# Oaklands School

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#### **Dear Oaklands Families**

We are off to a great start this year. It has been great welcoming our students back to school. It is an honour and a privilege to be part of this outstanding school and continue its deep tradition in excellence.

We have a lot of new staff who have joined the Oaklands team and I am impressed with their professionalism and dedication to their work.

We currently have 450 students and will be operating with 22 divisions. Our classes are *full and set for the year*. Please see our school website for more information on our school organization (grade structures) and staffing

https://oaklands.sd61.bc.ca/staff-info/staff-directory/

I am confident that students will continue to receive the outstanding education that has come to be expected here at Oaklands in the classes that they are in.

### Petra Eggert



### 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**



**Gradual Entry Continues** 

#### 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



#### **Greetings from your PAC!**

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year! Oaklands parents and guardians are welcome to attend our first 2024/2025 school year PAC general meeting on September 16th from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Oaklands Library, or get involved in the school community in other ways this year.

What to expect this year: The Oaklands PAC is looking forward to some exciting new activities, and bringing back Oaklands' favourite programs and events. Here are some of the great things you can expect:

- School calendars: The school calendar contains information on important dates, events, the hot lunch program and more. School calendars will be for sale at Meet the Teacher/Open House Night on September 19th.
- Family events: By popular demand we have family events planned including a Halloween party, Winter movie night, board game cafe, and year-end family dance. Community garden upgrades: Get involved in the courtyard rejuvenation project! We've secured a \$3,000 grant, so our kids can learn about growing plants, sustainability, and preserving and protecting our ecosystems.
- Fundraising for our future: This school year, we'll offer more services and resources for families while increasing our fundraising efforts for our playground replacement plan.

How to get involved: 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 <a href="https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/">https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/</a>
- Join our Facebook page: Get regular updates on what is happening around the school (request to join the Oaklands Elementary PAC private group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/g/GGV6LDCdXagG32rM/">https://www.facebook.com/share/g/GGV6LDCdXagG32rM/</a>)
- Attend a PAC meeting or event: Our 2024/2025 meeting schedule is available online Oaklands PAC
   <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/oaklands-pac/">https://sites.google.com/view/oaklands-pac/</a>. (For on-site child care to attend a PAC meeting, please email us at least 3 days in advance at victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com).
- Join a committee: Our committees work on accomplishing our key initiatives. Sign up here
   https://volunteersignup.org/9WAPY
   or email us at victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com for more information.

If you have any questions, or if you're interested in volunteering regularly or on a one-time basis, please contact <u>victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com</u>.

With gratitude,

Your Oaklands PAC executive

Oaklands School Website https://oaklands.sd61.bc.ca/

School Supply List: <a href="https://oaklands.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/72/2024/05/School-Supply-Lists-2024-2025.pdf">https://oaklands.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/72/2024/05/School-Supply-Lists-2024-2025.pdf</a>

**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.