

Oaklands School

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December 6th, 2024

Yesterday we held our primary concert which also featured our strings and choir students. The performance was truly remarkable! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated music teachers Ms. Poulsen and Ms. Fisher for their work over the last few months to prepare for this event. It is a huge undertaking and they did it seamlessly. Also a special thank you to Ms. Tessemaker for all her help with the choir.

An event like this does not happen without our staff's continued work with all our students as well as the organization of our very successful book fair and bake sale.

Lastly, we would like to express our appreciation to the Oaklands community for your ongoing support of our school and music programs.



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

Tuesday, January 7

Divisions 1-9

Return to School

Friday, January 17

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice

Friday, January 24

Professional Development Day
No School for Students

Friday, February 7

Hot Lunch - Pizza



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 [Shelbourne Community Kitchen](#) 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 2nd - Canned vegetables



Tuesday, December 3rd - Canned fruit and applesauce

Wednesday, December 4th - Canned Meats and Fish



Thursday, December 5th – Cash donations at school and at the Winter Concert

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



Monday, December 9th – Nuts/seed butters

Tuesday, December 10th – - Toiletries – soaps and toothpaste



Wednesday, December 11th – Toilet Paper



Thursday, December 12th – Pasta/Pasta Sauce



Friday, December 13th – Drinks – coffee, tea, tetra pack milk alternatives



Monday, December 16th - Rice



Tuesday, December 17th – Beans/Lentils



Wednesday, December 18th – Cereal/Oatmeal



Thursday, December 19th - Crackers



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 communities. Although 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 [How to Get Rid of Head Lice Wet Combing](#), 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**
 - WHEN - Friday, January 17
 - WHO - calling all parents, grandparents, and caregivers
 - WHAT - come volunteer for one hour (or more if you have time)
 - WHERE - 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 <https://volunteersignup.org/8LJKR>

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 Oaklands Elementary PAC 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

The PAC Presents
OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY

Movie Night



Join us on December 13th

Doors 5:30PM

The Gruffalo 6PM

Intermission 6:30PM

Shaun the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas 6:45PM

Event Ends at 7:30PM

Chaperone Required

Bring Pillows and blankets

Food and drinks available through hot lunch
until December 8th:

<https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Limited availability on site.

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COVID AND FLU
VACCINATION CLINIC

OAKLANDS PAC

School Library

DECEMBER 9

3:00pm - 5:00pm



BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!

NO WALK-INS

Care Card Required. Clinic

Generously Made possible by



OAKLANDS community association
FLIP OUT FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

DEC 20TH 6:30-9:00PM

AGES 8-13

TOUR BY OAKLANDS BUS



HOT CHOCOLATE

OCA.RECDESK.COM TO REGISTER OR CALL (250) 370-9101

Shake It Off
SWIFTIE PARTY

ALL THINGS
TAYLOR SWIFT!

- Taylor Trivia,
- Friendship Bracelets,
- DIY T-shirt Designing,
- Concert Streaming,
- and MORE!

6th December, 2024 at 6:30-9:00 pm
Oaklands Community Centre
Ages 10-14

Register: oca.recdesk.com

