



## Welcome SPRING and Virtual Classrooms!



### Kathie's Corner

Together, our teachers and behaviour therapists have pulled together to create some Virtual Magic!!

Who knew we could do Virtual Mindful moments together as a class?

Who knew our primary students could learn to share their screens?

Who knew how both our staff and students would be able to demonstrate such incredible flexibility?

Who knew OBA could become a



**Kathie Shaw, MSW, BCBA (Principal)**

I am thrilled to say the feedback from parents has been VERY positive. We will continue to adjust and assess our Virtual Classrooms, responsive to the needs of our students and parents.

Virtual School? I did! I knew OBA staff, students and families could do this! And the result? Virtual Magic!

We knew our students needed structure and to continue to be taught. So we created Virtual Classrooms, not just online learning and resources. Each day our students enter their Virtual Classrooms at designated times joined by their peers, their teacher and Behaviour Therapists - just like before. Classes break up into smaller groups and 1:1 lessons for more support and individualized learning - just like before. During this time students are supported in completing work - just like before.

Our Virtual Classroom's goal is to support students to continue learning as they complete their work while online with OBA staff, without burdening parents.

Now, more than ever it is so important for all of us to pause and "Just Breathe". We are all going to make mistakes, and there are going to be glitches along the way. But with self-compassion, we will be able to keep things in perspective. Everyone is encouraged to take time to have fun outdoor activities, time with family and most importantly time to engage mindfully in activities throughout the day.

Once again I am humbled by the staff, students and parents of OBA. To the staff who stepped up to the challenge thrust upon us, and to our students and their families who have shown such incredible flexibility, I offer my sincerest and heartfelt thank you. You have confirmed beyond doubt, OBA will succeed.

Principle Kathie

### UPCOMING EVENTS - RESCHEDULED...

Third Annual Oak Bridge Golf Tournament & Dinner  
**Tuesday September 1st, 2020**  
The Break Room Bar and Billiards Bursary Fundraiser  
**TBA**  
Second Annual Rock For Oak Bridge  
**November 7th, 2020**

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**3rd Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner!**

**Rescheduled... Save the NEW date...**

**Tuesday September 1st, 2020.**



If you are even a tiny little bit hesitant - don't be! The 3rd Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner PROMISES to be outstanding.

CHECK your calendar today. Save the date **Tuesday SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.**

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

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## Whistle Bear Golf Club

### Rock For Oak Bridge - Nov 7th, 2020!

Rock for Oak Bridge gets a standing ovation! One fantastic night, FIVE fantastic bands SOLD OUT in 2019!

Rock for Oak Bridge 2020 will be ROCK SOLID SOLD OUT - so save the date... Nov 7th 2020!



### Parent's Perspective

We are so impressed! Jack simply can't wait to see his teachers and friends online, the programming is so engaging with videos, kahoot quizzes, slideshows and more. It's amazing how seamlessly the curriculum - especially ACT - can be individually tailored online, no doubt thanks to the tremendous effort and preparation of the teaching team.

We are so grateful for our amazing OBA family!!!  
Melissa & Andrew



**Jack,  
OBA student**

### Dr Karen's Take

First and absolutely foremost...  
THUNDEROUS virtual applause!  
WELL DONE!

Oak Bridge Academy staff made the transition from "Have a safe break everyone" to "Welcome to your Virtual Classroom" over the course of 10 days with little to no warning, during a national and global emergency.



**Dr Karen Backway, Retired Pediatrician  
OBA Board Member**

Umm... seriously herculean feat!  
Unimaginably astounding teamwork!

I am compelled to reiterate the thoughts and feelings expressed by Kathie - Pause and Just Breath. Keep it all in perspective. Be mindful. Find joy in the moment. It is there!

There is little doubt this extraordinary historical event will have a significant and lasting impact worldwide and locally. I believe, how we respond is a choice, and if the staff response outlined above is a reflection of our choice, then Oak Bridge Academy will soar!

Bravo!  
Dr Karen

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