



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Dates to Remember

December

- Fri. 1 Hot Lunch—Subway
- Sat. 2 Ticket sales for Winter Concert close at 6 pm
- Fri. 8 - Winter Concert tickets sent home with students
- “Snowman” Family Fun Project due today
- Wed. 13 Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm;
Bake sale opens one hour before each concert in the music room
and is open one hour after each concert.
- 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/>

Kindergarten Registration/Kindergarten Transfer Week is January 29—February 2, 2024.

Grade 6 Late French Immersion registration is the week of January 29 to February 2, 2024.

All registrations are done on line at:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/online-registration/>



Braefoot's Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Wednesday, December 13 @ 1:00 & 6:00 pm



Hello Braefoot Families! We are so excited to have you join us on December 13 for our Winter Concert! This will be the first time performing on stage for many of our students.

For those joining us at our evening concert, classroom teachers will be ready to welcome your child at 5:45 pm. Please stay for the duration of the program and you may pick up your child from their classroom at the end of the concert.

Concert dress for both the afternoon and evening concerts are black/dark bottoms and bright festive tops (red/green/blue/white) or dresses.

We know that evenings can be tricky for some families, but we strongly encourage all students to attend the evening concert. If your child will not be present, please let the classroom teacher know.

Tickets will be going home on Friday, December 8 with the youngest or only child for families that have purchased tickets.

The Grade 5 bake sale will be in the music room that is open before and after both of the concerts.

Please Consider Donating

- The Music Program will use money raised from the Winter Concert to purchase a kick drum and high-hat cymbal. The school has many students interested in drumming and a drum kit would be a great asset to the school. There will be a jar for donations at the concert. Please consider donating to the Braefoot Music Program.
- If you are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the concert. The food donations will be used for hampers that Braefoot School is distributing to families in need within our own school community.



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)

Ticket sales close online: Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 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 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



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!

One tag board has been sent home to each family with the oldest/only child. The board has 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 11th 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 outside the office, prior to or on December 8th.**

Thank you,

The Braefoot Winter Family Project Team!



Ministry of Education and Child Care Before & After School Care Survey

Dear Braefoot Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care.

While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Who should fill out this survey?

If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for?

The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey?

The survey is now available online at:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1373>

and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting November 21. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Braefoot Hamper Donations



As Braefoot School has done in the past, we will be providing hampers for families in need within our own school community.

If you are able to, please bring in donations of non-perishable food items to fill up the hampers.

Families can bring in donations starting on Monday, December 4th.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, hoodies and other items.

Please let your child know that the lost and found is located under the stairwell going upstairs to Mrs. Theim's classroom.

Please note, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity before the winter break.



Braefoot Christmas

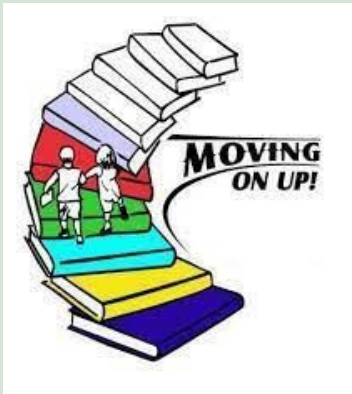
Sweater Day Friday December 15



Wear or be creative with a Christmas sweater.

We cannot wait to see all the wonderful Christmas sweaters that the students and staff will be wearing.

Preparing for Grade 5 Transition to Middle School



If you have a student in Grade 5 at Braefoot, **could you please ensure the school office has your most up-to-date address.** If your address has changed since you signed the student verification form in September, please let us know. Grade 5 students no longer automatically follow a pathway to middle school, and they will be registered at their catchment middle school.

Grade 5 families will be receiving a letter in January regarding the student transition process into middle school.



3 Books = 1 Gift

The Challenge Continued

Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 600 of your books.

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 10 dedicated volunteers.

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

Lifetouch.

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

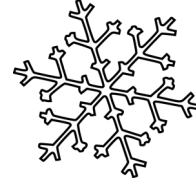
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EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

REDEEM NOW



If families have questions about their LifeTouch student photo order, please call LifeTouch's Customer Care at 1-888-676-1647 or use the chat feature on the mylifetouch.ca website.



Braefoot PAC Holiday Fundraiser

There is still time to order Purdys Chocolates!

Ordering ends on December 2.

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!

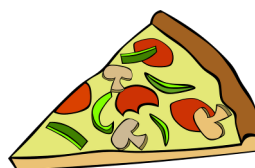
Happy chocolating!

Chocolates orders can be collected on December 19 in the Library.

SCHEDULE OF BRAEFoot HOT LUNCHES

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

- 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

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* No family will be denied because of lack of funds. Please contact Mr. McCoy at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca