

Oaklands School

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Our Ms. Sam (EAG) had two student helpers today on the morning announcement segment, Hello/Bonjour. We highlighted the Métis language, Michif. The students shared the Michif greetings taanishi (hello), boon mataen (good morning), and enn bonn zhoornii ayaa (have a good day). Michif is the language spoken by the Métis, who are descendants of French fur traders and Indigenous women, dating back to the days of the Red River Settlement in Manitoba. There are many projects to revitalize the Michif language all across Canada.

Orange Shirt Day an official Day of Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and September 30th has since been declared as **Truth and Reconciliation Day** by the Canadian government. Since September 30th falls on a Saturday in 2023, SD61 will not be in session on Monday October 1st. ᑲᓄᓂᓄᓄ



We are honoured to have the Tour de Rock team visiting our school on the afternoon of **October 6th**.

Tour de Rock is an exciting annual event from September 23 - October 6, 2023, where law enforcement and emergency services personnel cycle 14 days from one end of Vancouver Island to the other, covering 1,200 kilometres and visiting generous communities along the way. They brave all types of weather as they cycle the daunting terrain of Vancouver Island.

Tour de Rock 2023 is determined to continue supporting children and families living with cancer. This year, the 26th anniversary of Tour de Rock, 19 emergency responders and media/community guests are riding to raise money for childhood cancer research and support services at the Canadian Cancer Society.

Donating is easy. Visit our own Oaklands fundraising page and make an online donation, drop your donation off at the office or send money with your child in an envelope labelled Tour de Rock before Oct. 5th. Every Bit Helps! *Online donations may be eligible for a tax receipt*

Oaklands Fundraising Page:

https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/CopsforCancer/COPS_NW_even?team_id=511874&pg=team&fr_id=29021



Important Dates

Monday, October 2

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
(observed)**

No School

Friday, October 6th

Hot Lunch - Pizza
Tour de Rock visits Oaklands

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



Cross Country

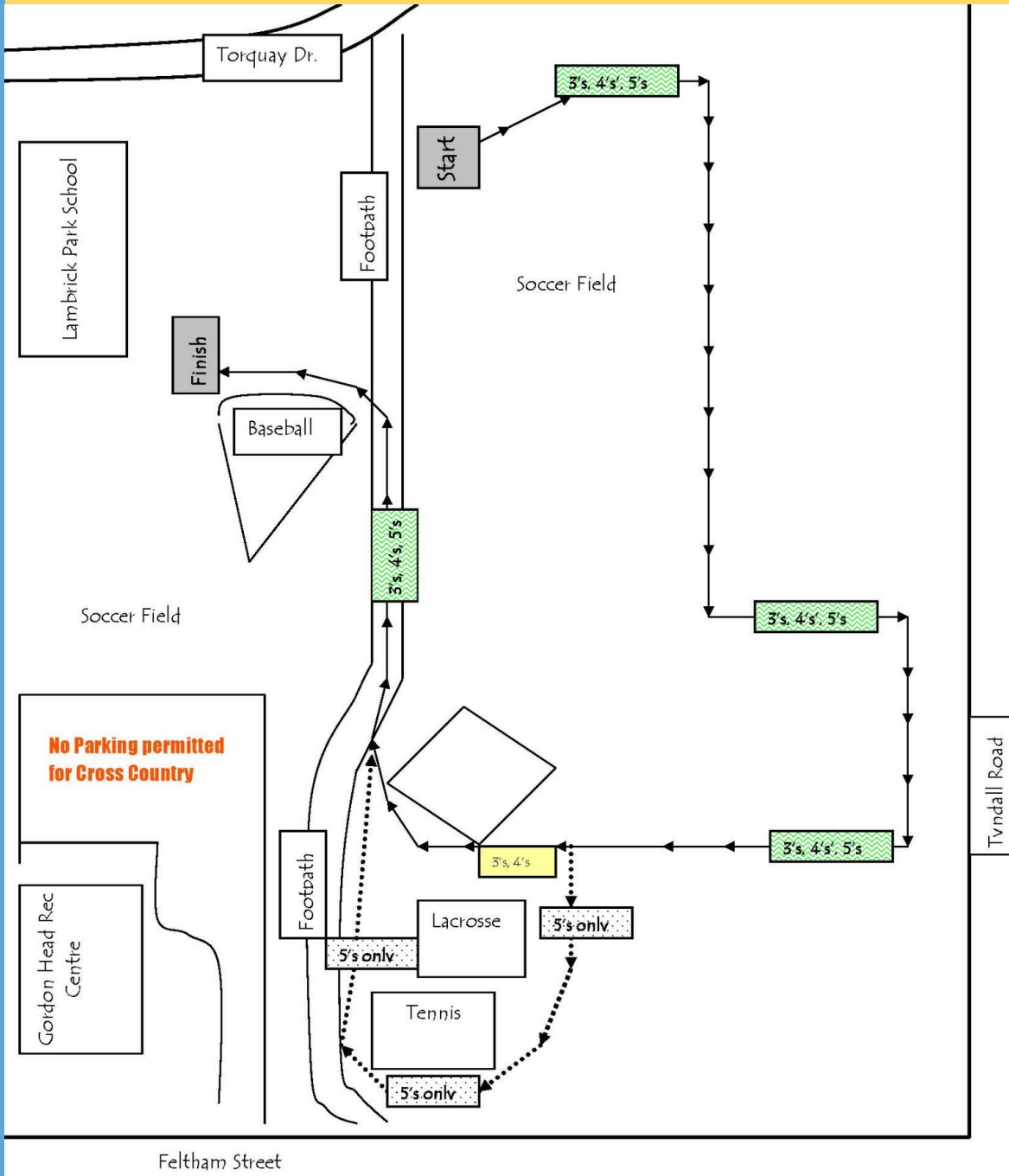
Congratulations to all cross country runners. On Tuesday we had our first Fall race at Beckwith Park. It was so wonderful to see so many blue pinnies representing Oaklands School!

Our next race is on Tuesday, October 3rd at Lambrick (see map). Meet coaches at 3:30 for a warm up.

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. 3 Lambrick (forward)
- Tuesday Oct. 10 Lansdowne
- Tuesday Oct. 17 Lambrick (reverse)
- Finals Wednesday Oct. 25 Cedar Hill Corner UVIC

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



Lambrick Park Cross Country Course Map

Please ensure that parents are aware of parking restrictions at the Gordon Head Recreation Centre. Parking is limited to the gravel lots in and around the lacrosse box and the baseball diamond. A large parking lot is also available off of Tyndall.



PAC NEWS

Please consider filling out our Donation Drive form found in the PAC package your child brought home from school, or by making a donation through our Hot Lunches website. We have a goal this year of raising \$5,000 ~ you can watch our progress on the poster at the office doors. All funds raised go directly to our school and help fund activities for our kids. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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!

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.**

Arrive in Five launch



Please join us to meet with parents, caregivers and students from Oaklands Elementary School on their daily commute to school. Arrive in Five is a new drop off zone, designed to help ease traffic congestion and promote active commutes.

Where: Meet at Oaklands Park (the Purple Park) in the parking lot off Kings Road by the tennis courts

When: Thursday Oct. 5 8:30-8:50 a.m.

Treats and coffee will generously be provided by the CRD.

RSVP to carlawormald@gmail.com by Oct 3