



Oaklands School

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Dear Oaklands Families,

With Halloween approaching, keeping your child(ren) safe is a top priority.

Trick-or-Treating is an exciting activity for many children. It can also be risky if your child does not have the skills to be safe in traffic.

Here are some tips to help keep your child safe:

- **Enhance Visibility:** Make sure your child has a light and/or reflective clothing
- Have an adult go with your children, especially if they are under 10 years old
- **Stay Together:** If your child is not with an adult, make sure they are in a group of at least three people
- If you are not with your child, make sure you know where they are and who they are with
- Set a time with your child to be back home
- **Look Twice:** Teach your child road safety rules and to look, listen and think about traffic
- Teach your child about personal safety and to never go with anyone they don't know
- **Inspect Candy and be Cautious with Food Allergies:** Teach your child not to eat treat until a parent has checked them
- Consider alternatives to trick-or-treating, such as a home party, a local community centre or mall
- Trick-or-Treat on Oak Bay Ave.

<https://www.oakboy.ca/explore-oak-boy/festivals-events/annual-events/trick-or-treat-avenue>

For more information:

- Halloween Safety (government of Canada)
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/home-safety/halloween-safety.html>
- Halloween Safety: Tips for Families
https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/safety-and-injury-prevention/halloween_safety



Important Dates

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

Friday, December 1

Hot Lunch - Pizza

HOT LUNCH

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

School Code: OHL



Cross Country 2023

Congratulations to all of the cross country runners who ran in the city finals yesterday. The coaches and Oaklands staff are so thrilled with how everyone represented our awesome school. Well done!

Thank you to **Ms. Liddell** and **Ms. Liss** for leading our cross country runners this year. Your leadership and commitment to our student's success is much appreciated.

Please wash and return all Oaklands pinnies and shirts to your teacher or the office.



PAC NEWS

Our first bottle drive of the school year is fast approaching. Please save your cans and bottles and bring them to the staff parking lot on **Saturday, November 4th from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. This is an easy, no-sort bottle drive but please note that glass bottles must be kept separate. Help us by spreading the word to friends and family!

Thank you for your support in our donation drive. **We raised \$3,037.00 from your generosity**, with every cent going to our school!

Booster Juice is now available to order on our Hot Lunches website. The deadline to order for our first smoothie lunch is Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00pm.

<https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/>

We're excited to share that five BC-based businesses have joined our Community Fundraising program and contribute funds to the Oaklands PAC whenever you shop with them:

- **Tru Earth** donates 20% of your online purchase of eco-friendly cleaning supplies and laundry detergent
- **Emily's Labels** donates 20% of your online purchase of durable stick-on name labels
- Local coffee roaster **Level Ground** donates 20% of online orders of organic fairtrade coffee
- **Nature Bee** gives parents 10% off & donates 10% of online purchases of reusable beeswax food wraps
- **This Week's Lunch** gives parents 30% off their first 2 weeks & donates 5% of all orders of health pre-packed lunches

Visit the PAC website for all details: <https://sites.google.com/view/oaklands-pac/community-fundraising>.

Do you know a local business that may be interested in supporting the PAC? Please get in touch!



Oaklands Elementary

CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10AM - 2PM

2827 BELMONT AVENUE

RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL



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!**

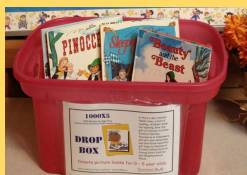
Please monitor your children daily for any cold or flu-like symptoms. In accordance with the Public Health Guidelines, students and staff are asked to stay home when sick or displaying any symptoms of sickness. If students develop symptoms throughout the day while they are at school, they will be reminded 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](#)

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.**



**DROP-INS
WELCOME**

FREE FRIDAY FLOOR HOCKEY

FRIDAYS EXCEPT FOR PRO D DAYS AND
STAT HOLIDAYS

4:30 - 5:30PM @ OAKLANDS GYM

AGES 9 - 16YRS OLD

REGISTER @ OAKLANDS.LIFE
250 370-9101 EXT #3

OAKLANDS.LIFE



INTRODUCE YOUR CHILD TO THE
FRENCH LANGUAGE & CONTRIBUTE TO
THEIR IN SCHOOL FRENCH CLASSES!

NOV. 4 - DEC. 16

KIDS' BEGINNER FRENCH

SATURDAYS @ OAKLANDS
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

6-8YEARS OLD 9 - 10AM
9-11 YRS OLD 10:15 - 11:15 AM

RECREATIONAL GAMES
AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT
WITH AN EMPHASIS ON FUN!

OAKLANDS SATURDAY SOCCER

Saturdays Sep - Dec

4-6 yrs 9am - 10am
7-9yrs 10am - 11am

oaklands.life to register
250-370-9101 ext.3 for more info

