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May 9, 2025



Dear Oaklands Families,

On behalf of our school, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us last night at Oaklands East for our Spring Music Concert. It was truly a beautiful evening filled with music, joy, and a strong sense of community.

Our students lit up the stage with their performances on recorder, ukulele, strings, and in the choir. Their enthusiasm, pride, and hard work were on full display—it was such a joy to see them performing with confidence, waving to family members, and sharing their love of music.

A special thank you to the Oaklands staff who worked behind the scenes to help make the evening run smoothly. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

We would also like to recognize Ms. Poulson and Ms. Fisher for their incredible dedication and passion. Their commitment to keeping music an integral part of our Oaklands community continues to inspire and uplift us all.

Thank you again for your ongoing support—it was a night to remember!

Warm regards,

Petra Eggert



Important Dates

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



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RE: Greater Victoria School District Bus Expectations

Dear Families,

This letter is a kind reminder for parents and caregivers to review the behavior expectations with your child(ren) who ride Greater Victoria School District busses to and from school, as well as on field trips throughout the year.

The safety of children riding on our busses is extremely important. By following the below guidelines, students can help ensure their own safety and the safety of the bus as a whole, as the driver can remain focused on the road:

- **Enter and exit the bus single file** in a safe and orderly manner.
- **Produce a bus pass** if prompted by the driver.
- **Keep voices low**, using kind, respectful, and inclusive language. Yelling and profane language is not acceptable.
- **Keep hands and feet to self**. No pushing, fighting, spitting, or horseplay is permitted.
- **Always stay seated** and face forward. Refrain from changing seats.
- **Keep belongings under the seat** or in laps. Keep the aisle clear.
- **Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are not permitted** on the bus to protect those with food allergies, prevent choking, and maintain bus cleanliness.
- **Keep the bus as you found it**. Vandalism and littering are not permitted.
- **Follow the bus driver's instructions**.

Drivers may issue a Student Incident Report for those who do not follow bus safety rules.

You can find more information in the Transportation Information and Guidelines located on our website: <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/facilities-department/busing>

Thank you for helping keep students, staff, and drivers safe,

Eric Fischer

Manager of Fleet, Transportation and Grounds
Greater Victoria School District

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Mrs. Smith's grade one class released 99 salmon fry this week into Mt. Douglas Creek. They got them as eggs in January and have closely watched them hatch and grow into salmon fry. They have been working with the BC Salmon Foundation increasing the salmon population.



The Oaklands Mini Rugby teams did a fantastic job at the tournament today.
Congratulations on a very successful and fun Rugby season!

Go Oaklands!



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:

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
- *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
- Where: Oaklands Elementary gym
- **Tickets and snacks are available on Hot Lunch:** oaklandspac.hotlunches.net
- *Please consider volunteering* for a one-hour shift
- ◆ Each volunteer receives 2 complimentary admissions: 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
- 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

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

Sweatshirts for Sale | Grade 5 Grad Wear

Only three sizes left! Email the PAC to purchase 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

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



SPRING + SUMMER BIKE, SOCCER, SWIM & TRAIL



PAC FUNDRAISER

PEDALHEADS WILL DONATE \$25 TO YOUR SCHOOL PAC WITH EVERY CODE USED.

VALID FOR ANY PEDALHEADS PROGRAM
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA UNTIL JUNE 30, 2025.

FOR FAMILIES OF OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY

Use code **OAKLANDS25** for \$25 off

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OAKLANDS
ELEMENTARY PAC
PRESENTS

\$5 PER PERSON
INCLUDES JUMBO LED
GLOW STICK

NEON NIGHTS FAMILY DANCE

FEATURING DANCE HOST
**AMANDA ZINK FROM RAINO
DANCE**

CHAPERONE
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
ORDER BY MAY 25TH TO GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY
[HTTPS://OAKLANDSPAC.HOTLUNCHES.NET/ADMIN/](https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/)

Tickets
On Sale
May 2

Give Where You Riff



OAKLANDS15

Use this code at checkout and
15% of your ticket purchase
goes to the Oaklands PAC

Rifflandia

September 11-14, 2025 • Victoria, BC



Join us for a night of laughter, games, and snacks!


FLIP OUT FRIDAY PAJAMA PARTY

Register: oca.recdesk.com |  | May 9th, 2025 6:30-9 PM

Dance Party, stuffed toys, spa masks, games & snacks
Oaklands Community Center

THANK YOU

**VICTORIA FIREFIGHTERS
FOR DONATING TO OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY
EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**




FLIP OUT FRIDAY WATER FUN & ICE CREAM!



MAY 23RD 6:30-9PM
AGES 8-13

 oca.recdesk.com 

YOUTH ON THE MOVE

Virtual Reality

Saturday May 10th
1:30-4:00pm

 **AGES 9-13**

Register online at oca.recdesk.com



By Registration Only

