

# Oaklands School

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## February 9, 2024

### -Grade 5 Students Only-

Grade 5 Recognition Wear 2024 orders are open now until February 23rd.

To order your grade 5 wear, please visit <http://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net>

School code: OHL

Option 1: Hooded Sweatshirt  
Colour: black  
Sizes Youth S to Adult XL



Option 2: Hooded Zippered Sweatshirt  
Colour: black  
Sizes Youth S to Adult XL



Option 3: Short-sleeved Shirt  
Colour: black  
Sizes Youth S to Adult XL

Sponsorship is available. Please reach out to [victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com) or the office.



On Saturday, February 24, The Oaklands choir will be singing at the Victoria Royals hockey game! We hope you can join us to support the choir and cheer on the Royals. Here is the link to purchase discounted tickets in a section reserved for Oaklands!

[Select Your Tickets | Online Ticket Office | Event/Item List for "Oaklands Choir" \(venue.net\)](#)

## Important Dates

**February 12 - 16**

K-12 Transfer Week

**Friday, February 16**

Professional Development Day  
No School for Students

**Monday, February 19**

Family Day - No School

**Saturday, February 24**

Oaklands Choir singing at  
The Royals Hockey Game

**Wednesday, February 28**

**Pink Shirt Day**

**Friday, March 1**

Hot Lunch - Pizza

**Monday, March 11**

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice

**Thursday, March 14**

Report Cards go live online

**March 18-April 2**

Spring Break  
No School

**Wednesday, April 3**

Return to School

**Friday, April 12**

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Hot Lunch Orders Here:

**HOT LUNCH**

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

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## PAC NEWS

We are super excited to continue with Kernels Popcorn individual snack bags for the remainder of the school year. They will be delivered to classes in the morning for the divisional teacher to hand out at their choice during the day. **We will not be able to take any late orders and will not have any for sale the day of.**

If your child is away, the bags are sealed and the classroom teacher will hold on to them until the following week.

Please log into the Hot Lunch website: <https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net>

Password: OHL

### Order Deadlines:

February 13, 2024

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Handed Out:

February 23, 2024

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024



If you can volunteer on Booster Juice day, Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> please email the Oaklands PAC at [victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com) or arrive at the community center at 11:35am.

Check out our website for more ways to support the PAC and for information of what is happening.

Thanks,

PAC Executive

## Please Join the PAC meeting Monday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 258 501 906 225

Passcode: Ew7S5Y

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

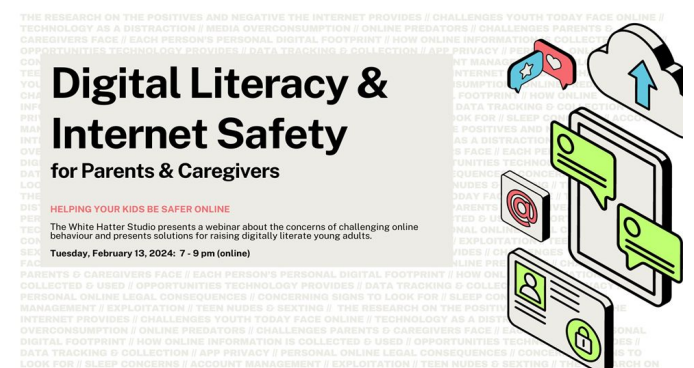
We are excited to present The White Hatter this Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Digital Literacy and Internet Safety for Parents and Caregivers 7pm - 9pm**

**LINK:** <https://app.sli.do/event/fqphbUSx7ZxxxgyazTmWaN/live/questions>

**PASSWORD:** 2231

All you need to do is click on the link, enter the password and you will be allowed access to the SLIDO/VIMEO platform where we will be hosting our live event. It is strongly recommended that you **sign into the event 10 minutes** prior to the scheduled event going live, as we will be starting promptly at the designated time. **This link open for 48hrs after the live event** has concluded to ensure that those who could not attend the live event can have access to a recording. The White Hatters asks that you do not distribute this link and password outside of your family. Thank you



Dear Oaklands Families,

The following email was sent in response to a letter from the Oaklands PAC requesting information on the status of the 1912 building repairs. It is important to note that this will not be a “seismic upgrade”. It will be a structural repair.

Thank you to our Oaklands PAC, Deb Whitten, and our SD61 Facilities for their efforts in communication regarding the upcoming repair. We will continue to keep you posted as to timelines and how this will unfold.

Petra Eggert



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## Office of the Superintendent

*Deb Whitten, Superintendent*

January 23, 2024

**Re: Status of Seismic Update at Oaklands Elementary**

Dear Oaklands Elementary Parent Advisory Council Executive,

Thank you for your January 16<sup>th</sup> letter inquiring about the status of the seismic upgrade project for Oaklands Elementary School. On behalf of the District, I understand your curiosity and eagerness to know more, as this is both an exciting and complex project.

In May 2023, the structural upgrade was added to the five-year capital plan for the Greater Victoria School District (GVSD). The project has yet to receive funding approval. After funding is approved, we will also require a complete drawing set to obtain a building permit from the City of Victoria prior to the start of any repairs. In the interim, shoring has been erected to the school under the direction of a structural engineer as a proactive measure.

At this time, we are unable to provide an anticipated start date or confirm where affected students would be housed during the upgrade; however, we can provide the following information:

- GVSD has been working with the heritage planner at the City of Victoria as well as a variety of engineers to establish timelines, cost estimates, and repair details.
- Through a structural engineer, GVSD is in the process of obtaining a suitable team that has the experience needed for this type and age of repair. The team will include a cost analysis expert, an architect, as well as mechanical and electrical consultants.
- A structural engineer has also been working to determine viable repair options. One of the three options has been identified as the most suitable choice, as it did not decrease classroom size and includes repairs to the full scope of the exterior of the building along with the structural elements. The team would have to remove the complete outer face on two sides of the 1912 building. Then, new columns would be erected and tie into the current floor system. The cornices and modillions would also be tied in and made structurally sound as would the band around the building. From initial discussions, the exterior bricks on the two sides would be removed for the repair and then replaced once repairs complete.
- A materials engineer has and will continue to be consulted throughout the project.

Thank you again for reaching out and look forward to communicating regularly as this project advances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deb Whitten".

Deb Whitten  
Superintendent, Greater Victoria School District No. 61

*The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.*

One *Learning* Community



**Basketball Practices**

**Girls/Co-Ed**

Tuesday at Lunch Recess 11:50-12:15 / Thursday after school 2:45-3:45

**Boys**

Tuesday after school 2:45-3:45 / Thursday at Lunch Recess 11:50-12:15

BOYS Sign-Up Link

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U5a0F-nfGZyj9mQ8Kr13PgXVI8tFZOcGSBiYCcVZKZs/edit?usp=sharing>



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Just \$20

# Youth aDAPT

## workshop

Learn practical ways to be supportive of classmates and peers who have different abilities

Learn how to respectfully offer help to a person with a disability

**oaklands.life**  
250 370-9101

**Feb. 12, 2024**  
6:30-7:30pm  
at Oaklands Community Centre

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# Discover YOUR VOICE

AGES: 8-12 YRS

GAIN CONFIDENCE AND CONNECTION TO YOUR VOICE, DEVELOP A LOVE OF LITERATURE AND STORYTELLING, AND PLAY WITH IMPROVISATION!

**Thursdays | 6:00-7:30pm**

**OAKLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
2629 VICTOR STREET

OCA.RECDESK.COM | 250-370-9101

# YOUTH ARTS & MUSIC NIGHT

AGES: 8-13YRS

Activities will include music-based painting, expressive group art, tie-dye, journal making, jam sessions and more!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
6:00-7:30PM

**JAN 24 - FEB 21**  
**OAKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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