

December 2008



Important Dates

Saturday and Sunday, Dec 6th and 7th is the Moss St. Fair.

Thursday, Dec 11th at 1:00 pm is the AGM.

Friday, Dec 12th is the last day of school before the winter break.

Friday, Dec 12th is our potluck 3:30-6pm. Please remember to bring your own plates and cutlery.

Dec 15th-24th and Jan 2nd there is no school. Child care is available on request. Please sign up ahead of time. Drop in is NOT available.

Dec 25th-Jan 1 the school is closed and child care is not available.

Announcements

Oak and Orca is governed by the Bioregional Education Association, and has a board of committed parents and community members. As a non-profit society, we have an Annual General Meeting for students to learn about the financial statements, appoint new directors, and envision possible ideas for our school. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions feel free to ask Kara or Sage.



Field Trips



Activities

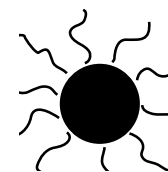
ATTENTION PARENTS: All students go outside **everyday** for active plan, no matter what the weather is like, and **ALL** students spend most of Wednesday outside. Please make sure your child has enough warm and spare clothes, including: rain gear, a jacket, mittens, and a hat or toque. There are not alternative activities for children who are not prepared for the outdoors! Thanks!

Reminders

Please remember to pick up your child by **3:15 pm**. If your child is picked up later then he or she is considered in out of school care. The fee for out of school care is \$5/hour. It is important for parents to pay this fee if they pick up children between 3:15 and 4:00 as any more than 10 students in out of school care require a paid staff position to be added until the number goes down. We intend to help remind parents with invoices for payments for those not on subsidy. **Late pick-ups that are not paid cost the school!**

Please remember over the break to periodically check your child/children for head lice to keep outbreaks from happening in the future.

7th Annual Bioregional Fair



The Bioregional Fair is a major annual event we have at Oak and Orca. Although the fair is not until May, we have to start organizing for it now as it takes months to prepare for this. We are looking for people to fill in the spots in the box below for the bioregional fair. We are requesting that each family consider signing up for one position as we require a lot of participation for it to be successful. Please let Sage know by the end of December if you are interested in the below positions.

Position	Person	Responsibilities
Overall coordinator		Oversee & coordinate
Solicitation coordinator		Oversee solicitation, store & record donations
Book Sale coordinator		Gather and store books (at school), set up book table
Bake Sale coordinator		Solicit family & store donations, organize group baking (if desired, but not necessary), set up bake sale
Silent Auction coordinator		Help gather donations, set up silent auction, collect bids at end, call "winners"
Station coordinator		Schedule shifts for stations, periodic check-in and relief if needed (bathroom breaks, etc.)
Advertising		Submit PSAs, possibly write promotional writings/articles, coordinate posters going out

A small committee also forms to make general decisions and oversee the fair as a whole. All families are welcome to participate, and coordinators can, but do not have to, meet as part of this committee. The more coordinators we have the less the committee has to oversee the details of, so if the above positions are filled we won't need to meet often. Everyone involved gets emails so they are updated and have an opportunity for feedback if applicable.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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. For those of you who have already brought in items, thanks very much.

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.

A large hardcopy calendar is also kept on the door on the main floor, beside the stairs up to the Sky Room. This monthly calendar is kept updated with events, school events, etc.