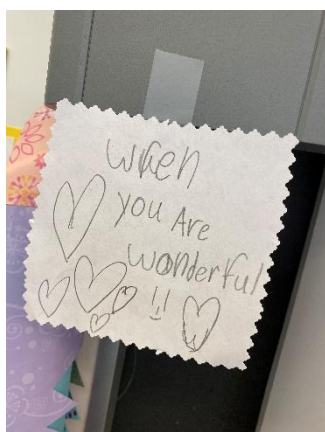
Dear Oaklands Families,

It's Feel Good Friday! As I make my way through classrooms to say good morning to our staff and students, I have seen a heart-warming array of community-building activities. Some students are exploring their own identities, for example, or learning about what makes a genuine compliment. Throughout the school, teachers are leading activities on what it means to care for each other authentically and care for each student as a whole person. Being witness to these meaningful relationships develop has become my favourite time of day.

As September comes to a close, our first professional development day will be a time for our teachers and educational assistants to connect as a community. We will be taking the time to deepen and extend our understanding of our students. With this in mind, we will be working collaboratively to develop informed, responsive supports so that all students may strive to reach their full potential every day.

Kind regards,

Petra Eggert



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Professional Development Day**

No school for students

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Individual Photo Day

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**PAC AGM Meeting via ZOOM**

**6:00 PM Everyone Welcome!**

**Wednesday, September 30**

**Orange Shirt Day**

Shirts can be purchased year round at:

<https://victoriaorangeshirtday.com/>

## Please stay tuned for upcoming Meet the Teacher Zoom dates

**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, 2021

Friday, February 12, 2021

Friday, May 21, 2021

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## **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.**



## **Dress for the weather!**

Fall is here, along with the rain! All classes will be going outside for Outdoor Education and recesses ... rain or shine!

Please send your child to school in MORE than a hoodie! Even if it's not raining when they go to school, it would be really helpful (and often necessary) to have a raincoat, rain pants, boots, and a warm hat at school. It's not mandatory, but it will help keep your child dry and comfortable after they play outside.

Thank you.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

To all parents,

A reminder the first PAC general meeting will be **Tuesday, September 29th at 6pm**. 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.

Please remember the PAC Contribution Request Form that was in last week's newsletter. Donations accepted until Friday, October 16, 2020. 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.

Thanks, The PAC Executive

Please Join Our PAC AGM Zoom Meeting

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/4216962406?pwd=U2J4ZkdwMkZ4NERWZXNCc0ZjaTd4Zz09>

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## 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](http://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](http://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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