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March 13th, 2025



Dear Oaklands Team,

Spring break has arrived and I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt wishes to all of our students, families, and staff for a well-deserved and restful time away from school. Spring break is a wonderful opportunity to pause, recharge, and rejuvenate, and I hope each of you can take this time to surround yourselves with the people who mean the most to you, creating lasting memories with family and friends.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to some key members of our community. To our incredible teachers, educational assistants, and staff, thank you for your dedication and commitment to creating safe, exciting, and engaging learning environments for our students. Your hard work and passion do not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our school family.

A special thank you to our fearless bus drivers, whose care and attention to our students' safety is invaluable. You ensure that our students are transported to and from our school campuses with the utmost care, and we are truly grateful for your efforts.

Thank you to Kinetic and our SD61 project managers, who have been working diligently on the 1913 building renovations. Despite the complexity of this project, they have managed to carry out the work with minimal disruption to the day-to-day operations of our school. We are grateful for their careful planning and commitment to enhancing our school facilities.

I also want to express my gratitude to our community partners, who continue to provide rich, engaging out-of-school care programming that supports our students' growth beyond the classroom. Your work is a vital part of our students' success, and we appreciate everything you do.

To you, our amazing families, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. A special thank you to our PAC and our parent volunteers, whose tireless work enriches our students' experiences and strengthens the connection between our school and community. Your involvement truly makes a difference.

Finally, to our amazing students—thank you for continuing to take care of yourselves, each other, and this wonderful school. Your kindness, respect, and dedication to creating a positive and caring community make our school a better place for everyone.

Enjoy this well-deserved break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for the final term of the school year!

Warmest regards,

Petra Eggert

Important Dates

Thursday, March 13

Report Cards go live on
Parent Connect 3:00pm

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

Thursday, May 1

Student Led Conferences
Early Dismissal 11:50am

Friday, May 2

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Wednesday, May 7

Welcome to Kindergarten

Thursday, May 8

Spring Concert

Monday, May 12

Class Photo Day

Thursday, May 15

Grade 5 Transition Day

Announcing our Spring Fundraiser

ART CARDS By KIDS is coming to Oaklands Elementary!



Art Cards by Kids will turn our children's art into unique, professionally printed greeting cards. Every child will receive a free greeting card that showcases their own art with their name and age on the back.

Sample Art Cards are going home, so watch for them in your child's backpack! Find instructions on **How to Order** on the inside of their sample card!

This is a wonderful, creative fundraising initiative for our school! Our theme is "Oaklands takes care of this place" and all proceeds will go towards **art supplies**.

Ordering Deadline: Friday, April 4th

From,
The Oaklands Staff

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:

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