



# BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 2, 2023

## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- Thurs. 2 Newsletter Day
- Fri. 3 Hot Lunch—Subway
- Fri. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Mon. 13 **Day off in lieu of Remembrance Day—School Not in Session**
- Nov. 14-17 Culture Week
- Wed. 15 Dress Your Culture Day
- Thurs. 16 Newsletter Day
- 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
- 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

*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/>



# Principal's Corner

## Principal's Message

Dear Braefoot Community,

**Kudos:** A big shout out to our Braefoot PAC for putting on a spooktacular Halloween dinner/dance. By all accounts, all our families had a great time dancing and showing off their incredibly ghoulish costumes. I lost track of how many police constables, Harry Potter characters, ninjas, etc. that I saw having fun and enjoying a slice of pizza. Many thanks to the families that came out to support this very well attended event!

**Traffic concern:** We have been seeing more than a few folks parking in our 'drop off' only lane in the mornings prior to school starting. Not only are cars being parked in this free flow lane, drivers are also leaving their vehicles for, at times, longer than 10 minutes. This creates a backlog of traffic and, more importantly, creates dangerous conditions for our students and families. While it is completely understandable that many of our students need to be walked to their lineups, it would be greatly appreciated if you looked to park within the community (and not our staff parking lot) for this purpose. Thanks in advance for helping to keep our community safe!!

Have a safe and healthy weekend!

Connor McCoy

## How do I let the school know my child will be absent from school?

If your child will be absent from school, please let the school know. You can either **email** [braefoot@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:braefoot@sd61.bc.ca) or call the **attendance line at 250-477-6948** and leave a message. Please tell us the student's full name, division/teacher, reason for the absence (ex. sick, vacation, appointment) and how long the student will be away.

You are welcome to email your child's teacher as well, but it is important to let the office know as we update the student attendance system. If a child is absent and the office has not been notified by a parent, an email and/or phone call will be sent to parents.

Students who arrive late to school, or who are picked up during the day, must sign in on the clipboard on the table outside the office.

## Braefoot Winter Concert

The Braefoot Winter Concert is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 13th** at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$3.00 each and will be limited to 2 tickets **per family** for each performance (i.e. two tickets for the afternoon and two tickets for the evening) due to fire regulations.

This year we will try using Cash Online for families to reserve their tickets. Tickets will be available through the youngest and/or only child. If extra tickets become available, they will be offered on a first-come first-served basis.

School Cash Online accepts credit card payments or E-check (i.e. for those who do not have a credit card, but who do have a bank account). If you can not reserve tickets online, you will be able to contact the school via email and we will reserve them for you.

We hope this early notice will allow all parents, grandparents and neighbours an opportunity to adjust their schedules. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

## Earthquake Comfort Pack

In the event of an emergency at school, an important part of the school's program is for parents to prepare a small comfort pack that can be given to their child to calm and comfort them in a stressful time.

Please take the time to put a few things for your child in the zip lock bag that was sent home with students. We would like to ensure every child has one!

**Please return the comfort pack to your child's teacher as soon as you are able to.**



## Culture 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, culminating in **“Dress your Culture Day” on Wednesday, November 15th.**

We look forward to a week of sharing and learning.





**Braefoot Clothing is Now Available!!!**



Good News Folks, the Braefoot apparel store is open!! Please see the link below to buy great Bobcat merchandise from Passion Sports.

**Merchandise can be purchased until November 12.** The store will open again in the spring.

Braefoot School's online store's URL is: <https://store.passionsports.ca/Braefoot23/shop/home>



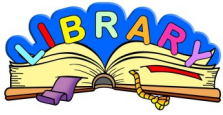
## Dressing for the Weather

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.





## Library Learning Commons Update



A big thank you to our school community for your generous support of our recent book fair! With the proceeds, we will be able to purchase a number of new books and students will be excited to see these appearing on our shelves very soon.

Book exchange has been running very smoothly, and it is evident that we have lots of readers here at Braefoot! Thank you for returning your library books on time. The majority of our students have been very successful in remembering to return their books so that they can borrow new ones each week. If books are forgotten, watch for overdue slips to remind families of any titles that are outstanding.

As always, our library learning commons has been a very busy place lately! Classes have been working on a number of different activities over the past several weeks, including researching paper airplanes, brainstorming features of our “dream schools”, learning how to use green screen equipment, outdoor education, building challenges, drawing challenges, and of course reading and enjoying lots of books. We do so much more in the library than “just” read books. Ask your child what their class has been working on with Mrs. Baker!

If you have questions about our program, would like more information, or are interested in volunteering in the library, please email [cbaker@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cbaker@sd61.bc.ca)

**Caitlin Baker**  
Teacher-Librarian

### 3 Books = 1 Gift

### Help with a literacy gift for others

**This is the beginning month of the three-book challenge.** As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bags: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in Braefoot Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 708 books, enough for gift bags of books to 236 children. **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the Library.





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# **SOGI**

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

**Wednesday November 8th**  
**6:30-8:00 pm**

Join BC SOGI 123 Lead, Zakary Myers, and Mischa Oak in this information session to learn more about the SOGI-inclusive environments in our schools. SOGI awareness and allyship strategies will also be shared.

This will be a virtual session.

A recording of this session will be available at <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/sogi/> until December 20, 2023.

**[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)**

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!

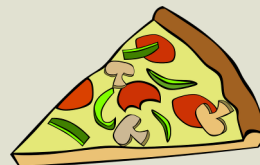
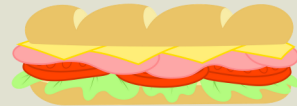
**Thank you EVERYONE for your support.** Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

**Happy chocolating!**

## SCHEDULE OF BRAEFoot HOT LUNCHES

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

- Nov 3 (Fri) - Subway
- 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



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