

# Oaklands West

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## January 10th, 2025

Dear Oaklands East and West Families,

As we wrap up week one at both of our campuses, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support throughout this transition. It has been a busy week, but thanks to the dedication of our entire school community, we are off to a smooth start.

The busing system is working well, with only minor adjustments needed along the way. Most importantly, our students are happy and settling into their new classrooms, which look absolutely beautiful – a testament to the hard work of our amazing teachers, office staff, and educational assistants who put in so much effort over the winter break and this week.

I am deeply proud to be part of such a dedicated and hard-working team, who have truly kept the students at the center of all their efforts. Your support in getting students to school on time for the bus, along with the thoughtful notes of gratitude and words of encouragement, have made a real difference.

What an incredible community we have built together! Week one is in the books, and now it's time for a well-deserved rest. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Thank you again for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Petra Eggert



## Important Dates

### Saturday January 11th

Oaklands PAC Fundraiser  
Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Oaklands West Parking Lot

### 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

### **BASKETBALL**

- Girls practice 3:00 -4:00 pm on Tuesdays
- Boys practice 3:00 - 4:00 pm on Thursdays

Shooting practices during recess at  
Oaklands East

All other practices after school at  
Oaklands West

## -What they're saying at Oaklands East-

"I can't believe how much space there is in our new classroom. It is HUGE! We actually have room to move around now."

"I really like the BIG bathrooms. They are so much cleaner and smell way better!"

"I really, really like the view of the green field from the classroom windows."

"If you think the Purple Park is cool, then you should see the Green Park as it is really fun to play there and it is easy to walk to."

"I can't believe how much brighter and clearer the classroom learning screen is compared to the old Smartboard we had in the old room."

"Wow! The field is humungous!"



## OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY PAC TREE CHIPPING & BOTTLE DRIVE



WHEN: JANUARY 11TH 9AM-12PM

WHERE: OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY PARKING LOT

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### Basketball

Oaklands basketball has begun for grade 4 and 5 students. Shooting practice is happening at morning snack recess in the Oaklands East (Uplands) Gym. Thanks to Wendy Meechan for running these practices.

**Girls will practice 3-4pm on Tuesdays** (with coaches Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Liss) and **Boys practice on Thursdays 3-4** (with Matthew and Wendy) in the **Oaklands West Gym**. Please arrange with your child how you would like them to go home after practice.

We are in the process of organizing games with other schools. All games will be posted in the Oaklands Friday Newsletter. Families are responsible for driving their own child or making arrangements to get kids to away games.

# CHILDHOOD STRESS & ANXIETY

## BUILDING RESILIENCE

EMPOWERING STRATEGIES      EFFECTIVE SUPPORTS



**FREE LIVE Presentation and Discussion By:**

**Julie-Anne Richards,** M.A., R.C.C., C.C.C.  
Registered Clinical Counselor, Psycho-educational Consultant  
[www.JulieAnneRichards.com](http://www.JulieAnneRichards.com)

6:30-8:00 pm,  
Wednesday  
January 29, 2025

**Sundance-Bank  
Elementary**

1623 Bank St, Victoria

**Registration Link  
Below**

Tailored for Parents, Caregivers and  
Educators supporting children ages 5 – 12

**Open to all  
Neighbouring Schools**

**Free Live Event!**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** (copy and paste in browser)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/free-live-presentation-on-childhood-anxiety-by-julie-anne-richards-ticket>

**This Presentation is structured for an Adult Audience**

Sponsored by Sundance-Bank Elementary PAC

Funded by the Eric Foundation [www.ericfoundation.com](http://www.ericfoundation.com)

# Oaklands PAC News

Happy New Year, Oaklands Families! We hope everyone had a lovely winter holiday.

We know that many students and staff are now at the Uplands campus, and we want to help ease the transition. Please reach out if there is any way that the PAC can further support this transition - victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com

## Upcoming events:

*Saturday, January 11, 9:00-12:00 pm*

### **Tree Chipping + Bottle Drive - Oaklands PAC fundraiser**

- Where: Oaklands Elementary School parking lot
- Services generously provided by Urban Tree Care by donation
- All proceeds go towards Oaklands Families (*suggested donation \$10*)

*Thursday, January 23, 8:30-8:55 am*

### **Let's Get Visible! (Road safety FDSFDSFDS)**

- Where: Oaklands Elementary School
- Building awareness of how to stay visible when traveling to and from school.
- Encouraging students to wear their brightest clothes: neons, reflectors, and lights.
- Prizes will be given out to participants in the morning before school.

*Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-8:00 pm*

### **Childhood Stress & Anxiety: Empowering Strategies - Effective Supports Presentation**

- Where: Sundance -Bank Elementary School
- Registration: (for parents only)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/free-live-presentation-on-childhood-anxiety-by-julie-anne-richardstickets-1134211770939>

*Monday, February 10th, 6:00-7:00 pm*

### **Oaklands Elementary PAC general meeting**

- Where: Oaklands Elementary Library
- Oaklands families are welcome to attend our PAC general meeting to learn about what plans and projects the PAC is working on and to share questions and ideas

*Friday, February 21st, 5:30-7:30 pm*

### **Interactivity Board Game Cafe**

- Where: Oaklands Elementary Gym
- Come join our Oaklands School community members for an evening of games, refreshments, and family fun! Stay tuned for more details to come!

### **JANUARY -Volunteer Opportunity:**

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>

### **JANUARY hot lunches deadlines:**

Order here | [oaklandspac.hotlunches.net](http://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net)

- Jan 17th - Booster Juice - deadline Jan 10th
- Feb 7th - Panago Pizza - deadline Jan 31st
- Feb 11th - Kernels - deadline Jan 28th

### **Oaklands Merch Represent the Oaklands Olympians:**

Grade 5 Wear Youth XL T-shirts are available for \$14. Please contact the PAC at [victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com)

With gratitude,  
Your Oaklands PAC

PS. Are you 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).



## Free Drop-In Sessions





**COME AND JOIN US!**

Saanich Wolverines are offering **FREE** drop-in football skills development sessions in **January/February** for any kids (Born 2011 to 2017) who want to try football. Join us for a fun introduction to youth football through skills and drills coached drop-in sessions. Players will be split into age groups and will work with coaches at their appropriate skill level

### 2025 Winter Skills & Drills

**UVIC Turf Field 2A**

Saturday Jan 4th (10am-12pm)  
Saturday Jan 11th, 18th, 25th, Feb 1st, Feb 8th,  
Feb 15th (2pm - 4pm)

**UVIC Turf Field 2B**

Saturday Feb 22nd (11am - 1pm)

No Gear. Just Cleats (or appropriate footwear) and Water.



Junior Bantam (2011,2012)  
PeeWee (2013, 2014)  
Atom (2017, 2016,2015)

Questions? Contact us at: [Gvmfa.general@gmail.com](mailto:Gvmfa.general@gmail.com) est 1989





## DRAMA CLUB: IN A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY!

**JAN 9TH-FEB 6TH**  
**THURS 6:00-7:30PM**  
**AGES 8-12**

**SCI-FI POETRY, STAR WARS SHAKESPEARE,  
ALIEN IMPROV & GALACTIC STORYTELLING!**



**REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH [OCA.RECDESK.COM](http://OCA.RECDESK.COM)  
OR CALL (250) 370-9101**




## Let's Get Visible

**BE ALERT, BE BRIGHT**

**Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists:**  
Can you easily see other people when travelling on our roads and trails?  
Can they easily see you? The most effective way to stay safe is to be alert, be visible, and be predictable by obeying the rules of the road.

- **Be alert:** be careful at intersections and make eye contact with fellow road and trail users. Always leave your phone alone while driving, walking and cycling.
- **Be visible:** use lights and signals, and wear bright and reflective materials to be in high contrast from your environment.
- **Be predictable:** know and obey the rules of the road, traffic signals and signs. Right of way varies in each municipality.
- **Be ready to yield:** especially at intersections, crosswalks, transit stops and schools. Many places do not have sidewalks, so assume that people walking and wheeling share the road with you.
- **Expect the unexpected:** if a vehicle stops, it may be yielding.
- **Be extra cautious:** at road and trail crossings, especially in low light and in the rain.
- **Remember your pets:** use a reflective collar and leash, and other bright gear.





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