



# BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 16, 2023

## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- Thurs. 16 - Newsletter Day  
- Winter Concert ticket sale opens at 6 pm
- Fri. 17 Hot Lunch—Pizza
- Mon. 20 **Pro D Day—School Not in Session**
- Tues. 28 PAC Meeting 7pm
- Thurs. 30 Newsletter Day

### DECEMBER

- Fri. 1 Hot Lunch—Subway
- Sat. 2 Winter Concert ticket sale ends at 6 pm
- Fri. 8 Winter Concert tickets go home with youngest or only child
- Wed. 13 Winter Concert and Gr. 5 Bake Sale
- Thurs. 14 Newsletter Day
- Fri. 15 - Hot Lunch—Pizza  
- Christmas Sweater Day
- Fri. 22 - Report Cards Issued  
- Pajama Day  
- Last day of classes before Winter Break
- Dec 25-Jan 5 Winter Break

### JANUARY

- Mon 8 School re-opens after Winter Break

*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/>





# *Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale*



**Wednesday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.**

Bake Sale starts in the music room (just past the office) one hour before each show (sale starts at noon and 5:00 pm)

**Winter Concert tickets** – will be sold online this year (see instructions for SchoolCash online on next page). Tickets will go home with your youngest/only child. We appreciate your patience with this as it is a new process for us.

**Ticket limit:** there is a 2 ticket per family limit per concert due to fire regulations. You can order a maximum of two for the afternoon and two for the evening. **These tickets need to be ordered by the name of your youngest/only child** and are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Please be aware that there are a limited amount of tickets available; once they are sold out, you will not be able to order more, but you may ask to be put on a waitlist.

**Extra tickets:** Any remaining tickets available on Monday, December 4th will go to those families who have requested extra tickets. We will endeavour to give as many families as possible some tickets before giving out extra tickets.

If there are any extra tickets available and If you would like to be added to our waitlist, please email the office (braefoot@sd61.bc.ca) noting how many extra tickets you would like and for which performance. You can request up to two extra tickets for each performance. They will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

**If you can not order online:** Please contact us in the office at: [braefoot@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:braefoot@sd61.bc.ca) We will send home a form for you to order tickets and will issue them when we have received either cash or a cheque. Please make cheques payable to Braefoot School.

## **How you get your tickets once they have been ordered:**

On Friday, December 8, we will send home with your youngest/only child a 'ticket' print out on either goldenrod cardstock (afternoon performance) or blue cardstock (evening performance).

**Fundraising for our Music Programme:** Concert tickets are \$3.00 each and proceeds will go to our music programme.

**Grade 5 Bake Sale:** Grade 5 families will be selling baked goods one hour before and after each concert. This will be held in the music room, just past the office. Money raised from this delicious event will support the special events and activities the Grade 5's cherish as they complete their final year at Braefoot. Arrive early – we often sell out 😊

**Tickets open online:** <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/> Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm.

**Tickets close online:** Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 pm.

**All tickets go home:** Friday, December 8 with your youngest/only child.

If there are **extra tickets**, they will go home on Friday, December 8 with your youngest/only child.

**\*\*No family will be denied tickets due to monetary constraints\*\***; please contact Principal McCoy – [cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca)

# Register Today!

## 1. Create Your Profile

Go to <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/> and click on "Get Started Today".

## 2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

*Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.*

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

## 3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details. You may use **your child's usual or preferred name**, as this programme is connected to our school district database.

### Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

### Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.

### Which payment methods are accepted?



#### Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on *School Cash Online* by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



#### eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheck on *School Cash Online*.

**If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to: Braefoot Elementary School**

Cash Online sends out automatic reminders before the deadline. *If you have paid by cash or cheque, the system does not detect this and you may receive an email reminder for payment.*

**\*Please note, online payments are connected to our student information system. If you already have an account set up, your child's legal name should appear when you log in to make a payment.**

**If this is your first time signing on, you may use your child's preferred or usual name.**



## WINTER FUN FAMILY PROJECT



Dear Parents:

An annual highlight of the festive season at Braefoot is our annual **Winter Fun Family Project**. Previous year's themes were the stocking, gingerbread man, tree, mitten, and toque. Our theme for 2023 will be a "Snowman." We do a six-year rotation so that our K-5 students will have a different theme each year!

We will send home one tag board with a pencil tracing of a snowman drawn for you and your family to decorate together. The possibilities for this project are endless! The decorated snowmen will be displayed on the gym walls during our concerts, for the entire school community to enjoy!

### Instructions:

- Get your snowman, your family and your creativity together.
- Cut out your snowman.
- Start decorating! You may use buttons, paints, felts, material, cotton balls, ribbons, family photos, foamy shapes, and so on to decorate. Please be aware of the weight of things attached to the projects, so that the projects will stick to the walls and stay there.
- Write your FAMILY NAME on the FRONT of your snowman.
- Write your eldest child's name and division on the back!

We hope to have all the projects hung by December 11<sup>th</sup> so we can enjoy them for the Winter Concerts.

Staff and students alike are looking forward to seeing the results of your teamwork! **Please return your project to the tables across from the office, prior to or on December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you,

*The Braefoot Winter Family Project Team!*



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SNAPSHOT TOPIC: Parent Child Connection

When parents are responsive and empathetic to their children's emotions it communicates to the child that their feelings are important and worthy of attention, which, in turn, strengthens the bond between parent and child. Over time, children learn to rely on their parents as a source of comfort and support, making them more likely to openly communicate and seek guidance when facing challenges or experiencing difficult emotions.

Early Learning and Elementary – [What to Say to Your Kids When Nothing Else Works](#)

Middle – [The Emotional Life of Teens](#)

Secondary – [The Emotional Life of Teens](#)

## Braefoot Families in Need



As Braefoot School has done in the past, we will be able to provide hampers for families in need within our own school community. If you know of such a family, or would like to put your family's name in for consideration, please contact Mr. McCoy directly at [cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca).

Please be assured that these emails will be kept confidential.

## Culture Diversity Week November 14-17

The week of November 14th –17th we will be celebrating the diversity of cultures at Braefoot. We will be engaging in a variety of curriculum-based cultural activities.

We look forward to a week of sharing and learning.



## Dressing for the Weather

Wet and wild weather is now upon us. It is important that students are dressed for these conditions. We would appreciate your support with providing warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing, and footwear such as rain boots.

Our students go out for recess, exercise activities, walks or outside learning. Proper clothing will keep your child warm and dry throughout the day.

It would be helpful if you could send your child with a change of clothing such as an extra shirt, pants and socks. We have a limited supply in our clothing supply cupboard. If your child does come home with clothing from the school, please wash and return the items as soon as possible.



## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH PAC

The Braefoot PAC is looking for people to share or take on key roles coordinating Braefoot's fundraising efforts and super fun events.

If you have fundraising ideas to contribute or a passion for organizing, we would love to have you join our team. Attending PAC meetings when able would be ideal for these roles.

Please email [braefootpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:braefootpacchair@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out or if you have any questions.

Want to know the most **DELICIOUS**  
way to support us? Order Purdys chocolates from our  
fundraiser!



This year, we're hoping to raise funds for our naturescape and we need YOUR help!

From now until **December 2**, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Christmas chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbors AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and you can collect your goodies on **December 19** in the library.

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number: **73019**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1794733-111256>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

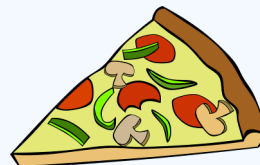
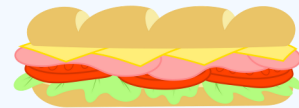
**Thank you EVERYONE for your support.** Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

**Happy chocolating!**

## SCHEDULE OF BRAEFOOT HOT LUNCHES

Place your order at <https://braefoot.hotlunches.net/>

- Nov 17 (Fri) - Pizza
- Dec 1 (Fri) - Subway
- Dec 15 (Fri) - Pizza
- Jan 19 (Fri) - Subway
- Feb 2 (Fri) Pizza
- Feb 15 (Thurs) - Subway
- Mar 1 (Fri) - Pizza
- March 15 (Fri) - Subway
- Apr 12 (Fri) - Pizza
- Apr 26 (Fri) - Subway
- May 10 (Fri) - Pizza
- May 24 (Fri) - Subway
- June 7 (Fri) - Pizza



**For more information contact  
Natalie Lord at [braefootpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:braefootpacchair@gmail.com)**







# BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Braefoot Community Association is putting on a Family Fun Day for the whole community. See poster below for more information.

# FAMILY FUN DAY

A day full of fun activities and entertainment for children and families at Braefoot

-  *Bouncy Castles & Face Painting!*
-  *Food and Drinks!*
-  *Mascots & Clown!*
-  *Games and Prizes!*



18 NOVEMBER, 2023



11 AM - 3 PM



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