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Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

We are grateful for our Oaklands community! Today was an exciting day as we came together as an Oaklands community and welcomed Tour de Rock, who have been riding their bikes the length of Vancouver Island to raise money for cancer research. As a small token of our appreciation for each rider's work over the last few months, we presented them with a piece of Oaklands Elementary. During the carving of our totem, at the front of the school, a coin was created. The coin is carved with a hummingbird, representing that even something small can make a big impact. With small but mighty steps, we can all work towards achieving a big goal. Just like the hummingbird, each member of the Tour de Rock team committed to pushing forward every day, one pedal at a time, working towards the goal of helping children affected by cancer.

Thanks to our Oaklands community we were able to collect over \$2250!



Important Dates

Monday, October 9th
Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Friday, October 13th
Terry Fox Run 1:30-2:00 pm

Monday, October 16th
PAC Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday, October 20th
Professional Development Day
No School

Wednesday, October 25th
Photo Retakes Day

Early Dismissal - 11:50
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, October 27th
Costume Day

Tuesday, October 31st
Black and Orange Day

Friday, November 3
Hot Lunch-Pizza Day



Cross Country



Great job on Tuesday at Lambrick Park! Our next cross country race is on Tuesday, October 10 at Landsdowne. Runners please meet us at Landsdowne at 3:30 for a warm up before the races begin at 3:45.

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. 10

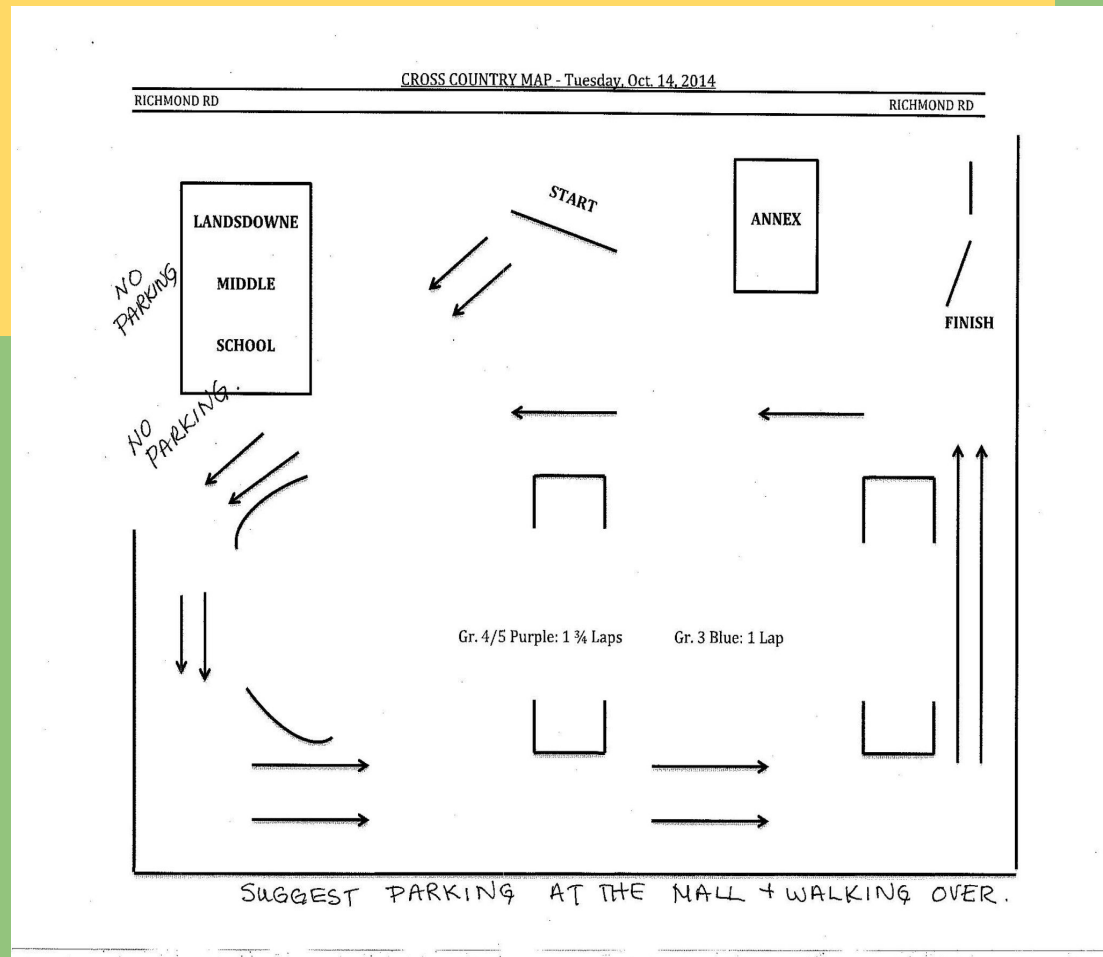
Lansdowne

Tuesday Oct. 17

Lambrick (reverse)

Finals Wednesday Oct. 25 Cedar Hill Corner UVIC

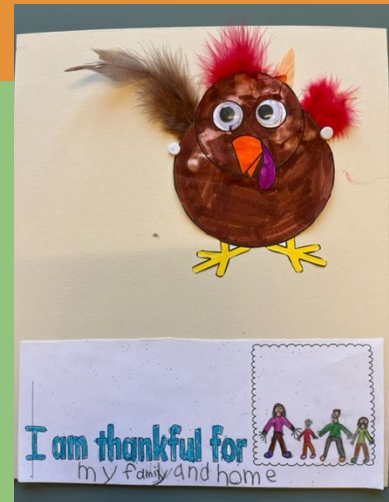
Coaches Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Liss will see you there.



ARRIVE IN FIVE

Thanks everyone who came out to the Arrive in Five Launch at Oaklands park on Thursday Oct. 5 morning and a very special thanks to the CRD for supplying treats and the safe commuting gear. A reminder for parents that the Arrive in Five is an alternative drop-off and pick-up spot and can be used as a meet up spot for children to walk or wheel the rest of the commute to school solo or together with friends.

This will not be monitored moving forward. If you have any questions please contact victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com



PAC NEWS

Please Consider filling out our Donation Drive form found in the PAC package your child brought home, or on 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 and we are at \$2600 with one week left to go!

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.*

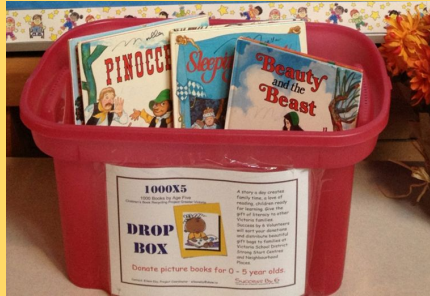
Thank you so much for your consideration in this request. If you have any questions please email the PAC at victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com

Thank you to the volunteers and PANAGO for our first pizza day of the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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](#)