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February 28th, 2025



Dear Oaklands School Community,

As the days grow longer and the weather begins to warm, we can certainly feel that spring is getting close! It's a time of renewal and growth, both in nature and in our classrooms. Our dedicated teachers are busy writing their reports to communicate the progress of our students as we wrap up Term 2. It's a moment to celebrate all the hard work, creativity, and perseverance shown by our students.

While the school grounds may be quiet, there's a lot of important work happening in our 1913 building. Construction is underway, and we're excited about the improvements that will make our learning environment even better for everyone in the future.

With Spring Break quickly approaching, it's a perfect time for our community to pause, rest, and recharge. This year has had its challenges, and I want to acknowledge the hardships some of our families have been facing. But even in the face of adversity, our school community continues to demonstrate strength and resilience. We are here for one another, supporting each other through daily connections—whether in the hallways, classrooms, or beyond.

Please know that we are always here for you. If you ever need anything, don't hesitate to reach out. Our staff is committed to supporting you and your family in any way we can.

As we look ahead, I also want to acknowledge that Ramadan begins this evening. To our families observing, we wish you peace, reflection, and strength during this holy month.

Thank you for your ongoing trust, care, and partnership. Together, we continue to grow and thrive as a community. Have a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Petra Eggert



Important Dates

Wednesday, March 5

Understanding Neurodiversity
Workshop

Feb. 28th - March 29th

Ramadan



Friday, March 7

Hot Lunch- Pizza

Thursday, March 13

Report Cards go live on
Parent Connect

Sunday March 16

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Live Jazz & Silent Auction Fundraiser
CP Lawn Bowling Clubhouse
720 Belleville St.

March 17 - 28

Spring Break - No School

Monday, March 31

School Re-Opens

Friday, April 4

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Friday, April 18

Good Friday - No School

Monday, April 21

Easter Monday - No School

Basketball Games - Important Information

Our Oaklands basketball teams are practicing hard at recess and after school! It is awesome to watch the teams play against other schools and show great talent, sportsmanship and drive! Boys, please check the schedule for your next games. Here are the remaining games and locations:

Date	Location	Schools
Thursday March 6	@ Oaklands West Parents Welcome!	Oaklands Boys play Oaklands Boys 3:15pm



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PAC News

Order your Purdys Chocolates this Spring!

The Oakland's PAC Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser is now on!



The deadline for ordering your chocolate gifts for the holidays is approaching.

All orders are due by midnight on Wednesday April 2, 2025.

Orders will be ready for pick up between April 15-18.

It's a great way to get your holiday gifts early and support our PAC too!

To place your orders visit <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1444196-127124>

Ready Set Home Alone Course



The Home Alone Program is designed to provide children 9 years of age and older with the skills to stay safe at home for short periods of time. The course focuses on essential topics such as fire prevention, injury prevention, stranger awareness, and emergency procedures. It teaches youth how to prevent problems, stay safe during outings, and handle unexpected situations like encountering strangers or thieves. Our goal is to prepare children to be responsible and independent. We achieve this through practical examples to ensure participants are ready for real-life challenges.

When: May 5/6th 3PM to 5:00 - 5:15 PM

Where: Oaklands West Library

\$39 (Regularly \$69)

Sign up link: <https://readyssetkidz.com/shop/home-alone-program-private-course/>

Volunteers appreciated to help set up and take down the library: volunteersignup.org/79988

April 12th Bottle Drive



9AM-12PM

Volunteers Needed for 2 hour shifts: <http://volunteersignup.org/CYBCK>

ANTI-RACISM 101



This foundational 1.5 hour workshop is facilitated virtually, using plain language by Kerry Cavers, Founder & President of Moms Against Racism Canada. With gentle compassion, Kerry invites participants to explore some uncomfortable concepts to become more confident in their understanding of racism. Kerry meets participants where they are in their anti-racism journey, and leads them through a thought-provoking session covering: ► What is race, racism, white supremacy and anti-racism ► The four main types or categories of racism ► An activity to practice identifying racism ► Steps to becoming anti-racist ► Reflection on personal anti-racism journey ► Personal next steps ► Questions & Answer Online **Wednesday, April 16th 7-8:45pm.**

Sign up link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WNKfZ8xySQySpY_88QF7RQ#/registration

Email with any questions:

Victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com



Oaklands Elementary PAC Presents:

UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSITY: A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS, AND CAREGIVERS

**JOIN US FOR A COMPREHENSIVE 2-HOUR PRESENTATION BY A
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST AS WE EXPLORE THE CONCEPT OF NEURODIVERSITY.
IN THIS INFORMATIVE WORKSHOP, WE'LL DIVE INTO:**

- **WHAT NEURODIVERSITY IS AND HOW IT SHAPES THE WAY INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCE THE WORLD**
- **WHAT NEURODIVERSITY LOOKS LIKE ACROSS DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AND ABILITIES**
- **HOW TO PROVIDE NEURODIVERSITY-AFFIRMING SUPPORTS AT HOME, IN THE CLASSROOM, AND IN THE COMMUNITY**

**THIS SESSION WILL FEATURE A CLEAR OVERVIEW OF
NEURODIVERSITY, INCLUDING PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR
FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT. WE'LL ALSO REVIEW
CASE STUDIES TO ILLUSTRATE KEY CONCEPTS AND WRAP UP WITH
A Q&A PERIOD TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.**

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March 5th 6PM-8PM

Oaklands Elementary Library

**Contact the PAC by March 2nd
if you require on site babysitting:**

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Friendship Tea

HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO REUNITE A
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SUNDAY, MARCH 16
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Live Jazz & Silent Auction

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