



# BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, May 12, 2022

## Dates to Remember

### May

- Thurs. 12      Newsletter Day
- Fri. 13         Rugby Tournament at Gordon Head Middle School
- Mon. 16        PAC AGM @7pm
- Wed. 18        Class/Whole School/Grade 5 Photo
- Thurs. 19      Grade 5 District Orientation/Transition Day
- Fri. 20        Pro D Day—School Not in Session**
- Mon. 23       Victoria Day—School Not in Session**
- Thurs. 26      Zone C track Meet at UVIC—this is for  
Grade 3-Grade 5
- Fri. 27         Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Mon.30        Go by Bike Week (Mon. May 30 to Fri. June 3)
- Tues.31        Div. 8 field trip to Witty's Lagoon

### June

- Mon.6         PAC meeting @7pm
- Tues.7         Braefoot Appreciation Day
- Div. 7 Science Venture 12:30pm-2:30pm(in class)
- Thurs. 9        Newsletter Day
- Fri. 10         Grade 5's to Wild Play and Juan de Fuca Pool  
(All Day)

*The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees & Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territories we live and do our work.*

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Please check out our SD61 website page at: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>



# Rainbow Week At Braefoot

Next week it is Rainbow Week at Braefoot. Monday, May 16th, is Rainbow Day. We invite the students to wear colourful clothing to school on Monday to show support for all types of families and ways of being.

Braefoot School is a diverse, inclusive, accepting, welcoming and safe place for everyone.



## Whole School/ Class Photo

Wednesday, May 18th will be our annual Class/ Whole School Photograph Day. All classes will be photographed and each student will receive a class picture free of charge. The photographer will take a Grade 5 photo. We hope everyone is well and at school for photo day.



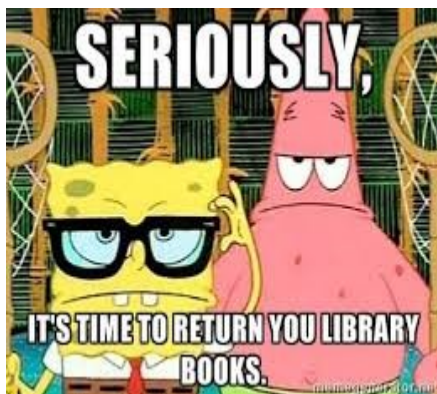
Summer is coming  
We need your books!

We have a pink bin inside the library!

Thanks to you, 1000X5 has sent over 270,000 books into homes of babies and preschoolers who have few books. 27 agencies in over 60 programs distribute 3 books in a bag to 800-1000 children every month, including over



the summer! Please help us fill the shelves so more children can climb onto a lap and hear a good story.



## Library Books

Please check under beds, shelves and other areas of your home for Braefoot Library books. **PLEASE** return all overdue library books by Monday, June 6th or sooner. Inventory begins in early June, for book exchange and would love to have all our library books back.

**PLEASE NOTE**, library fines will be issued for lost books.

**Braefoot Track:** Our Grade 3, 4 and 5 students will be participating in the Reynolds Family School Zone track meet **Thursday, May 26th** at UVIC Centennial Stadium Track.

Students and classmates will board a school bus at 9:40am to get to the track and be bussed back to school at approximately 1:30 pm. All grade 3,4 and 5 students will be travelling via school bus. Our students will participate in the following events: 800 metres, 4 x 100 metre relays, 100 metres.

Spectators are most welcome. If you plan to take your child at the end of the track meet, please remember to check in with the classroom teacher before you leave. Also, please remember to dress in layers as it's cool in the stands . Also send an extra snack and water on that day.



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

### May 2022 Snapshot

#### Guiding Your Children Through School Transitions

The end of the school year can be an exciting and nervous time for students, especially for those who will be making a major transition into elementary school or middle school. For these students, there are many curiosities and questions about academic difficulty, managing a social life and handling coursework.



Mini Rugby Tournament is this Friday, May 13 from 10am to 1pm. It will be taking place on the fields shared by Gordon Head Middle School/Lambrick Park.

Thank you to Mr. Carson and Mr. Bryan for organizing this for our students.





## Instruction/Curriculum Planning for Next Year

Next Friday, Braefoot Staff will be preparing and planning for next year. The day will be spent investigating Indigenous/First People's Principles of Learning and examining high level assessment tools to support our instructional goal on improving grade level reading skills and strategies.

We are very pleased to be offering 11 Divisions next year. Teacher placements have not been finalized. As in previous years, we will be having a mix of straight grade and combined grade classes.

The placement of students each year is a task our staff takes very seriously. I'd like to share with you the process and criteria that we use at Braefoot when we are setting up classes for the new school year. It is a lengthy, complicated and thorough process, which we believe is essential to create well-balanced classes.

It is important that each class is similarly composed with an equal balance. We strive to balance leadership potential, peer relationships, academic abilities, health concerns, behaviour, languages spoken, number of years the child has been with a teacher, child's maturity, and students with diverse learning needs.

This process provides our students with the most reasonable class sizes and compositions. We strive to set students up for maximum success next year. If you have questions please contact Mr. Thompson directly at 250-477-6948.

### Lost and Found Bin

Once again our lost and found bin is overflowing with jackets, hoodies, water bottles and other items. Please make a point of checking the lost and found bin when you drop off or pick up your child. We know all the items belong to someone with our Braefoot Community. Have a look to see if your missing items are in our lost and found bin. We'd love to see the items go home again.!



**PLEASE NOTE:** In June any items that are not collected from the lost and found are donated to Goodwill.



June Jamboree (formerly known as Spring Fling) is coming June 16. Each teacher will host students at stations such as a giant mural, egg spoon race, water race and many other activities. There will be bouncy castles, games and basket raffles for Braefoot students. We need your help to make it a success! We are looking for volunteers the afternoon of June 16, and in the days leading up to the big event. Any help is welcome, including 30 minutes in the morning selling raffle tickets or one hour the afternoon of June 16 supervising a bouncy castle.

Please reach out to your PAC executive through Facebook, Instagram, or email Lina Zussino at <braefootlinazussino@gmail.com> if you can help!

## **JUNE JAMBOREE BASKET RAFFLE**

**As many of you are aware we are having a JUNE JAMBOREE for Braefoot students this year Thursday, June 16th!**

As we've done in past years, each division will be responsible for creating a "themed basket" which will be raffled off.

Each classroom will collect items from students to put into the basket and staff will assemble the basket at school.

**All items should be in new condition!**

**DEADLINE FOR ITEMS IS June 1st**

Baskets will be ready for viewing starting June 3rd and will be posted online as well as displayed in the main hallway and out for Braefoot Appreciation Day on June 7th

Raffle tickets will be for sale between Monday, June 6th and Wednesday June 15th by Volunteers. If you would like to Volunteer to sell tickets please contact the Braefoot PAC. More information about days, times and costs of tickets will be communicated soon.

Winners will be drawn June 16th at the June Jamboree!

If you have any questions or comments please contact your classroom teacher.

## PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES 2022-2023

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 6
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Friday, September 30
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 10
Remembrance Day	Friday November 11
Last day of Classes before Winter Break	Friday, December 16
School Re-Opens after Winter Break	Tuesday, January 3
Family Day	Monday, February 20
Last Day of School Before Spring Break	Friday, March 17
School Re-Opens after Spring Break	Monday, April 3
Good Friday	Friday, April 7
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22
Last Day of School for Students	Thursday, June 29
Year End Administrative Day	Friday, June 30

### NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Friday September 23	<b>Friday January 27 (School Chosen)</b>
Friday, October 21	Friday, February 17
Monday, November 14	Friday, May 19

\*\* Check our school website starting the second week of July for more up to date calendar events. As we set our calendar a year in advance, some dates may change throughout the year. Dates are subject to change with the COVID -19 Pandemic.

### PAC AGM Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm.

Our AGM PAC Meeting is where we will present interested parents for positions and elect PAC Executive and Members-At- Large for next year.

Just a reminder that many hands make light work. If your interested in joining the PAC Team then please let us know. It's a great way to meet other parents, voice your opinions and learn what is going on.

Please email: [braefootdeb@gmail.com](mailto:braefootdeb@gmail.com), if you are interested in learning more.

Some PAC members have all been on the team for a few years and are willing to show you the ropes.





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## BRAEFOOT PAC + BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTACTLESS SAFETY FUNDRAISER



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This year, Braefoot Elementary School PAC has partnered with GetMyKit.ca for an innovative and truly relevant fundraiser. We all need to be prepared for life's emergencies, whether they are big or small. Not fully prepared at home or the office? Well, now you can be! Support our fundraiser and get prepared today.

### • HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

#### IT'S AS EASY AS 1 2 3:

- 1) Go to [GetMyKit.ca](https://www.getmykit.ca) and place an order, big or small, using our school's coupon code.
- 2) You SAVE 10% on your order.
- 3) Braefoot Elementary School will receive 25% of the money from your order.

### IT'S PRETTY AWESOME AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Everyone should have emergency supplies at home and in their vehicle. Get your family prepared during our fundraiser. Feel free to share our school fundraiser with other family members, friends, and co-workers so we can have the most successful fundraiser possible!

### TO SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

**VISIT [GETMYKIT.CA](https://www.getmykit.ca) TODAY AND PLACE AN ORDER BEFORE  
MAY 27TH AND USE COUPON CODE: **BRAEFOOT****

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FUNDRAISER PLEASE CONTACT:  
BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR VANESSA VIA EMAIL AT  
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**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH OUR FUNDRAISER.  
PLEASE HAVE ORDERS PLACED BY MAY 27, 2022!**

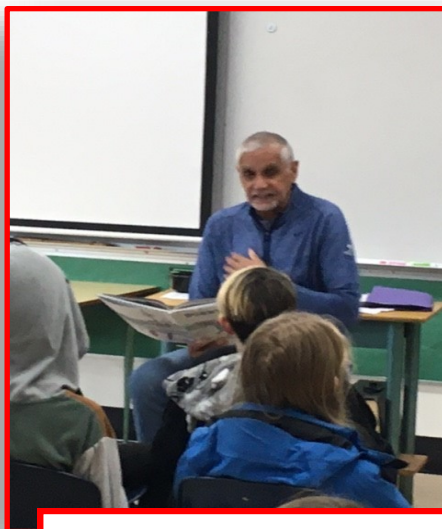


## Braefoot School Literacy Week

Braefoot Students had lots of fun last week with Braefoot Literacy Appreciation Week. A special thank you to Mr. Wilcox, our librarian, and to Ms. Mason our library clerk, for hosting contests, community readers and a special author visit from Carol Simpson. We also had virtual presentations from a few amazing community members who shared their favorite stories with our students. We hope you enjoy hearing Dr. Bonnie Henry read her favorite story, as well as Rob Fleming MLA, AJ Cruz from 98.5 The Ocean, Jack Knox from The Times Colonist, Sgt. Jody Pavesic from the Saanich Police, SD School trustee Angie Hentze and Kathryn Marlow from the CBC. The link is as follows: [bit.ly/braefootlovesliteracy](https://bit.ly/braefootlovesliteracy).



April Lawrence from CHEK news had fun reading to Ms. Gilmour's Div. 8 class



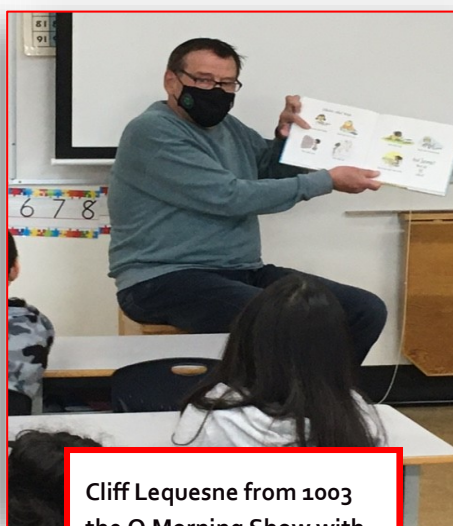
Tarj Mann could not resist reading to our grade 5 students



Saanich Mayor Fred Haynes popped by and read to Ms. Smart's kindergarten class.



Mr. Reynold's Div 7. class enjoyed a reading from Joe Perkins from CHEK News



Cliff Lequesne from 1003 the Q Morning Show with Div. 9



Johnny Knox from 107.3 Virgin Radio, reading to Ms. Gilmour's Div.8



## Division 4 field trip

Mr. Scott Samuelson's class had a fun day hanging out at a farm and visiting the miniature horses. Thanks to the Van Gyn family for inviting us to their farm to meet their new mini foal, Millie, her mom Maggie, Alfred the pony and Ginger the quarter horse. Division 4 wanted to share some photos with our Braefoot Community.





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**BJÖRN ULVAEUS**  
AND SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY **CATHERINE JOHNSON**

ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY **JUDY CRAYMER**

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TO:  
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DATES: MAY 6, 7\*, 8, 12\*, 13, 14  
\*(50% CAPACITY)  
EVENING SHOWS AT 7:00PM  
MATINEE (MAY 8) AT 2:00PM



## TICKETS

ADULT: \$12

STUDENT/SENIOR: \$10

## VIP TICKETS

ADULT: \$20

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