

Oaklands School

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October 13, 2023

Dear Oaklands Families,

We will be using Microsoft Booking system to book your Parent-Teacher Conference time. Parents/Guardians can easily access the system and book any time on a first-come, first-served basis. If you need additional assistance please speak to your child's teacher directly as they will be monitoring appointments.

Reminder: early dismissal on Wednesday, October 25th is at 11:50 AM.

How to book Parent-Teacher Conferences online:

The online booking system will be available on Friday, October 13th .

Follow this link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/OaklandsElementary1@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/s/Vco0Uqw7T0utcYQVrJwX0g2>

1. Select your child's classroom teacher (***this is not optional – we are unable to change the title but you must select a teacher to book correctly***)
2. Select an available time for that day with your child's teacher
3. Fill in your name, email address, phone number and your child's name as required
4. Click the Book button to complete the process
5. You will receive a confirmation email confirming your conference time
6. You will need to repeat these steps for each of your children's teachers.

If you are feeling sick on the day of your conference, please do not attend and reschedule with the teacher for a later date

We will continue collecting donations at

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/OaklandsElementary> until Tuesday, October

17th. Cash will also be accepted at the office.



Important Dates

Monday, October 16th

PAC Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday, October 20th

Professional Development Day
No School

Wednesday, October 25th

Early Dismissal - 11:50
Parent Teacher Interviews

Photo retake day

Thursday, October 26th

Parent Teacher Interviews (regular school hours)

Friday, October 27th

Costume Day

Tuesday, October 31st

Black and Orange Day

Friday, November 3

Hot Lunch-Pizza Day

Friday, November 10

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice
Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday, November 13

Remembrance Day Observed
No School

Monday, November 20

Professional Development Day
No School for Students
PAC Meeting 6:00 pm

HOT LUNCH

<http://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/>

School Code: OHL

Cross Country



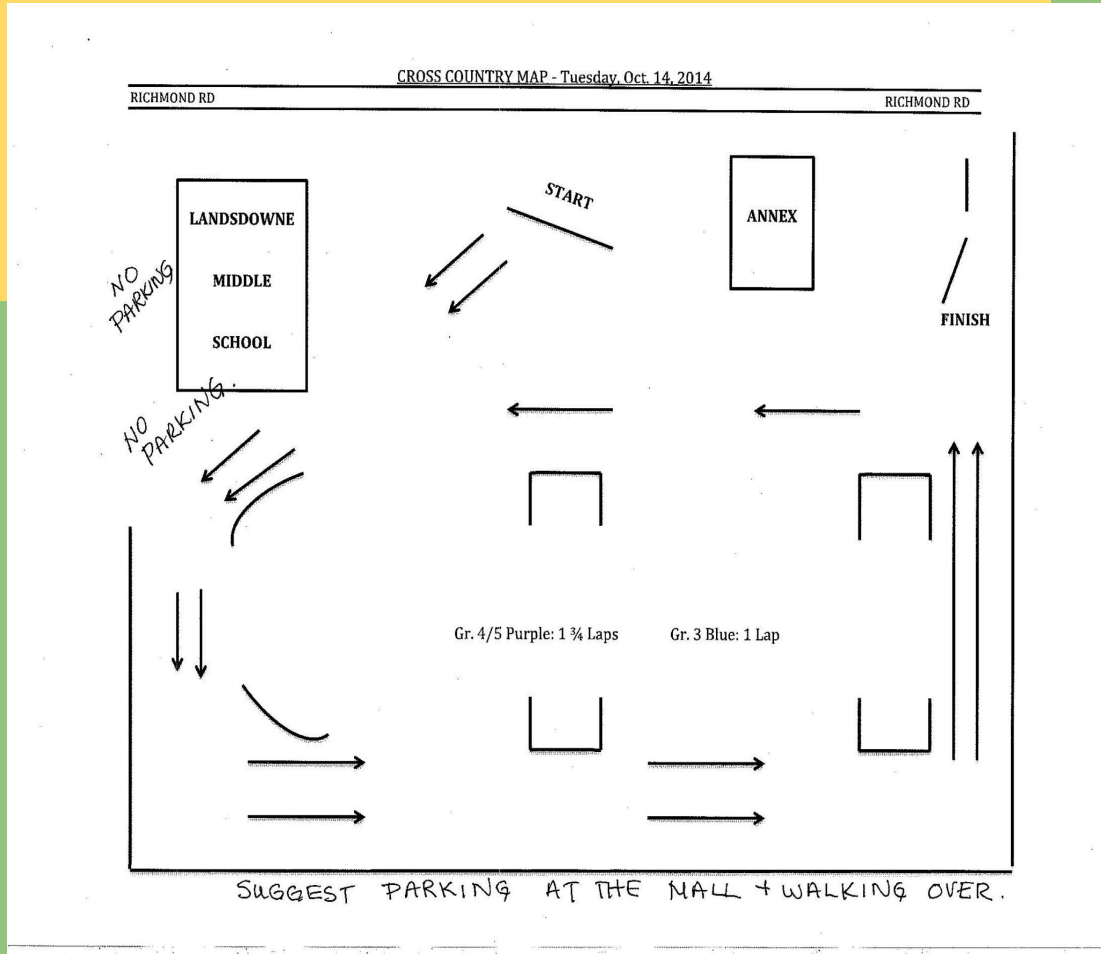
Great job on Tuesday at Lambrick Park! Our next cross country race is on Tuesday, October 17 at Lambrick. Runners please meet us at Lambrick at 3:30 for a warm up before the races begin at 3:45. This is our last race before the finals next week. Remember practices are Tues and Thurs at lunch.

Parents will be responsible for getting their child to and home from each race (or making arrangements with another family). We will send race maps as soon as they are provided to us.

Tuesday Oct. 17 Lambrick (reverse)

Finals Wednesday Oct. 25 Cedar Hill Corner UVIC

Coaches Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Liss will see you there.



American Sign Language + Deaf Culture

Did you know...

One of the main aspects of Deaf Culture is the use of a sign language as the main form of communication.

Canada has 2 commonly used sign languages:
American Sign Language (ASL)
Langue des Signes Québécoise (LSQ)

Sign of the week

Play

Share

Check out...

ASL online dictionaries:
• Lifeprint.com (American)
• Handspeak.com (Canadian)





We will be having a no-sort bottle drive at the school, **Saturday, November 4th, 2023**. Please drop off your bottles in the staff parking lot between 10am to 2pm. Please drop off your bottles and help spread the word to friends and family!

PAC NEWS

Today is the deadline for our PAC Contribution Drive. Thank you to those that have contributed.

Please consider filling out our Donation Drive form found in the PAC package your child brought home, or print one off from the PAC website, or by donating through our Hot Lunches website. We have a goal this year of raising \$5 000!

All funds raised go directly to our school and help fund activities for our kids. One goal we are working towards is upgrading the intermediate playground.

For contributions of \$20 or more you will receive a charitable donation tax receipt (see attached) from School District 61 (tax receipts are mailed by the school district in January or February). Please note the following if you elect to contribute by cheque or cash:

- Deliver your cheque or cash contribution, with the completed Contribution Tax Receipt Form (included in this package), to the school office by **Friday, October 13th, 2023**.
- Please make cheques out to School District #61. Please clearly indicate on the memo line of the cheque that it is for **Oaklands Elementary School**.
- Please be aware that cheques may take up to three months to be deposited.

Alternately, contributions may be made online via the our Hot Lunches website, oaklandspac.hotlunches.net. Please log in and scroll down to the "DONATE" button on the home page. *Please note that we are unable to offer charitable tax receipts for contributions made online.*

Thank you so much for your consideration in this request. If you have any questions please email the PAC at victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com

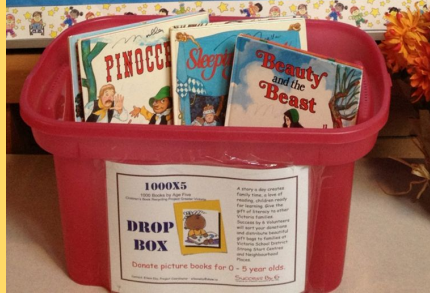
Our next PAC General Meeting is on Monday, October 16th at 6pm online. Please see below for the link.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

PAC Executive

1000X5 Books Part of October Fun

Wee Ones Need Your Books



As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin by the office. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. **311,000 books in 12 years!! Thank you.**

Thrifty Foods Kids Run

Want to help Oaklands Elementary win \$1,000 for the school's PAC while having fun in the community, and getting some fresh air and exercise at the same time?

Anyone up to 12 years old is welcome to register as part of the Oaklands School team for the Thrifty Foods Kids Run taking place the morning of Saturday, October 7th.

This fun run will start and finish at Willows Beach Park and consists of a scenic 1km there-and-back course. The entry fee (which also gets you some goodies) is \$25 per child but parents/guardians will be able to run with their kids for free if they wish. As part of the School Challenge, the school with the most participants signed up by Friday, October 6 at 11am will win a \$1,000 prize!

Further details can be found at <https://www.runvictoriamarathon.com/kids-run> or by contacting Teresa Cinco (Team Captain) at zita3@yahoo.com. Otherwise, if you're ready, sign up here for a fun Saturday morning:

<http://raceroster.com/events/2023/65168/2023-royal-victoria-marathon/register?team=574732>

We hope to see Oaklands Olympians of all ages and abilities out there!

SD61 Cold and Flu Season Reminders

Dear families,

We have reached that time of the year again! It is cold and flu season. As students return to classrooms for the new school year, as the leaves start to turn and the temperature drops, the tissues and sneezes begin to appear. Additionally, with COVID-19 circulating within our community, it is important to take extra precautions.

Please remind your child of the following important habits:

- Make sure to wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching face, mouth, or eyes.
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing by leaning into your elbow or using a disposable tissue. Quickly throw away any used tissues and wash or sanitize your hands after.
- Respect the personal space bubbles of other students.
- Stay home when sick!

Please monitor your children daily for any cold or flu-like symptoms. In accordance with the Public Health Guidelines, students and staff are asked to stay home when sick or displaying any symptoms of sickness. If students develop symptoms throughout the day while they are at school, they will be reminded to use tissues or lean into their elbow to cover their coughs and sneezes. If required, an office staff member will contact you to arrange a pickup of your sick child. These protocols are in place to lower the risk of transmission of communicable disease and to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

For more information on the health and safety protocols implemented in our schools go to:

[Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)