



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Dates to Remember

December

Thurs. 14 Newsletter Day

Fri. 15 - Hot Lunch—Pizza
- Christmas Sweater Day

Fri. 22 - Report cards available on line through Parent Connect
- Pajama Day
- Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

Dec 25-Jan 5 Winter Break

January

Mon. 8 School Re-opens After Winter Break

Thurs. 11 Newsletter Day

Tues. 16 PAC Meeting 7 pm

Fri. 19 Subway

Wed. 24 Jersey Day

Thurs. 25 Newsletter Day

Fri. 26 Pro-D Day (School not in session)

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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- PISE Spring Break Camps

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/>





NEW REPORT CARD PROCESS

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

We are writing to share that the report cards you will receive this year will reflect the new Ministry of Education and Child Care reporting order. The Greater Victoria School District has been preparing for these changes and you will likely notice a minimal difference from the previous year.

Some highlights include:

- The use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale from K-9 and letter grades and percentages in grades 10-12
- Descriptive feedback on all report cards from K-12
- Student self-reflection of Core Competencies and goal setting
- Graduation status update for students in grade 10-12 in June

As a district, one change we have made this fall is the way you will receive your child's report card. **Families will access report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on Friday, December 22nd**. Parent Connect is what you may have already used to give your child online permissions (i.e.: Neighbourhood walks, computer use, etc). Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect.

If you do not yet have an account [click here](#).

If you require a paper copy of your child's report card, please reach out to your child's teacher.

For more information on Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment please [click here](#).





ATTENTION GRADE 5 PARENTS

In preparation for Grade 5 transition to Middle School, Grade 5 families will be receiving a letter in mid-January.

The intent of the letter is to:

1. Share with families the revised priorities at levelled transitions.
2. Communicate where their student will be registered at middle school according to their catchment area.
3. Provide a link to more information regarding **English** school pathways located on the School District 61 website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/school-pathways-transition/> For **Late French Immersion** pathways, please go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>
4. Provide information regarding transfer opportunities.

This is a reminder that Grade 5 students no longer “automatically” follow a pathway, and they will be registered at their catchment schools. The K-12 Student Transfer Process is **Monday, February 12—Friday, February 16 at 3:30 pm**. Please ensure the school office has your correct address. If your address has changed since you signed the verification form which was sent out in September, please let us know asap. The District now requires that you include proof of address. For specifics, go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/registration/documentation/>

The closure of Late French Immersion at Cedar Hill leaves four sites that still offer Late French Immersion to grade 6 students: Arbutus Global, Central, Lansdowne and Shoreline Middle Schools.

Welcome

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Dear Parents of children born in 2019,

We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child.

Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above). Early French Immersion registration (for Kindergarten or Grade 1) is January 15-19 and English Kindergarten registration is January 29—February 2. All required documents needed for the online registration are found here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

We are very excited to meet you and your child. Welcome to School District 61.

GRADE 5 BOTTLE DRIVE

SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY REFUNDABLES!

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9am - 1pm

Braefoot Elementary School Parking Lot
1440 Harrop Road



All refundable items accepted!

- Plastic/glass bottles
- Cans
- Juice boxes
- Milk containers

Want to get rid of your recyclables before January 20?

Drop them off at any Bottle Depot location and apply them to the 'Braefoot Grade 5 Fundraiser' account.

Can't make it to the school on this date? If you live within 5km of the school, we can pick up your refundables! Contact us to arrange a pick up.

All proceeds support Braefoot's Grade 5 year-end activities.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!

For more information, contact braefootgr5@gmail.com



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 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.

LOST AND FOUND

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

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



Library Update



As always, we continue to have lots of busy readers here at Braefoot! Now is a great time to look on bookshelves, under beds, inside backpacks, and anywhere else where overdue library books may be hiding.

Student overdue notices were recently sent home, and we ask that outstanding books be returned to school as soon as possible. Students will be permitted to keep library books at home over the Winter Break, and next week will be offered the option to take more books than usual home so they have some reading material to keep them busy!

If your family is travelling over the break, we do ask that library books remain at home to minimize the risk of lost or damaged books. Mrs. Baker can't wait to hear about what you've read over the break when we return to school in January!

Happy reading!

GRADE 5 BAKE SALE



A huge thank you to families for supporting the Grade 5 Bake Sale at the Winter Concert. It was a great success!

The sale raised \$1,529.20 which will be used towards year-end activities for our Grade 5 students.

CEDAR HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT REPORT

SCHOOL REPLACEMENT - PROJECT UPDATE #3

3910 CEDAR HILL ROAD

DECEMBER 7, 2023



As of Thursday, December 7:

- The Ministry Announcement media release of the new school happened on November 27.
- The Ministry sign is now displayed on the fence on Cedar Hill Road.
- The rock-crushing and drilling is almost complete. Site-facing classes worked around the noise in flexible spaces in the school. There has been great teamwork and flexibility inside the school.
- Temporary utilities to school has been completed.
- Daily morning supervision on Gregory Road continues. Thank you for NOT dropping off students on or near Gregory Road. Safety first.
- Students will have winter access to the front north field.
- Photos & videos of the progress on the construction site are taken regularly.

On or after Tuesday, December 7:

- Basketball poles will be put in at the north back of the school.
- Invasive bushes have been removed at the back of the school for student safety.
- The construction may cause additional traffic throughout the day. We would like to emphasize the importance of the students who are walking and using the marked cross-walk on Cedar Hill Road to take time to:
 - STOP to press the button for the cross-walk lights to flash
 - WAIT until all cars have come to a complete STOP
 - LOOK BOTH WAYS before crossing
 - WALK BIKES ACROSS the crosswalk
 - Safety first

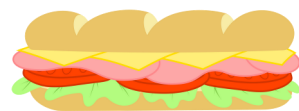


Questions and concerns can be directed to facility@sd61.bc.ca

SCHEDULE OF BRAEFoot HOT LUNCHES

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

- 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

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

KIDS PROGRAMS

AGES 3-5

Kindergym

#6913 | Ages 1-4
10:00am - 12:00pm | \$16
Jan 19 - March 15 | FRI
**No program Feb 16*

Power Physical Literacy

#6910 | Ages 18mo - 4yr
10:00am - 11:00am | FREE
Jan 20 - March 16 | SAT
**No program Feb 17*

AGES 4-10

Active Development

#6911 | Ages 4-10
11:30am - 12:15pm | \$32
Jan 20 - March 16 | SAT
**No program Feb 17*

Move to Music

#6912 | Ages 4-10
12:30pm - 1:15pm | \$48
Jan 20 - March 16 | SAT
**No program Feb 17*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth S&C: Foundations

#6942 | Ages 11-16
1:00pm - 2:30pm | \$180
Jan 20 - March 16 | SAT
**No program Feb 17*

Youth S&C: High Performance

#6943 | Ages 12-18
5:00pm - 6:30pm | \$180
Jan 19 - March 15 | FRI
**No program Feb 16*

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Birthday Parties

Ages 1- 8
2 hours | \$280
Jan 14 - March 3 | SUN
Spend your birthday jumping on our
inflatable playground!



Scan here for
Birthday
Parties!



Scan here for
Kids
Programs!



250.220.2510



WWW.PISE.CA



IN PERSON

Ages 5-7

Mar 18 - 22 | #6906
Monday - Friday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
\$240.00

Mar 25 - 28 | #6907
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
\$192.00
*No camp Friday Mar 29th



Ages 8-10

Mar 18 - 22 | #6908
Monday - Friday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
\$240.00

Mar 25 - 28 | #6909
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
\$192.00
*No camp Friday Mar 29th

Scan here for
Spring
Camps!



Registration opens at 7:00am on December 11th!



All camps take
place at PISE.
Prepare to
PLAY outdoors
rain or shine!

