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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Dates to Remember

January

Thurs. 11 Newsletter Day

Tues. 16 ~~PAC Meeting 7 pm~~ CANCELLED

Fri. 19 Hot Lunch—Subway

Sat. 20 Gr. 5 Bottle Drive 9 am—1 pm

Wed. 24 Jersey Day

Thurs. 25 Newsletter Day

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

Mon. 29 Kindergarten Registration/ Kindergarten Transfer Week
and Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration BEGINS

February

Fri. 2 Kindergarten Registration/ Kindergarten Transfer Week
and Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration ENDS

Thurs. 8 Newsletter 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/>

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/>



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

All registration has moved to an online process. Please refer to the following link <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/> that details all documents that are required and how the online process will work for registration. Click on one of the apps that meet your needs.

Kindergarten Registration App—**OPEN JAN 29 to FEB 2**



Use this app to complete a registration/transfer request for your child entering English Kindergarten. Registration is currently closed. **Kindergarten Registration/Transfer Week is January 29 to February 2, 2024. Use this app to register your child if they were born in 2019.**

Late French Immersion—**OPEN JAN 29—FEB 2**



Any student entering Grade 6 can enroll in Late French Immersion in the Greater Victoria School District. Registration for Late French Immersion will occur during the week of January 29 - February 2, 2024. Late French Immersion is offered at four dual-track middle schools: Arbutus Global, Central, Lansdowne and Shoreline. No prior knowledge of French is expected or required. If your child is interested in registering for Late French Immersion, please visit our [Late French Immersion page](#) for more information about the program, and how to register to be a part of it. Please be sure to watch the five minute introduction to Late French Immersion video and last year's zoom open house meeting. If you still have questions after viewing the video, the open house zoom from 2023 and the Late French Immersion Registration site, please email questions to Sean Powell at spowell@sd61.bc.ca.

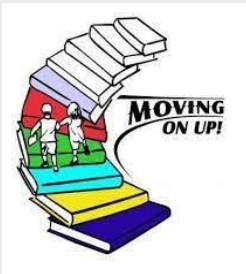
To register for the grade 6 Late French Immersion program, please use this app. This app will go live on the morning of **January 29 and will be open until 3:00 pm on February 2, 2024**. All student placement will be based on district student enrolment priorities. For schools where there are fewer spaces than the number of applicants, a lottery will take place in accordance with student enrolment priorities. If you are wanting your child to attend the Late French Immersion program, and you are willing for your child to attend a school other than your catchment school, please indicate which of the alternate schools your child would attend.



Anytime K-12 Registration App -**Always Open for registration for current school year only**

Use this app to register a student who is new to the Greater Victoria School District for the **current** school year (2023-24).

If you have any questions about registering your child for Kindergarten, French Immersion or to transfer your child to another school, please refer to the following link on the sd61 website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>



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/>
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 on required documentation, go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/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. For information about Late French Immersion registration go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>

Grade 5 District Transfer Process

February 12 to 16

Forms must be returned to the Braefoot office by **3:00 pm on Friday, February 16th**.

Important points that you should note about student transfer:

- A) If you would like a form sent home with your student during the week of February 12-16, please email the office at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca.
- B) If your desired destination school has space issues, **the choice will be made by lottery**. It is not first come, first served.
- C) More information about the District Transfer Process is available on the School District 61 website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>. Transfer forms are available to print on this page.



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.



Important Registration Dates for the 2024-2025 School Year

January 15 – 19, 2024	• Early French Immersion Registration Week (Kindergarten & Grade One)
January 29 – February 2, 2024	• Kindergarten Registration & Kindergarten Transfer Week • Grade Six – Late French Immersion Registration Week
February 2, 2024	• Deadline to submit Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program applications
February 12 – 16, 2024	• Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Transfer Process • All New Grade 1-12 registrations for the September 2024/2025 school year
February 16, 2024	• Deadline to submit Transfer Requests (no later than 3:30 p.m.)
February 16, 2024	• Last day for Secondary Schools to inform students re: acceptance into Programs of Choice and Career Programs
On or before March 15, 2024	• Notification of all transfer decisions will be communicated to families

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?

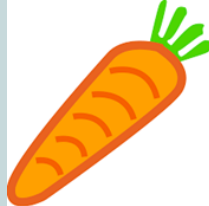
Drop them off at any Bottle Depot location and apply them to the 'Braefoot Grade 5 Fundraiser' account.

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



Our Veggie, Fruit and Milk Program is In need of a volunteer!

What is involved:

- official start is in September
- very flexible 1-2 hours once a month
- sort/deliver milk and veggies to classrooms
- takes less than 5 minutes to fill out the delivery information to supplier

Contact angela.erickson86@gmail.com if you are interested or have more questions!

This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity within the school that the children look forward to 😊

Do you have Clothing to Spare?

The office keeps a small supply of used clothing that students can borrow if needed. For example, if they forget to bring a coat to school or slip in the mud. At the moment, we are in need of **larger size pants and leggings in size 8 and up.**

If you are cleaning out your child's closet at home and could donate a larger size coat or an extra pair of pants or leggings, we would really appreciate it.



PLEASE USE OUR ATTENDANCE SYSTEM

To let the school know that your child will not be coming to school due to illness, etc., please email the school at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or call our attendance line at 250-477-6948 and leave a message.

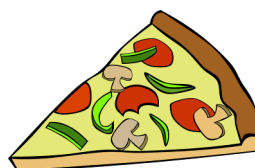
You are welcome to email your child's teacher as well, but it is important that the office staff knows of any absences or lates as we update and confirm the attendance system.

Thank you!

SCHEDULE OF BRAEFOOT HOT LUNCHESES

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

- 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