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

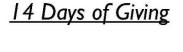
Friday, February 7 Hot Lunch - Pizza



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.





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 9^{th} – Nuts/seed butters



Tuesday, December 10^{th} – - 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

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Head lice are common in BC comm island health lthough 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 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 <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





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School Library

DECEMBER 9

3:00pm - 5:00pm



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