



**Welcome back  
friends!  
2019/2020**

**UPCOMING EVENTS - We can hardly wait!**

- Rock for Oak Bridge - Saturday November 30th, 2019
- Giving Tuesday - Tuesday December 3rd, 2019
- Donor Appreciation Night - Tuesday December 10th, 2019
- Book Fair - December 10th, 11th, 12th, 2019
- The Break Room Bar and Billiards Bursary Fundraiser - TBD
- Third Annual Oak Bridge Golf Tournament - Tuesday June 9th, 2020

**SAVE The DATE, If you haven't already!  
Saturday, November 30th  
7pm**

**Oak Bridge Academy presents the First  
Annual Charity Concert...  
Rock for Oak Bridge**

**First Annual Charity Concert...**

**Join us at the Newfoundland Club, 1500  
Dunbar Rd,**

**Cambridge, ON**

**Tickets, \$25 each, are limited. Get yours now, before they rock and roll away!**

[Buy Your Tickets CLICK Here](#)



## **Rock for Oak Bridge**

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



INCREDIBLE! - described the first annual golf tournament.  
OUTSTANDING! - described the second annual golf tournament.  
OUT OF THIS WORLD! - just might describe the third annual golf tournament.

Truthfully, this tournament cannot help but get better and better every year, because, you, our cherished donors get better and better every year.

See you then!

### **Donor Appreciation Night - Tuesday December 10th Cameron Hall, Forward Church 6:30pm**

Please plan to join us for some fun, tasty treats and our annual book fair as we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to our faithful donors! Given the overwhelming turnout last year, we are moving the venue to Cameron Hall on the main floor of Forward Church.

Not to worry though, as with last year we will showcase our talented students and a school tour will be available to all who wish to see where the magic happens daily.

## Dr Karen's Take

I had the privilege to attend a Round Fore Ryerson (just dinner, golf is well beyond my limited sports capacity!) and in her Thanks-For-Coming-Chat, Principal Kathie commented on the stark contrast between day one 2018, and day one 2019.



To sum it up in one word - friendship.

Day one 2018 was quiet with lots of parental (and staff) hopeful apprehension. With everything brand new, incoming students were cautious and uncertain, overwhelmed into silence.

Day one 2019, not so quiet. Noisily searching out their friends, returning students bustled about the halls and parents watched with huge inside smiles that could melt their hearts. Their child had finally formed some true friendships. Friends are essential to our health and well-being. We survived as a species by belonging to a tribe. Social isolation is known to be detrimental to our health. In fact, it's worse than smoking! Our friends for the most part, determine who we become since so many of our daily habits - the words we choose, the foods we prefer and the activities we enjoy - are shaped by who we hang out with. Our friends influence our dreams and aspirations and they contribute to our overall success and happiness in life.

The ability to make friends and create lasting friendships is often taken for granted. But it is one of the core components threaded throughout all of the daily activities and curriculum unique to Oak Bridge Academy. We take making friends very seriously.

And, as was witnessed day one 2019 - the result? Noisy hallways filled with reuniting friends. How beautifully wonderful.

Welcome back everyone! 2019/2020 promises to shine brilliantly!  
Dr Karen



### Fundraising FUN-stuff:

Our 2018/2019 fundraising year was truly astounding! We surpassed our goal! Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who made it possible.

Inspired on, our 2019/2020 goal is set for \$250,000! If you would like to volunteer, participate or have any wild and crazy fun ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear from you!

Don't be shy, all great ideas seem impossible at first. At Oak Bridge Academy, we believe impossible is temporary!



Many, many and more thanks to the Ford family for their tireless efforts a second year around - A Round Fore Ryerson raised \$6,200.

Cyber confetti toss and thunderous applause. Well done! WELL DONE!

## GI♥INGTUESDAY™



**Tuesday December 3rd, 2019**

TWENTY FOUR hours to raise \$5,000! Tuesday December 3rd, 2019. Sound impossible?

We specialize in the impossible! Let's kick off the holiday season with a KABOOM!

## Second Annual Holiday Book Fair

Back by popular demand, our second annual Holiday Book Fair is 'booked' for December 10th, 11th and 12th, 2019.

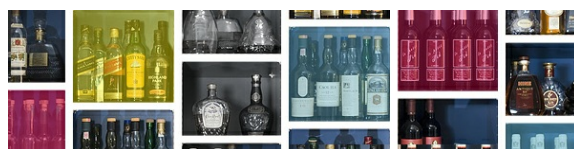
Get all your holiday gift shopping done in one place. Cash, Credit Card and Debit available.



## LCBO GIFT CARD

You won't want to miss this! From one of our secret donors...

A 1 in 150 chance to WIN a year of cocktails to chill out with your friends. That's right an LCBO gift card - valued at \$1,200! That's a lot of cocktails! Ticket sales open Saturday November 30th, 2019 (at the Rock for Oak Bridge event). Tickets \$20.00. You won't want to miss this one!



**Kathie's Corner**

Welcome, welcome, welcome! I'm simply thrilled to welcome back the students that make Oak Bridge Academy so incredible! And I must not forget our amazing staff who cheerfully returned a little early to do some learnin' and growin' of their own. As always our training aims to improve the precision and scope of teaching. Given that we specialize in differentiated teaching and how all kids learn differently, a great deal of time was spent mastering the 'how' of learning and teaching and how to best focus our energy and time on teaching in different ways.

The first day was just amazing! Seeing all our students eagerly greet each other so warmly was a sight beyond words. Listening to story after story of student summertime-get-togethers almost reduced me to tears, my heart was just bursting with joy. Could there be a better way to kick off our second year? With genuine warmth and friendship, we are off on the right path!

We expanded this year and welcomed 10 new students. It has truly been mesmerizing watching our returning students as they take our new students under their wings.



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

The other exciting news is that I was nominated for K-W woman of the year, and although I did not win, an incredibly deserving candidate did. Reflecting on the successes of Oak Bridge Academy, one thought resonated deeply with me - I am so fortunate to be surrounded by so many outstanding individuals who share the values of Oak Bridge Academy, and made the impossible, possible. It has been quite a journey getting this incredible school up and running. A journey that could not have happened without the unending support and dedication of the tribe I have the absolute honour to lead and serve as we soar beyond our potential.

My closing thoughts: The comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there. The discomfort zone is where the magic happens. Let's go there together shall we?

Kathie

