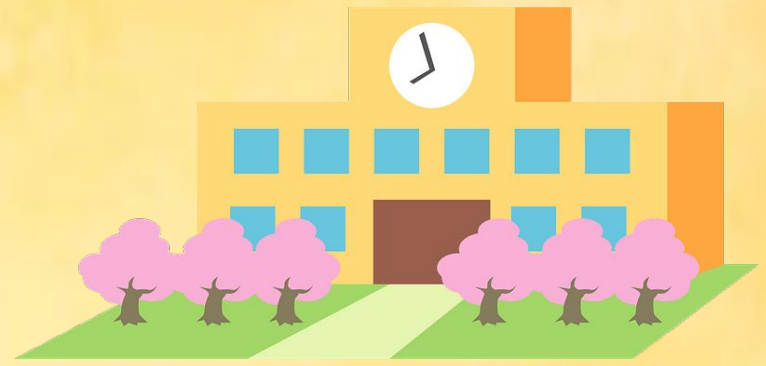


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March 8, 2024

Congratulations to Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for their outstanding performance at this year's Ukuleles Unlimited Concert. Thank you to our wonderful music educators, Ms. Poulson, Ms. Fisher and Ms. Bonnie Smith for providing our students with the opportunity to shine.



On **March 14th**, Oaklands will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day (which is on March 21) by wearing brightly coloured mismatched socks!

The trend of Down syndrome awareness socks started in 2013, and it stuck. The reasoning behind this is that chromosomes look like socks. On World Down Syndrome Day, people wear odd, brightly-coloured socks, and pull them up high for the world to see.

March/April 2024 Snapshots:

The March/April snapshots focus on **connection to culture**. It's valuable to understand and be connected to culture as it supports a sense of identity and belonging. Culture provides a framework to understand who we are, where we come from, and our place in the world. This sense of identity and belonging can contribute to overall well-being.

Elementary – [The Value of being Connected to Culture](#)

Middle – [Building Bridges](#)

Secondary – [Building Bridges](#)

Important Dates



Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings

Clocks go forward one hour



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

Saturday, April 6

Courtyard Clean-Up

10:00 AM - 12:00

Friday, April 12

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Friday, May 3

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Wednesday, May 7

Class Photos

Thursday, May 9

Student Led Conferences

Early Dismissal

Monday, May 13

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice

Friday, May 17

Professional Development Day

No School for Students

Monday, May 20

Victoria Day - No School

YOU ARE INVITED!

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING GARDEN CLEAN-UP PARTY



We are seeking help from parents to donate 1-2 hours on **Saturday April 6th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** to help clean-up our school garden.

Bring your gardening gloves and a shovel/rake if you have them. Children are also welcome to assist their parents. We will provide pizza at 12:00 pm. Our focus for this garden work party will include pulling weeds and preparing the garden beds for spring.

RSVP and order Pizza HERE: <https://forms.gle/5bAhKgFZMA76xVHH7>

Thank you for supporting Oaklands School.

The City of Victoria have a project on Lionel Street planned for this Spring. They will be constructing a sidewalk letdown on Lionel Street, aligned with the school gate entrance (see photo below). This work is an outcome of the 2022-2023 Ready Step Roll process that Oaklands Elementary participated in with the CRD and City. Through this process, the school community identified the need for a sidewalk letdown to allow bicycles and other mobility devices to access the school entrance path from the roadway.

The scheduled week for this work is still TBD, but we anticipate it to take 1-2 weeks, with temporary traffic diversions and parking removal at times. The scope of the work will include some minor sidewalk reconstruction, and introducing some new yellow curb adjacent to the new ramp, to ensure parked vehicles do not encroach on this access point.



Congratulations to all of our grade 4 and 5 basketball players! We had about 70 players participate this season. We will have a CAKE celebration on Wednesday March 13th at lunch recess. Players are invited to come **to the gym** at the start of lunch recess with their lunches. We are aware that some lunch monitors will need to leave at eating time. We will put a reminder in the daily announcements too.



School Newsletter for Kindergarten & Grade 1



Kindergarten and Grade 1 Immunizations

To make routine immunization more accessible to children, Island Health is offering in-school immunization clinics for students in Kindergarten & Grade 1 at your school this year. Kindergarten & Grade 1 students who are eligible for routine immunizations (excluding COVID-19 & influenza) will receive a consent package through the school. If your child doesn't receive a consent package, this may mean your child is up to date, or has an immunization appointment booked at a health unit.

If your child receives a package, follow the instructions included and return the signed form to the school as soon as possible. Parents/guardians may provide consent or refusal for each/all vaccines. Students will only be offered immunizations in a school-based clinic with the consent of a parent/guardian.

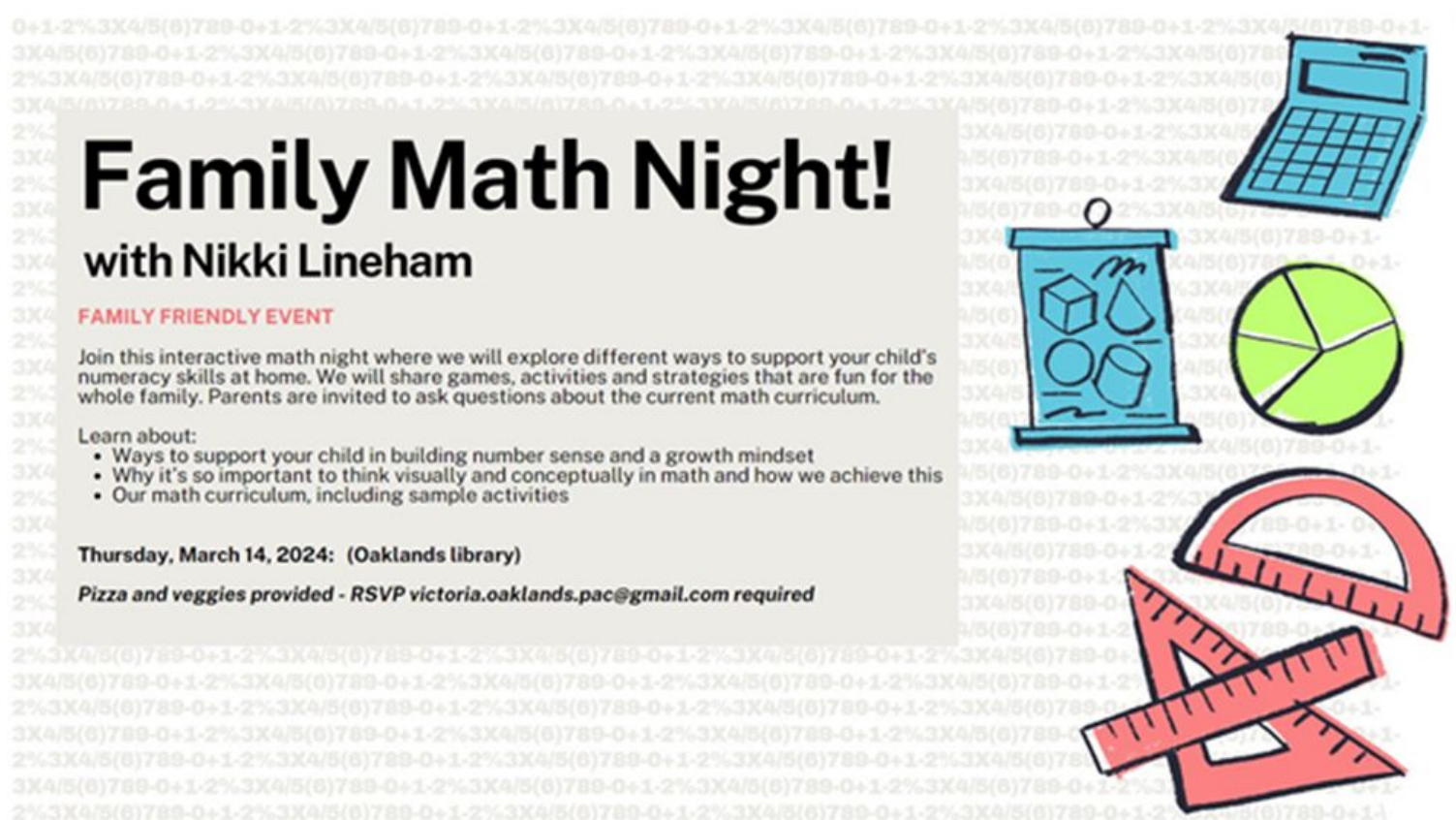
Parents/guardians are welcome to be with their child at the school on the day of the clinic, however, there is no expectation for parents/guardians to be present. A trusted adult from your child's school, such as your child's teacher or teacher's assistant, or Public Health Nurse will be available to provide support to your child while they receive their immunizations.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for Kindergarten & Grade 1 students on April 25, 2024.

Please contact the Victoria Health Unit at 250-388-2200 if you have any questions.

PAC NEWS

Your family is invited to Family Math Night on March 14! Space is limited: RSVP to victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com with the number of attendees in your family.



Family Math Night!
with Nikki Lineham

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Join this interactive math night where we will explore different ways to support your child's numeracy skills at home. We will share games, activities and strategies that are fun for the whole family. Parents are invited to ask questions about the current math curriculum.

Learn about:

- Ways to support your child in building number sense and a growth mindset
- Why it's so important to think visually and conceptually in math and how we achieve this
- Our math curriculum, including sample activities

Thursday, March 14, 2024: (Oaklands library)
Pizza and veggies provided - RSVP victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com required

PAC Meeting Monday March 11th at 6:00 PM

Join Meeting Here Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 267 739 926 899

Passcode: g3hXHW



Borrow a Bike Lock – Now Available at Oaklands Elementary

We're excited to be partnering with the City of Victoria and Project 529 to provide high quality u-locks to students, parents and visitors to borrow when riding their bikes or scooters to school – just ask office staff! Locks are also available to borrow for free at nearly 25 other locations across Victoria – visit victoria.ca/bikeparking for more information.

Please note that the City of Victoria (the City), Project 529, and the Greater Victoria School District do not assume any responsibility for property (including bikes) if lost, stolen or damaged. By borrowing the bike lock and key and participating in the program, the borrower (or legal guardian) accepts all liability associated with the use of the lock and key.



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning

13 years: 320,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin across from the library.

PLAY BALL! National Little League is now accepting registrations for their spring season. Open to new and experienced players aged 3 to 16.

National Little League's vision is to enrich our community; which we accomplish through fostering teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. We are committed to inspiring a love of the game, while helping kids build athleticism, lifelong skills, and friendships through baseball.

Register online at nationallittleleague.org