



# OAKLANDS SCHOOL

2827 Belmont Avenue, Victoria BC V8R 4B2

Phone: (250) 595-2444 • Fax: (250) 595-4789 NEW Attendance email: oaklandsattendance@sd61.bc.ca

**DECEMBER 17, 2021**

Report Cards were sent home yesterday— check your child's backpack.

School is back in session **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**



*A video wishing you happy holidays from us to all of you:*

[Holiday Video](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, December 16**

Report cards go home

**Friday, December 17**

Last day before Winter Break  
Pajama Day!

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

First day back from Winter Break

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

**PAC Bottle Drive**

More information to follow soon

It is bittersweet that we share that we are saying farewell and best wishes to Mrs. Appleton as she prepares for a new job at the SD61 board office starting in the new year.

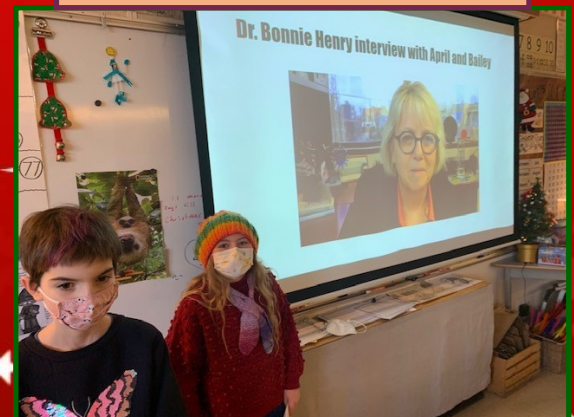
Mrs. Appleton joined the Oaklands team in October 2020. She very quickly helped carry us through the challenging time of re-opening our school in the midst of the pandemic. Mrs. Appleton is highly organized and worked hard to develop procedures for us to run smoothly. Although she is moving on, she will always hold a place in our Oaklands family and I am sure, continue to support us from her new position.

Thank you, Mrs. Appleton! We wish you all the very best in your new job.

Petra Eggert



Bailey and April came to share their leadership project with our class. They learned about important Canadian women and interviewed Dr. Bonnie Henry!





# OAKLANDS SCHOOL

2827 Belmont Avenue, Victoria BC V8R 4B2

Phone: (250) 595-2444 • Fax: (250) 595-4789 NEW Attendance email: [oaklandsattendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:oaklandsattendance@sd61.bc.ca)

Oaklands Families,

It has been an honour to work with you as we continue to navigate school during these uncertain times. On the eve of winter holidays, I have a full heart and deep gratitude for our Oaklands staff, students and families unwavering efforts in keeping our school a safe place to learn.

This year Oaklands school has been involved in piloting a provincial initiative that will see classroom teachers use Proficiency Scales to communicate student learning. This change in reporting practice can be seen across the province, as school districts work to align themselves with the Ministry of Education's reporting policy and with BC's curriculum. We anticipate that by the 2022-2023 school year, all schools province wide will be using the Proficiency Scales language.

I am very proud of all of the hard work that our students have committed to with their learning this term. Regardless as to where students are in their development of skills and competencies, our classrooms and hallways are filled with evidence of growth, perseverance and the joy of learning. We are committed to supporting your children with their learning and maintaining Oaklands as a safe place to belong.

Although we are all ready to put the pandemic behind us, we are not there yet. I would like to remind families of the current and evolving federal travel requirements. Please be mindful of how your winter break travel plans may affect your child's return to school. For information on travel advisories and requirements for unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated children returning or entering Canada, please visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada>

I regularly remind our students of six simple words that can be touchstones for how we work, learn and play together. It seems fitting that as we say farewell to 2021, I share the same message with you:

**"Be good, try hard and have fun."**

**Be Good:** Be and do what is right for the world, hold tight to your moral compass, live with compassion and make the world a better place.

**Try Hard:** Have a strong work ethic, stick to your commitments, practice true grit and remember, it's not always about winning or the product...trust the process.

**Have Fun:** Live a passion-based life, keep a playful spirit, embrace life's surprises with humour, and love with abandon.

I encourage you to join me in embracing those six words as we say farewell to 2021 and live out the years to come.

Petra Eggert,  
Principal

# OAKLANDS SCHOOL



2827 Belmont Avenue, Victoria BC V8R 4B2

Phone: (250) 595-2444 • Fax: (250) 595-4789 NEW Attendance email: [oaklandsattendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:oaklandsattendance@sd61.bc.ca)

## News from the PAC

On behalf of Oaklands PAC we want to wish Susan and Jodi all the very best in the next chapter of their careers. Susan, you have been a constant rock for PAC throughout the years. We appreciate the hours upon hours of help you've given us and your thoughtful, kind and cheerful nature. Jodi, we are grateful for your time at Oaklands as well, your kindness and all that you have done for Oaklands.



Reminder:

There are two ways to help our bottle drive:

Drop off your empties at our no-sort bottle drive at the school on Saturday, January 8th, 2022. Please mark it on your calendar!

Or take your empties to any one of the Bottle Depot locations:

4261 Glanford Ave / 655 Queens Ave / 3961 Quadra St

\*Please advise staff at the beginning of the transaction that you would like to put your refund on a charitable account and supply them with the account name **Oaklands Elementary School PAC**

We wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. We will see you all again in 2022!

PAC Executive



### REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is just around the corner for the 2022-2023 school year for children born in 2017 and begins on **Monday, January 24 through to Friday, January 28, 2022**. All registration is online.

For more information visit: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/kindergarten-registration/>

**Early French Immersion (Kindergarten & Grade 1)** registration is January 10 – 14, 2022. If you are in the Oaklands catchment, the French Immersion school is Willows Elementary School.

### Santa's Helpers

Thank you to Iain and Chris and the team of realtors from Remax for making a few of our families' holidays a little brighter!

