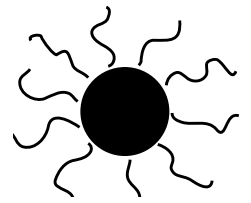


October/November 2008



Important Dates

November 4, 5, 6th (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) at 3:30pm are Parent/Teacher Conferences.

November 10th (Monday) there is no school. Child care will be available on request.

November 11th (Tuesday) is a Holiday - the school is closed.

Announcements

We have developed a hazard protocol to deal with any hazards that may be present in our community.

When we are at Summit Park we will do a sweep of the main gathering areas, trails and sites where hazards have been found previously, before the children have exploratory time. If we find a hazard we will clean it up if possible using our hazard kit. If there are a significant number of hazards we will leave the site. City Parks has committed to cleaning Summit Park before we go up there on Wednesdays.

When we go to the field a teacher always goes first and checks the dug-out for any hazards. If there are hazards present we will sweep the field.

All students have demonstrated excellent hazard awareness. We are planning a hazard awareness workshop for students with AIDS Vancouver Island. Staff are trained in dealing with hazards and we are planning more staff training in the future.

Bioregional Fair

Every May Oak and Orca hosts our annual Bioregional Fair. The fair has a three fold purpose; the fair provides an opportunity for community building, fundraising, and bioregional education. At the fair there is a silent auction, food fair, book sale, and workshops.

For the fair to be a success parents need to be involved in some way. In the next newsletter position descriptions will go out. We would like the positions filled out by January. We will be asking parents to play a role in planning the fair and/or putting on the fair.

Notice: Please remember you are able to view our school calendar for the year on-line at oakandorca.ca. Please note that all future months are subject to change.

Important Request:

We have several earthquake emergency bins throughout the school. We need to fill these with non-perishable items. We ask that each family bring in a few healthy items. Earthquake supplies are group contributions and not returned.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Our Field Trip Season will be starting soon (Nov. 12). Please remember that students **require** the following to participate in field trips:

- A backpack (not any other type of bag!)
- Seasonal Clothing (including rain gear and boots)
- A water bottle
- A properly fitting bike helmet if it is a biking field trip
- An interest in the field trip topic

Spare Clothes Reminder

All students (the older ones too) require a spare set of clothing at school at all times. Most of our outdoor activities are not weather dependent and so we will still go outside on a rainy day. Your child will be thankful for the warm clothes when he or she is wet!

Activities

Field Trips



Our first set of field trips start next week (Nov. 12). Field trip forms are now on-line and will be completed through email. You will receive an email with the link to the field trip forms. In this set of 3 field trips we will be going to the Royal BC Museum, Goldstream Park, and to Beaver Lake. Please email back the field trip forms **before** Monday November 10.

Reminders

Healthy Lunches:

The following items are not allowed at school:

- Candy
- Tetra packs
- Gum

Please send you child a healthy lunch to help him or her be prepared for learning.

Pick Up:

If anyone has changed their child pick-up person, their address, phone number or email or any other information we need to know for your file, please give this information to Corrina at the office. Thanks.

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