

Important Dates

Friday, February 27th: First after school music lesson, 3:30 - 4:30

Friday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 11th: Bicycle Safety Skills Course

Friday, March 13th: Student Led Conferences--No School
(Out of School Care available on request, \$25 per day.)

Monday, March 16th - Friday, March 20th: Spring Break--No School
(Spring Break Programing available, \$25 per day. See Announcements for more information)

Announcements

Spring Break Program!

Join us for fun activities and field trips during the Spring Break. Mornings will include crafts and workshops, and afternoons will include outings from 11:00 on. Outings will be to Summit Park on Tuesday and Thursday for Wilderness Skills. On the other days, outings will be to a playground, to Bowker Creek and to Crystal Pool. More details and registration forms will be available in early March.

We are still looking for donations for the following items for our preschool:

- clean, good quality large area rugs that are free of any scents
- ride-on toys for preschoolers that are in good condition
- shelving and storage cupboards
- dramatic play items such as play kitchen supplies, and dress-up clothes
- cubbies
- preschool books
- musical instruments

Morgan Cassels has had her first book, *Little Pieces of Fallen Sky*, published by Emdash! We are selling them here at the school for 8\$. All proceeds go to Oak and Orca School.

Indoor Shoes News

Our school paper "The Indoor Shoes News" is now available to view for the first time at <http://oakandorca.ca/idsn/>. The password is ooindoor.

Bioregional Fair Help!

We are still looking for an advertising assistant for the bioregional fair! Please contact Sage if interested. It mostly requires simple phone calls and emails.

Are you aware of 8-1-1? It is a new HealthlinkBC service that is available 24/7. Dial 8-1-1 to consult with a nurse, pharmacist or dietician or visit HealthLinkBC.ca.



Field Trip Reminder:

Students need to have on field trips: a backpack, water bottle, rain gear, gloves or mits, and appropriate foot wear. These are mandatory for biking field trips!

Also if your child is too sick to go on a field trip or to wildreness skills, we ask that your child stay home. Every day we spend time being active outside, no matter the weather.

Field Trip Notice:

Spring is around the corner and the rains are receding. This means that the Oak and Orca family is getting ready to start cycling to our field trip destinations. In preparation for these fun-filled excursions, we are offering a bicycle safety skills course in March. The same course will be run twice to accommodate numbers and schedules on March 6 and 11. Bikes are required to be brought to school for this and students must wear a helmet. We ask that students who have not yet taken the bicycle safety skills course at some time or are new cyclists take the course. Although we have spare helmets, whenever possible we encourage students to have their own helmets which are properly fitted for each individual.

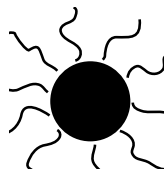
For later in the month, we are in the process of planning a Bicycle Maintenance and Repair workshop to be run by the Bike Lab Society, probably at the school.

Providing all goes well, we should have the group out on the road for regular cycling adventures beginning April and running through to the end of the school year.

Does anyone need a free large youth bike in good condition? Talk to Corrina if you are interested.



Reminders:



Bioregional Fair Reminder:

We need to start now to solicit for auction items! The letters are on the parent board. This is a very important part of the fair that has to be started this early.

Please note: The Bioregional Fair has been extended to be 11-4 on Sunday, May 24th.

After School Music Lessons!

If your child loves to sing or is simply interested in music, Oak and Orca School is facilitating an enjoyable, song filled, relaxed and supportive class that will help them develop their voice in out of school care on **Fridays from 3:30-4:30**. We are planning two eight week sessions starting the week of **February 27th**.

If your child would like to participate or check it out for the first two sessions please send an email to **John at jlutz@uvic.ca** indicating the age of your child and if they have any musical experience (no experience required).

Payment will be by donation.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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!