

This Week @ Oak Bay Nation

Week of January 30-February 3, 2017



Valentines for Vets

This year marks the 10th anniversary of our school participating in VALENTINES FOR VETERANS, a program where students make handcrafted Valentine cards in December that are then distributed to Canadian Veterans around the country, many of whom are elderly and hospitalized. In the 10 years that Mrs. Gillespie's classes have done this, there have been over 400 such cards made. Our contact at Veterans Affairs Canada has informed us that the people who receive these cards are deeply moved and impressed that a young person "somewhere out there" cares about them. It is a small thing that can have lasting impact, as we strive to connect young people with Canadian history and seniors in the community.

Royal Canadian Legion Art Contest

Oak Bay art students took 1st and 2nd place prizes in the local category in the Royal Canadian Legion Art Contest, winning \$100 for first and \$75 for second. Florence Wang's artwork has also placed in the Vancouver Island Zone, whose winners will be announced in two weeks.



First Place- Florence Wang



Second Place - Amanda Szabo

Student Video Game Work Experience Program

Students will learn what it is like to work at a video game company by participating in this week long volunteer program. The program is open to grade 11 and 12 students and will run from April through to May 2017. Contact Mrs. Giesbrecht if you have questions. I have specific weeks available in the Career Centre and suggest that students come by my office to get a copy of the questions that are on the application. Click [HERE](#) for the application and more information.

Two Grade 11 Science students will be nominated by Oak Bay to apply to the **Trev & Joyce Deeley Research Centre Internship Program.**

This is an opportunity for students to explore cancer research right here in Victoria, at the BC Cancer Agency. Students should have an interest in cancer research, an overall 85% projected average in Biology 11 or 12 and any two of math, chemistry or physics is required. Students will work full time hours for 8 weeks during the summer. A \$3000 bursary toward post-secondary education will be awarded to each student who successfully completes the 8 week program. For more information please see Mrs. Giesbrecht, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Atkinson or Mr. Shrubsole. Applications are in the Career Centre or online [HERE](#)

The **School of Health Information Science at UVIC** is hosting its Spring Open House on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm, at the University of Victoria's Hickman Building, room 110. Students are invited to learn more about this exciting field by talking with our faculty and students. The career opportunities for graduates are worldwide, diverse and exciting with starting salaries exceeding \$55,000. The program includes 12 months of paid workplace experience in the healthcare field. Pizza and refreshments will be served. For more information visit www.uvic.ca/hinf or email his@uvic.ca

DATES OF INTEREST

February 2

Performing Arts Middle School Tour

February 7

Band Concert

February 8-9

Band Festival

February 9

Team Planning & Study Hall
No block 3

February 10

Curriculum Implementation Day; Classes not in session

February 13

Family Day
Classes not in session

February 17

Fine Arts Distinguished Alumni Evening

February 23

Team Planning & Study Hall
No block 4

February 24

Professional Development Day; Classes not in session

March 20 - 31

Spring Break
Classes not in session
Students return to school on Monday, April 3.