

Oaklands School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to conference and connect with your child(ren)'s teachers this week. Strong parent-teacher relationships can lead to more effective learning experiences and better academic outcomes. Thank you for your commitment and partnership in your child's education.

Our staff will be engaging in the professional development day tomorrow. Many will be taking part in sessions offered both locally and provincially. The following are guiding questions and goals that we are using as touchstones for keeping us laser focused on improving our practice:

- What do we **intentionally** do as educators to ensure high levels of learning and success for **all** of our students?
- **Goal:** To improve student writing with a focus on identity, belonging and story-maker/studio.
- **Goal:** To increase students' well-being, connectedness and sense of belonging.
- How can we continue to use the gift of our Hand-on, Hearts-on Totem as a teaching tool and reminder that we practice active citizenship through our values and actions

We hope to see you this evening at the PAC Halloween event. On Halloween day, next week, we are asking that students not wear costumes to school. They are invited to wear orange and black on the 31st. This will keep costumes safe and ready for the evening events. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend.

Petra Eggert



Important Dates

Thursday, October 24
TONIGHT

Halloween Party 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Tickets available at the door
(bring cash)

Friday, October 25

Professional Development Day
No School for Students

Tuesday, October 29

Photo Retakes

Thursday, October 31

Black and Orange Day
NO COSTUMES PLEASE

Friday, November 1

Deadline To Order is TODAY

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Saturday, November 2

FREE Drop-in Flu Vaccine Clinic
Oaklands Community Centre from
1:00PM-3:00PM.

Friday, November 8

Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday, November 11

Remembrance Day
No School

Saturday, November 16

Fall Garden Clean-up and Bottle
Drive Fundraiser

Friday, November 22

Professional Development Day
No School for Students

Friday, December 6

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Fall Cross Country Finals

Cross Country Finals are on
October 28th at the Uvic course on Cedar Hill Road.

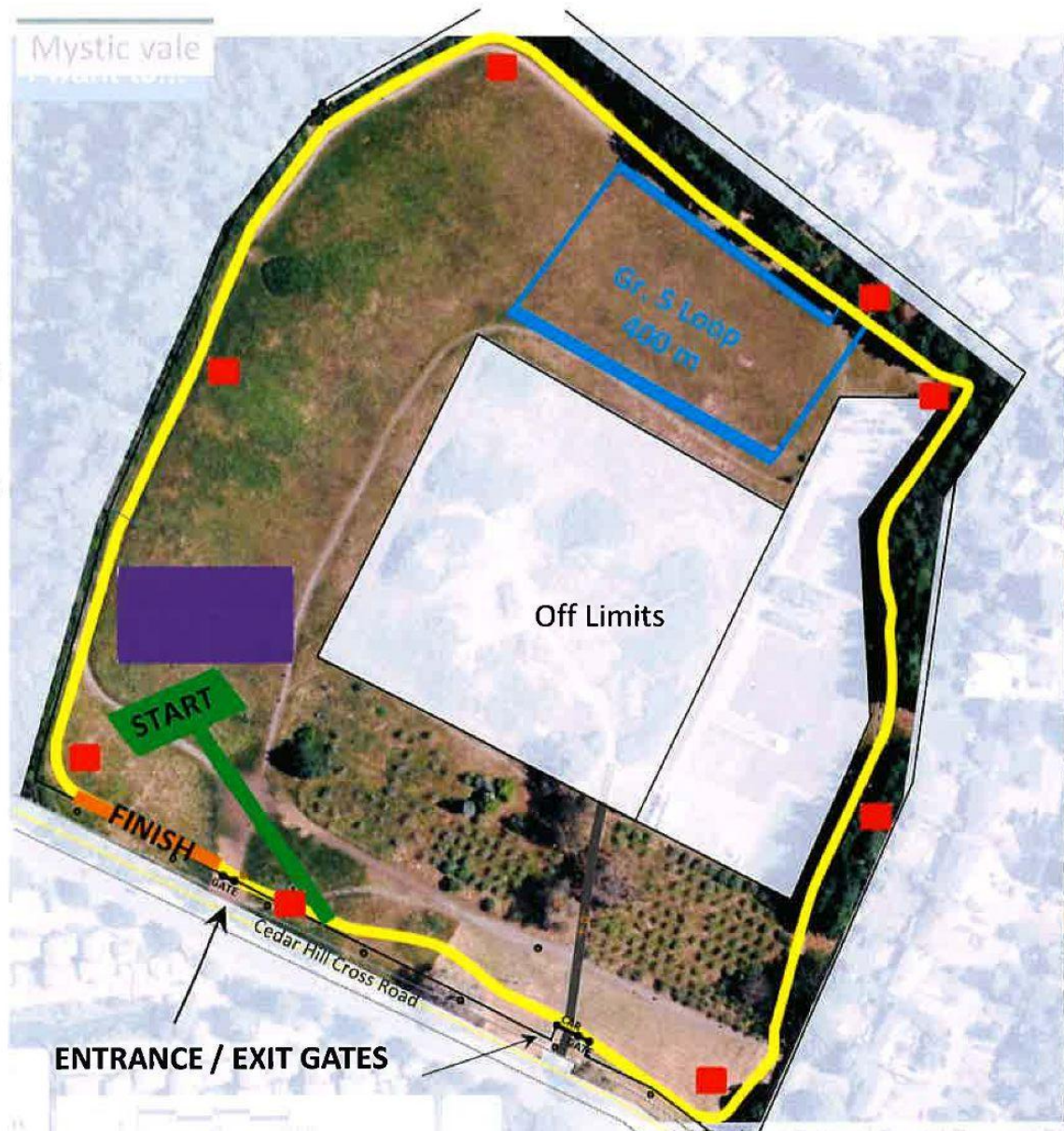
Parking is a challenge! Please park in the Uvic parking lots and walk over, or access street parking if available. Please do not park on residential streets such as Crestview!

First race starts at 3:45, beginning with Grade 3 girls.

SD61 Cross Country City Finals Fall

Uvic Cedar Hill Corner Course

-  Starting Line / Area
(actual location may be adjusted on race day due to conditions)
-  Finish Chute
(actual location may be adjusted on race day due to conditions)
-  Gr. 5 Only loop = 400m
-  Gr. 3/4/5 Gravel loop = 1.2 km
-  Meeting Area for Schools
-  Course Marshall



Oaklands PAC News

UPCOMING PAC ACTIVITIES 🎃

Halloween Party - TONIGHT, October 24th - 5:30PM-7:30PM (bring cash)

All ages are welcome, and a chaperone is required.

- *TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR* and on the hot lunch website - oaklandspac.hotlunches.net
- Costumes are encouraged (but please, no masks or toy weapons).
- We're encouraging parent/guardian participation to help supervise games as they will be unattended.
- Concession snacks, glow sticks, magic souvenirs and more will be available for sale.

FREE Drop-in Flu Vaccine clinic - Saturday, November 2nd

Save time trying to secure a flu vaccine for your family by coming to the PAC flu clinic.

- First come, first served.
- Please bring your Personal Health Number/CareCard.
- At Oaklands Community Centre from 1:00PM-3:00PM.

Fall Garden Clean Up and Bottle Drive Fundraiser - November 16th

Connect with the community and join us in cleaning up the school's courtyard community garden.

- Save your bottles and donate to the PAC fundraiser bottle drive in the school parking lot.
- The Fall Garden Clean Up will take place in the Oaklands Elementary Courtyard garden (access from the entrance behind the Oaklands Community Centre)
- Both events will be from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

****Time correction - NOT 9:00AM-3:00PM as previously advertised****

DID YOU KNOW? 👁️

Gardening Support - October 25th - 27th

- The school is getting a free delivery of wood chips this week to top up our courtyard garden.
- Please email victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com if you have time this Pro D Day or weekend and want to help move wood chips.

Panago Pizza's order deadline is TODAY for the Nov 1st hot lunch

- Order on the hot lunch website oaklandspac.hotlunches.net.
- Pizza lunches happen on the first Friday of each month.

Prep Oakland's Elementary Emergency Earthquake Supplies - Saturday, October 26th

We're looking for volunteers for one hour to help Oaklands Elementary prepare.

- Email victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com or join at 12:00PM-1:00PM at the Totem Pole
- We can't predict earthquakes, but we can be prepared for them. Learn more: www.crd.bc.ca/prepare-yourself

MAKE AN IM-PAC-T: 🧑

Oaklands' family and staff volunteering and participation powers the PAC. Families can help in a variety of ways.

- *Volunteer Hour:* If you have an hour to spare, we welcome one-off volunteers to deliver meals (mid-week mornings or Friday over lunch hour) volunteersignup.org/9WAPY
- *Join our Facebook page:* Get updates on what is happening in and around the school (request to join the [Oaklands Elementary PAC](#) private group)