

Oaklands School

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Welcome back to school 2024 - 2025!

Dear Oaklands Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with relaxation, adventure, and quality time with loved ones. As we prepare to start another exciting academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership.

First day of school for **grades 1-5 will be Tuesday, September 3rd 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**

On the first day of school, all returning students are asked to proceed to their last year's lineup spot. They will be greeted and escorted into the school by a staff member. All new students to Oaklands, please line-up at the front door beside the Totem Pole.

Regular hours for Grades 1-5 will commence Wednesday, September 4th. **We will move students into their new classes as soon as we are given the go-ahead from our district staffing review committee.**

Reminder for Kindergarten students and families: Please refer to the letter that was sent in July indicating the **gradual start-up** details for your child. The first **full day** for Kindergarten students is Wednesday Sept. 11th.

School Organization 2024-2025: Currently we have approximately 450 students registered at Oaklands, with 22 Divisions. Due to contract language for class size and composition, our classes will be finalized as soon as we are given the go-ahead by our district staffing review committee. This should happen no later than Monday, Sept. 9th. **We ask for your patience with this process as we work to keep movement as minimal as possible.**

As always, we are here to support you and your child in any way we can. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Together, let's make this school year a remarkable one filled with learning, growth, and joy.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Petra Eggert and Amy Polson

Principal

Vice Principal

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Daily Bell Schedule

Warning Bell: 8:43 AM

Start of School Day: 8:45 AM

Recess: 10:15 – 10:30 AM

Lunch Recess: 11:50 – 12:15 PM

Lunch: 12:15 – 12:35 PM

Dismissal: 2:37 PM

Important Dates

Tuesday, September 3

Return to School

Grades 1-5 ONLY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Wednesday, September 4

First Full Day of School

Grades 1-5

8:45 AM - 2:37 PM

Gradual Entry begins for

Kindergarten

Wednesday, September 11

First Full Day for Kindergarten

8:45 AM - 2:37 PM

Thursday, September 19

Photo Day

Thursday, September 19

Meet the Teacher/Open House Night

Friday, September 20

Terry Fox Run

Monday, September 23

Professional Development Day

No School for Students

Thursday, September 26

Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30

National Day for Truth and

Reconciliation

No School

School District No. 61

NEW Elementary Code of Conduct

Cell Phones & Personal Digital Devices



A 'personal digital device' is a student owned device that can be used to communicate or access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, smart watch, gaming device, and/or electronic toy. Earbuds and headphones connected to personal digital devices may also be restricted.

Equity must be considered when using and directing the use of personal digital devices in a manner that is culturally responsive and inclusive. Accommodations such as access to a computer or Chromebook can be made for students without personal digital devices who may need access to the internet to complete schoolwork. The use of personal digital devices may support students with disabilities, diverse abilities, or medical needs as outlined in the student's support plan and Individual Education Plan and/or other agreed upon plans.

The use of personal digital devices is restricted during instructional hours to facilitate focused learning and promote online safety. It is expected that personal digital devices are always stored out of sight and on silent or airplane mode (this includes recess and lunch). Students are expected to follow protocols set by their school and/or teacher(s).

The use of personal digital devices during instructional hours is at the teacher's discretion and direction for the purposes of instruction and promoting digital literacy. Instructional time includes classroom settings, assemblies, guest speakers, field trips, and other events organized by school district staff.

The use of personal digital devices outside of instructional hours is not permitted on school grounds, during field trips, or other school activities.

No photos, video, or audio recordings will be taken of students or staff without consent from the individual or the individual's parent or caregiver for children under the age of 13.

The main office phone at the school may be used to make and receive calls if students and their parent(s) or caregiver(s) need to communicate during the school day.