

Oaklands School

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September 13th, 2024

MEET THE TEACHER

Please join us for Meet the Teacher Night

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE

Come visit your child's Classroom

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome message outside. PAC will have Domino's Pizza and other treats for sale.



We look forward to welcoming you to Oaklands!

Important Dates

Thursday, September 19

Photo Day

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Meet the Teacher/Open House Night

5:30 - 6:00

Welcome message outside

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

PAC will be selling Domino's pizza

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

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

Dear Oaklands Families,

On behalf of SD61 and Oaklands school, I would like to share an update on the work that will be happening with Oaklands school's 1913 building.

In spring of 2023, it was determined that the south and west facades of the 1913 building (see image below) require structural upgrading, due to corrosion of reinforced concrete mullions and window headers. For this reason there is temporary shoring installed inside the affected classrooms to ensure the building is safe for continued use.



Oaklands 1913 Building

We have received funding from the ministry and will be moving ahead with renovations of the 1913 building. In addition to the structural work, we will use this opportunity to upgrade the HVAC in all affected classrooms, replacing the existing radiant heating panels with new, energy-efficient unit ventilators.

Work is anticipated to begin in early 2025 and be complete by the end of summer 2026. The safety of students and staff is of utmost importance during this process, and school district staff will work with the selected contractor to ensure the highest level of safety protections and procedures are implemented when the renovations start.

Once the renovations begin, we will be relocating nine divisions (Divisions 1-9) 2.7 km to [Uplands School](#) campus for the school day. This includes all our grades 4 and 5 students (Divisions 1-6) as well as the grade 3 students (Divisions 7, 8 and 9) in the 1913 building. The remaining 13 divisions (Divisions 10 - 22) will remain at the Oaklands campus. This includes all of our kindergarten students.

A bussing transportation plan will be organized by the district and communicated to families at a later date. Oaklands School will remain the drop-off and pick-up location for students and families so that there is no disruption to out-of-school care and activities.

We will continue to update families regularly over the coming months leading up to the start of this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to oaklands@sd61.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Petra Eggert

Principal



Fall Cross country is starting at Oaklands

The Oaklands Grade 3, 4 and 5 team will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch recess between 11:50-12:10. Practices begin this Tuesday, September 17th.

Runners will practice then return to their classroom to eat lunch or go to their lunch monitor class. Running shoes, comfortable clothing and a water bottle are strongly recommended on these days. At the bell (11:50) students will meet coaches inside the fence beside the opening to the crosswalk to Spencer Field. There will be reminder announcements at school.

Races will be held on Tuesdays, starting with grade 3 girls at 3:45. Stay tuned for the dates and locations of races. Please check the Oaklands Friday newsletter for Cross Country race maps and locations. Runners are always welcome to practice with our team, even if they cannot attend the races.

There will be a meeting for all interested runners at recess on Monday 16th to collect forms. Please fill out the SD61 waiver and return to your classroom teacher or the office ASAP.

We look forward to another great season,

Coaches Mrs. Liddell and Ms. Liss

Greetings from the PAC!

We hope everyone is settling into the new school year smoothly! Below is some important information to note.

PAC General Meeting - Monday Sept 16th 6-7pm in the Oaklands Library:

Families are welcome to join us for our first general meeting of the school year. This is a great time to hear about all of this school year's initiatives, and to connect with other parents and Principal Eggert/Vice Principal Polson.

Hot lunches are online - Please Register here for orders: <https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Pizza, Booster Juice*, and Kernals can be ordered for the entire year or one week in advance.

*Booster Juice will now be offering an assortment of wraps in addition to smoothies.

School Community Calendars are for sale: purchase here: <https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/>

These calendars save time finding important school dates like school events, hot lunches, and pro-d-days.

Calendars can be ordered online or purchased in person at the Meet the Teacher night on September 19th.

Consent Awareness Week - September 16th - 20th

Here are some resources to understand age appropriate consent. This week is a great time to read, reflect, have discussions, and share resources.

- [Consent for Kids Video](#) (Video explaining the concept of consent and respecting the consent of others)
- [The Boundaries Song](#) (Catchy song about setting boundaries for young children)
- [Learn About CONSENT!: QUEER KID STUFF #17 Video: Queer Kid Stuff](#) (Lindsay and Teddy explain consent and sing a song)
- [Guide to Talking to Your Children About Consent](#) (PDF for caregivers and kids to explore consent-related topics independently or together)

How to make an im-PAC-t:

- Oaklands' family and staff volunteering and participation powers the PAC. Families can help in a variety of ways. Every helping hand makes a difference.
- **Sign up for fun lunches:** Spend an hour on your Friday lunch break delivering meals to classrooms [Hot Lunches - Oaklands PAC](#)
- **Join our Facebook page:** Get regular updates on what is happening around the school (request to join the [Oaklands Elementary PAC](#) private group)
- **Join a committee:** Our committees work on accomplishing our key initiatives. [Sign up here](#) or email us at victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com for more information

With gratitude,

Your Oaklands PAC

Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice at Oaklands. Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, **head lice are not a health risk.**

You can help by:

Learn how to check for live lice using wet combing and be aware of the recommended treatment options

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/sites/default/files/2018-08/head-lice-management.pdf>

- Check the heads of all family members for head lice weekly using the wet combing method.
- It is possible to have head lice more than once; therefore, weekly wet combing checks help identify head lice re-infestations.
- If live lice are found using the wet combing method, treat only family members with live lice.
- Encourage your children not to share hair accessories, hats, combs, brushes, or anything that comes in contact with your child's head.
- Remind family and friends about the importance of routine head checks.
- Tie back long hair to help avoid getting head lice.

If you are not sure what you are looking for, or you find that your child has head lice, please call the Public Health Nurse for more information.

Local Public Health Unit: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations>



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