# Oaklands School

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## December 13th, 2024



#### **Oaklands is Generous**

Oaklands staff and students will be collecting food for **14 days** of December with a focus on our diversity and the theme of generosity. We have decided to support the <u>Shelbourne Community Kitchen</u> this year. We will be collecting supplies for 14 days and presenting a representative from the Shelbourne Community Kitchen our donations on Friday December 20th at our school assembly. Students will not be required or asked to donate for each of the 14 days. This is a *voluntary contribution* on a day of your choosing.

### Thank you for your generosity.

#### 14 Days of Giving



Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Canned vegetables



Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Canned fruit and applesauce

Wednesday, December  $4^{th}$  - Canned Meats and Fish



Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Cash donations at school and at the Winter Concert



Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Baking supplies – flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt, pepper and spices.

Monday, December 9th - Nuts/seed butters

Tuesday, December  $10^{th}$  – - Toiletries – soaps and toothpaste



Wednesday, December 11th - Toilet Paper



Thursday, December 12th - PastalPasta Sauce

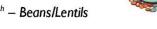


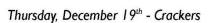
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Drinks – coffee, tea, tetra pack milk alternatives



Monday, December 16th - Rice

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Beans/Lentils





Wednesday, December 18th - Cereal/Oatmeal





### **Important Dates**

Friday, December 13
Family Movie Night

**Thursday, December 19** 

Report Cards go live on Parent Connect

Friday, December 20

Last Day of School before Winter Break

December 22 - January 5

Winter Break

Monday, January 6
Divisions 10-22

Return to School - Oaklands Campus

**Tuesday, January 7** 

Divisions 1-9

Return to School - Uplands Campus

**January 13 - 17** 

Early French Immersion Registration

Friday, January 17

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice

Friday, January 24

Professional Development Day
No School for Students

**January 27 - 31** 

Kindergarten Registration for the 25/26 school year

Late French Immersion Registration

Friday, February 7

Hot Lunch - Pizza

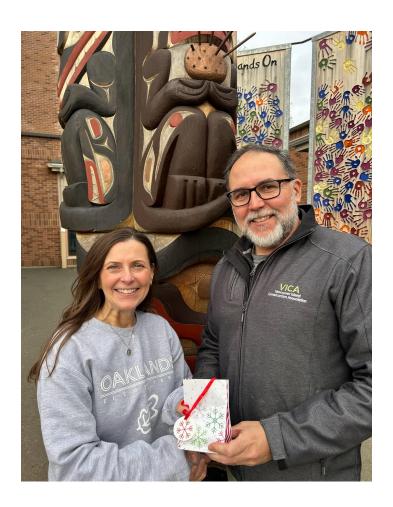
**February 10 - 13** 

**Transfer Week** 

Thank you to Rory Kulmala, and the **VICA Vancouver Island Construction Association** for the generous donation of Save-on-Foods gift cards to Oaklands families.



The **Vancouver Island Construction Association** represents over 460 member companies from the industrial, commercial, institutional, and multi-residential construction sectors on Vancouver Island. Their Grocery Gift Card Program has been supporting local Vancouver Island Families in need for over 15 years and has expanded to support communities in Victoria, the West Shore, Nanaimo and Campbell River. The program would not be possible without the generous support of VICA Members and their employees, with proceeds generated from VICA's annual Christmas Luncheon.





**Lost and Found** – We would like to inform parents that we have a designated rack and bins filled with lost items, including jackets, sweaters, helmets, winter boots, and various other belongings. The lost and found is conveniently located inside the front doors, near the main office.

Please note that any unclaimed items will be donated during the last week of school prior to the winter break, allowing us to start fresh in the New Year. We encourage you to visit the lost and found next week to reclaim any lost items. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



#### **HEAD LICE AWARENESS**



Head lice are common in BC comm island health Ithough they are a bother, head lice are not a health risk.

Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

#### You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet combing method of detection once a week throughout the year.
- Review the pamphlet <u>How to Get Rid of Head Lice Wet Combing</u>, available online.
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- Treating if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks, using the wet combing method.

#### For more information:

- Your local Public Health Unit
- Read the HealthLink BC File on Head Lice HealthLink BC File #06 Head Lice

## **Oaklands PAC News**

#### **Greetings from the PAC!**

Can you believe we're nearly finished with our first term?! The PAC and school community want to *thank the Oaklands families* for their time and resources this year.

We're always looking for ways to improve community involvement, and we rely on volunteer support to make our events and fundraising happen. In the new year, we will share more information on how you and your loved ones can help enhance the school community throughout the remainder of the year.

What the school location split (some grade 3-5 kids moving to Uplands) means for PAC initiatives:

As you likely know, school renovations (structural upgrades) begin in January, which means that Divisions 1-9 (all Grades 4, 5 and some Grade 3's) will be moving off the Oaklands campus to Uplands School to conclude their school year there.

We're grateful this move will have a low impact on families. Drop-offs and pick-ups will remain at Oaklands, and a school bus will take children to the Uplands location. And at the end of the day, the school will be safer for everyone:)

These changes mean that some activities will require more volunteers:

- -Hot lunches and the school fruit and veggie program will still be available for kids at the Uplands location
- -That said, we will need a few extra volunteers to help hand out food on the days they are booked for

#### **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

- •Hot Lunch | Uplands Location from 11:30AM-1:30PM
- OWHEN Friday, January 17
- oWHO calling all parents, grandparents, and caregivers
- •WHAT come volunteer for one hour (or more if you have time)
- OWHERE 3461 Henderson Road, Victoria
- •WHY It's a great way to peek inside the school and give your little humans a quick "hello"
- ○HOW sign up here <a href="https://volunteersignup.org/8LJKR">https://volunteersignup.org/8LJKR</a>

Feeling out of the loop? *Join our Facebook page* and get updates on what is happening in and around the school (request to join the <u>Oaklands Elementary PAC</u> private group).

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to engaging with you more in the new year.

With gratitude,

Your Oaklands PAC







