



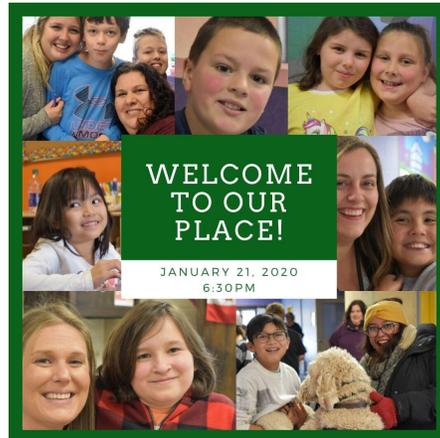
OPEN HOUSE

If you, or someone you know, are considering Oak Bridge Academy for your child in the 2020 - 2021 academic year, please join us for an information session and school tour.

Childcare available.

Tuesday January 21, 2020 6:30pm

Oak Bridge Academy
Forward Church, South Entrance
55 Franklin Blvd.
Cambridge, ON



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Please register for our OPEN HOUSE [CLICK HERE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - Save the date.

Follow us on social media for all the details.

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Open House Information Session - Tuesday January 21, 2020 6:30pm
The Break Room Bar and Billiards Bursary Fundraiser - Thursday April 23, 2020 Save the date. Follow us on Social Media for details
Third Annual Oak Bridge Golf Tournament & Dinner - Tuesday June 9, 2020

3rd Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner! Save the date...
Tuesday June 9th, 2020.

If you are even a tiny little bit hesitant
- don't be! The 3rd Annual Golf



Whistle Bear Golf Club

Tournament and Dinner PROMISES to be outstanding.

CHECK your calendar today. Save the date Tuesday JUNE 9th, 2020.

This incredible event SOLD OUT early last year so don't wait!

[DOWNLOAD OUR BROCHURE](#)

Fundraising Update

#youmakeanexceptionaldifference

Waterloo District Masons made a \$13,633.79 difference!

Oak Bridge Academy was honoured to be named the 'Charity of Choice' for the Waterloo District Masons and most generously they raised and donated \$13,633.79. Thank you Masons!



THANKYOU ❤️ THURSDAY

We asked and you gave

\$22,115

#youmakeanexceptionaldifference



OAK BRIDGE ACADEMY

#ThankYouThursday
#GivingTuesdayCa

Giving Tuesday made a \$22,115.00 difference!

Many, many, many thanks to our generous donors. The success of our Giving Tuesday Campaign exceeded our expectations. You truly are making an exceptional difference.

Rock For Oak Bridge made a \$15,530.00 difference!

Rock for Oak Bridge gets a standing ovation! One fantastic night, FIVE fantastic bands SOLD OUT with 400 fans!

In one night! Just ROCKIN' AMAZING!!!!





Unity for Autism Grant

Oak Bridge Academy is thrilled to announce we have received a very generous grant from Unity For Autism, a provincial organization that supports specific programs that can make a direct and immediate impact on the development and well being of individuals with autism and their families.

Grant funding will provide an additional term of training through Young Engineers, a technology enrichment program our students love.

Dr Karen's Take

Yet – it's my favourite word in the English language. For such a short word it packs one powerful punch. WOMP!

The incredible gift of YET.

I first came across this concept when reading *Mindset, the new psychology of success*, by Carol Dweck. Adding the word yet, changes a fixed mindset to a growth mindset. A fixed mindset is a belief you hold about yourself that you think you cannot change. In your mind it's a done deal, engraved in stone forever... "I am terrible at math."

A growth mindset reframes that self-limiting belief... "I can learn to be good at math." At Oak Bridge Academy, we believe in (and teach) the incredible power of a growth mindset. The power of YET!

Think about the very commonly used excuse "I don't know." How many times a day does "I don't know" as a reflex-default answer pop into your head? "I don't know" was probably your answer. It's a very sneaky phrase!



Dr Karen Backway, Retired Pediatrician
OBA Board Member

But if you simply add the word 'yet' - "I don't know, yet" – and WOMP! Completely altered concept. Instead of packing up your belongings and retreating sheepishly, you open up your imagination, access your intuition, and you peak into the attic of your wisdom.

Growth. Loads of it!

"I don't know" is a fixed mindset. "I don't know, yet" is a growth mindset.

That little shift can have a profound impact on your life.

YET. One little three letter word with massive impact.

This New Year, give yourself the gift of yet. You will be surprised where you might end up.

Happy New Year
Dr Karen

Happy New Year! We've had a great start to the 2019/2020 school year. Our returning students continue to shine and show leadership skills both in and out of the classroom. Our new students have settled in, feel like they are at "home" now and are starting to share their many strengths and hidden talents.



Kathie Shaw, MSW, BCBA (Principal)

This holiday season, my New Years reflections often drifted to the Oak Bridge Academy journey. The journey of our students and their parents, our staff and volunteers as well as the overall development of the school. As I reflected, one of my favorite phrases - Choose courage over comfort - dominated my thoughts.

Every one of our students demonstrates courage every day. They show up even when they know they can't control the outcome. They no longer expect to be sent home. They no longer anticipate they will be undervalued. They know their talents and skills are appreciated.

They have accepted that coming to school means they are contributing members of the Oak Bridge community. And being a member of a community means there are expectations and at times they will need to choose courage over comfort. And when a student chooses courage over comfort, their true potential shines.

It's a new decade, let's remember to choose courage over comfort. And as Dr Karen suggested, let's remember the power of yet and the growth mindset.

The more I reflect, the more I am honoured to be a part of this incredible journey each and every day!

Principal Kathie

