

Oaklands West

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(250) 595-2444

Attendance Email: oaklandsattendance@sd61.bc.ca

January 24th, 2025

Dear Oaklands Families,

As part of the renovation of our 1913 building, our ***Hands on, Hearts on Totem Pole*** carved by multidisciplinary artist and master carver *Hayalthkin'geme*, Carey Newman, was temporarily moved and safely stored.

Our SD61 Indigenous Education Department and Esquimalt Nation Elder Mary Anne Thomas guided us in the respectful removal and storage of the Totem, following Coast Salish traditions and protocols.

Students gathered to participate in teachings, gathering cedar boughs, and engaged in drumming and singing as part of this special ceremony.

Have a peaceful weekend.



Oaklands East

3461 Henderson Rd,
(250) 475-4221

Important Dates

January 27 - 31

Kindergarten Registration for the
25/26 school year

Friday, February 7

Hot Lunch - Pizza

February 10 - 13

Transfer Week

Tuesday, February 11

Hot Lunch- Kernels

Thursday, February 13

Red and Pink Day

Friday, February 14

Professional Development Day
No School for Students

Monday, February 17

Family Day - No School

Wednesday, February 19

Fire Safety House

Oaklands West



Basketball Games - Important Information

Our Boys and Girls Basketball players have been practicing hard and now it’s time for some games!

- Parents are responsible for arranging rides to and from games.
- Players should be picked up off their bus at Oaklands West then go to games.
- Oaklands Pinnies will be given out at each game - wear runners and bring a water bottle.
- Due to large numbers of players on the BOYS TEAM, **boys** will not play in **all games**. A form will be sent home on Monday identifying which game(s) they will play. Please check for their name on the schedule and the location of their game.
- Games begin as soon as teams arrive at the host school.

Boys Game Schedule

Date	Location	Schools
Thursday, Jan 30	@ Campus View	Oaklands Boys James Bay Coed James Bay Coed
Thursday Feb 6	@Oaklands West	Oaklands MJS James Bay
Thursday Feb 13	@ James Bay	Oaklands Boys Campus View Boys James Bay Boys
Thursday Feb 20	@ Margaret Jenkins CoEd	Oaklands Coed
Thursday Feb 27	@ James Bay CoEd	Oaklands Coed Margaret Jenkins James Bay
Thursday March 6	@ Oaklands West	Oaklands Boys play Oaklands Boys

Girls Game Schedule

Date	Location	Schools
Tuesday Feb 4	@ Oaklands West	Oaklands Girls Campus View Girls James Bay Girls
Tuesday Feb 11	@ James Bay	Oaklands Girls Campus View Girls JB Girls
Thursday Feb 13	@ Oaklands West	James Bay girls Oaklands girls

Late French Immersion Registration

Grade 6

Any student entering Grade 6 can apply to enroll in Late French Immersion in the Greater Victoria School District. Registration for Late French Immersion will occur during the week of January 27 - 31, 2025. Late French Immersion is offered at four dual-track middle schools: Arbutus Global, Central, Lansdowne and Shoreline. No prior knowledge of French is expected or required. If your child is interested in registering for Late French Immersion, please visit our [Late French Immersion page](#) for more information about the program, and how to register to be a part of it. Please be sure to watch the five-minute introduction to Late French Immersion video. If you still have questions after viewing the video and visiting the Late French Immersion Registration site, please email questions to Lindsay Johnson at ljohnson@sd61.bc.ca.



Basketball

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.



Thanks to everyone for wearing your neon and bright clothing on Thursday for **Let's Get Visible**. During your commutes remember to: be alert, be predictable and be visible especially during the winter months when it's dark earlier and harder to see you.

Library Buzz: Reading Week is Coming Up

Dress Up as a Favourite Character in a Book

When? **Friday January 31st**

Prizes for classes with most participation.



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

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

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:

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

- 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:

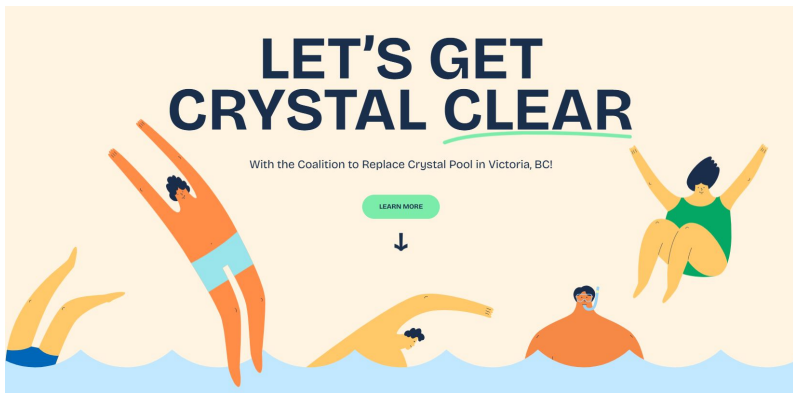
Grade 5 Wear Youth XL T-shirts are available for \$14. Please contact the PAC at victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com

The PAC has 3 extra sweaters from our grade 5 grad wear orders. Although all the sweaters were distributed on the ordering list, we want to ensure that no-one is missing an order. If you ordered a sweater and have not yet received it, please send the PAC an email by February 1st.

If the sweaters are not claimed by then we will be exchanging the sweaters for requests for larger sizes and trying to accommodate missed orders.

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).



LET'S GET CRYSTAL CLEAR

With the Coalition to Replace Crystal
Pool in Victoria, BC!

The Province has signed off on the City's
referendum for the Crystal Pool Replacement
Project. General voting day will be February 8,
2025.

[Voting Information](#)

Kids At Tennis Society (KATS) Tennis Lessons



Tuesdays

5-8 yrs 6:30 - 7:30 PM

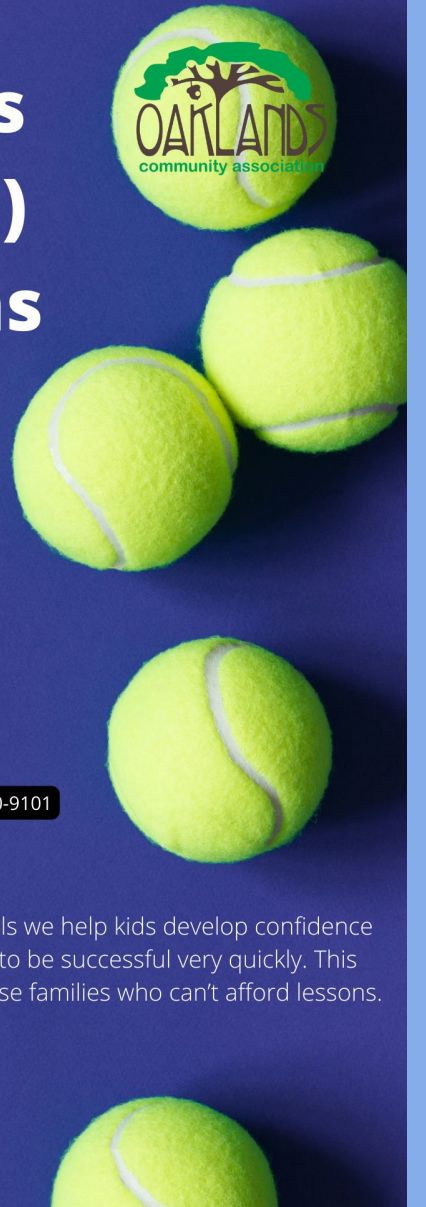
9-13 yrs 7:30 - 8:30 PM

at Oaklands Elementary School Gym

January through March 2025

Register @ [Oaklands.life](#) or call 250 370-9101
for more information

Using smaller racquets and low compression balls we help kids develop confidence
in their ability to hit the ball which allows them to be successful very quickly. This
program is sponsored by KATS and is free for those families who can't afford lessons.



BEGINNER

Ukulele Lessons

for ages 7-13 yrs

**LET'S LEARN
AND HAVE
FUN!**

LEARN ABOUT:

- How to play ukulele
- Ukulele chords
- Basic strumming patterns

Fridays 6-7pm
8 sessions - \$120
Jan - Mar

[oaklands.life](#)  250 370-9101

**NEW DAY
NEW TIME**



**DROP-INS
WELCOME**



FREE THURSDAY FLOOR HOCKEY

THURSDAY EVENINGS OCT - JUNE

5:45 - 6:45PM @ OAKLANDS GYM

AGES 9 - 16YRS OLD

REGISTER @ [OAKLANDS.LIFE](#)
250 370-9101 EXT #3