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## Leadership Changes at Oaklands for 2025-2026

Dear Oaklands’ Families,

We would like to share some important updates regarding school leadership for the upcoming school year. I have been given a new assignment and will be transitioning to the role of principal at Torquay Elementary commencing August 1st, 2025. I am pleased to announce that Jeff Duyndam, currently the principal of Tillicum Elementary, will be joining the Oaklands team as principal.

While I feel privileged to take on this new opportunity and am looking ahead with anticipation, it is undeniably bittersweet to be leaving the Oaklands community, which has meant so much to me. Over the last 5 years, it has been a true privilege to work alongside such a dedicated, passionate, and caring school community.

I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the collaboration and trust we’ve carried through so many moments—some challenging, many joyful, and all deeply meaningful. It has been an honour to serve the Oaklands community, and I am deeply grateful for the support, and care that make this school such a special place.

I know our amazing PAC will continue to provide incredible support of our school, and I have every confidence in the journey ahead under Jeff Duyndam’s leadership.

Thank you for your continued support as we finish up the year and prepare for this transition.

*Petra Eggert*



To all our families with personal ties to the Philippines or who feel especially impacted by the tragic event that occurred during the Lapu-Lapu Day festival in Vancouver: We see you, we stand with you and we are here to support you. [Letter to Families](#)

Together, we will honor the memories of those we have lost and continue to build a community rooted in love, respect, and solidarity.

With deepest sympathy and unwavering support,

The Oaklands Staff

## Important Dates

**Wednesday, May 7**

Welcome to Kindergarten

**Thursday, May 8**

Spring Concert

Divisions 1-9

Oaklands East Campus

**Monday, May 12**

Class Photo Day

**Thursday, May 15**

Grade 5 Transition Day

**Friday, May 16**

Professional Development Day

No School for Students

**Monday, May 19**

Victoria Day - No School

**Thursday, May 22**

Hands On, Hearts On

Celebration

**Friday, May 23**

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice

**Friday, May 30**

5:30 PM

Oaklands Family Dance

**Friday, June 6**

Hot Lunch - Pizza

**Tuesday, June 24**

Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony

Afternoon - time TBA







Congratulations to all Spring Cross Country Runners! We ended the season on Tuesday with our final race against all schools. Coaches were so proud of all the cheering and encouragement from team members. There were lots of *personal bests* and big smiles!

We look forward to seeing many runners training for TRACK and participating in the Zone Track meet on May 27<sup>Th</sup> .





# PAC News

## Happy Spring, Oaklands Families!

Here are some key dates for you to take note of in these last couple of months of this school year :)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **Ready Set Kidz Home Alone Course - May 5th and 6th (3:00-5:15 PM)**

A **two-day** workshop to give children 9 years and older the skills to stay safe at home for short periods of time.

→ The course focuses on emergency preparedness, stranger awareness and problem-solving.

It helps children develop the skills and confidence to be responsible and independent.

→ Special Oaklands price of \$39 (regularly \$69!)

→ Where: Oaklands Library

→ Register here <https://readysetkidz.com/shop/home-alone-program-private-course/>

→ Volunteer here <https://volunteersignup.org/79988>

#### **Support Group for Parents of Neurodiverse Children - May 7th (7:00-8:30 PM)**

Oaklands is starting a *peer support* group for parents and caregivers of neurodivergent kids. Neurodivergence can mean autism, ADHD, anxiety, depression, and many other things.

→ This group takes a neurodivergent affirming lens and welcomes all perspectives!

→ Ask questions, get support, share knowledge.

→ Where: Oaklands Library (West Campus)

→ Questions? Or can't make it that day but want to get connected?

◆ Email [e.mitchell.cleave@gmail.com](mailto:e.mitchell.cleave@gmail.com)

#### **Oaklands PAC AGM - Monday, May 12th (6:00-7:00 PM)**

Come get involved in supporting our school community and students' success.

→ Hear about the PAC's past year's successes and help form future plans.

→ The PAC will be accepting nominations and voting for a number of executive positions.

→ Where: Oaklands Library (West Campus)

→ Email the PAC if you have any questions: [victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com)

→ *On-site babysitting is available* (email the PAC by May 9th)

#### **Kids Market - Saturday, May 24th (12:00-3:00 PM)**

Calling all young entrepreneurs! Mark your calendars to come and shop, snack, and sell.

→ Sign up to become a vendor (only 20 spots available - kids only!) <https://oca.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=3285>

→ Where: Oaklands Community Association

→ Come hungry, *all proceeds from food sales* will go to the *Oaklands Elementary PAC!*

#### **Neon Nights Family Dance - Friday, May 30th (5:30-7:00 PM)**

Join us for a lively school dance party! All ages are welcome! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

→ Send song requests to [oaklandsfamilydance@outlook.com](mailto:oaklandsfamilydance@outlook.com)

→ Where: Oaklands Elementary gym

→ **Tickets and snacks are available on Hot Lunch:** [oaklandspac.hotlunches.net](http://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net)

→ *Please consider volunteering* for a one-hour shift

◆ Each volunteer receives 2 complimentary admissions: [volunteersignup.org/YH7B8](https://volunteersignup.org/YH7B8)

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### **Emergency Outdoor Supplies Sub-Committee**

The PAC will be taking a much-needed inventory of our current outdoor supplies and replacing/adding to our stock.

→ *Volunteers are urgently needed* to help our kids stay safe and replenish their emergency supplies.

→ Volunteer hours are flexible.

→ Please reach out to get involved by emailing: [victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com)

→ PreparedBC offers downloadable guides and fill-in-the-blank plans to help you prepare for emergency.

◆ Check out resources available in French, Punjabi, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, [PreparedBC.ca/guides](https://PreparedBC.ca/guides)

#### **Hot Lunch Deadlines**

> **Booster Juice** - order by May 15 for a May 23 lunch

> **Pizza** - order by May 30 for a June 6 lunch

→ Order on the hot lunch website [oaklandspac.hotlunches.net](http://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net)

#### **Sweatshirts for Sale | Grade 5 Grad Wear**

Only three sizes left! Email the PAC to purchase [victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.oaklands.pac@gmail.com)

→ Adult Medium Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt **\$41**

→ Youth Medium Hooded Sweatshirt **\$31**

→ Youth Extra Large T-Shirt **\$14**

### MAKE AN IM-PAC-T:

**Volunteer Hour:** If you have an hour to spare, we welcome one-off volunteers to deliver meals (mid-week mornings or Friday over lunch hour)

[volunteersignup.org/9WAPY](https://volunteersignup.org/9WAPY)

Join our Facebook page: Get updates on what is happening in and around the school

(Request to join the [Oaklands Elementary PAC](#) private group)



With gratitude,  
Your Oaklands PAC

**Are you looking to connect with other caregivers about supporting neurodivergent kids?**

*Maybe you've been doing this for awhile and want to get to know others in the same boat. Maybe you're just getting started and feeling overwhelmed. Maybe you're questioning if neurodivergence is the answer to some of the questions about why you have been having challenges.*

# *Peer Support for Parents and Caregivers of Neurodivergent Kids*

Neurodivergence can mean autism, ADHD, anxiety, depression, movement and learning differences, and many other things. This group takes a neurodivergent-affirming lens, and we welcome all perspectives!

First meeting is **Wednesday May 7th, 7 pm** at the **Oaklands library**.

**Childminding provided across the hall**; please note that one-to-one care is not available for this session. If your child can't stay with the childminder, and can't stay home, please reach out to the organizer to discuss options.

Ask questions, get support, share knowledge.

*Questions? Can't make that day but still want to connect?*  
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# NEON NIGHTS FAMILY DANCE

FEATURING DANCE HOST  
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DANCE**

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REQUIRED

**MAY 30TH 5:30-7PM** OAKLANDS WEST  
GYM

ON SITE: COUNTRY CREPES FOOD TRUCK  
PLUS EMPIRE DONUTS, TREATS AND DRINKS  
SOLD BY THE PAC

PRE-SALES BEGIN APRIL 30TH  
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