



# BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, January 25, 2024

## Dates to Remember

### January

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

Fri. 2 Hot Lunch—Pizza

Thurs. 8 Newsletter Day

Mon. 12 District Student Transfer Process BEGINS

Fri. 16 - Pro D Day (School not in session)  
- Deadline to submit Transfer Requests

Mon. 19 Family Day (School not in session)

*The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees and 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 to 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](mailto: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

Grade 5 families have been emailed a letter with information about which Middle School their child will attend next year.

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 **3:30 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](mailto: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.
- D) If you do not have your child’s PEN, the office will enter that for you.



## 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/kinderqarten-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). 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 29 – February 2, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten Registration &amp; Kindergarten Transfer Week</li><li>• Grade Six – Late French Immersion Registration Week</li></ul>
February 2, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline to submit Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program applications</li></ul>
February 12 – 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Transfer Process</li><li>• All New Grade 1–12 registrations for the September 2024/2025 school year</li></ul>
February 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deadline to submit Transfer Requests (no later than 3:30 p.m.)</li></ul>
February 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last day for Secondary Schools to inform students re: acceptance into Programs of Choice and Career Programs</li></ul>
On or before March 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notification of all transfer decisions will be communicated to families</li></ul>



## HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA

Hockey Day in Canada was held on Saturday, January 20. Students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 were invited down to Ship Point to play a game of HockeyBall during the Hockey Day in Canada celebrations. The students were given a quick tutorial from a HockeyBall expert before being divided into two teams and playing a vigorous scrimmage. There were many spectators cheering the students on and several balls were launched into the crowds and even into the ocean! Thank you to all the staff and families that joined Braefoot at this unique community event!





## 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](mailto: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 😊



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SNAPSHOT

### TOPIC: Peer Connections

The School District's Snapshot for January/February 2024 focuses on peer connections.

Peer connections are vital for children and youth as they contribute to the development of social skills, emotional intelligence, a sense of belonging and mental well-being. From kindergarten through to high school, parents can play a crucial role in helping their child navigate friendships by fostering their social skills, providing guidance on conflict resolution, and adapting their support to meet the changing needs of their child.

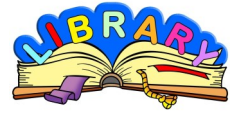
Elementary – [Friends Around the World](#)

Middle – [I'll Get by With a Little Help From My Friends \(and my parents\)](#)

Secondary – [Teen Relationships, Romance and Respect](#)



## LIBRARY UPDATE



Most of our students are doing a wonderful job of remembering to bring their library books back to school in a timely fashion. With that said, January is a great time to look around your house for any overdue library books that may be hiding!

As a reminder, weekly book exchange happens for classes on the following days:

Div. 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Wednesday OR Thursday (alternating weeks)

Div. 5 – Fridays

Div. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 – Wednesdays

One way to help set your child up for success and ensure their books are returned so that they can sign out new books each week is to put library books in their backpack the evening before their class book exchange day. As well, students are reminded that they can always ask to renew books if they need more time to finish reading them!

A reminder as well that the library remains open after school until approximately 2:50 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Students are welcome to visit during these times if they have forgotten their books at their regular book exchange time, or would like to exchange their books more frequently!

Did you know that our school library has an Instagram account? It hasn't been updated in a while, but one of Mrs. Baker's New Year's Resolutions is to try and post more frequently! Find our library Instagram account @thecuriousllc

## Parent Education

Coming up next month **How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child virtual workshop** will be presented by [Moms Against Racism](#) on Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:00-8:30pm.

Learn 5 steps you can take right now to advance your family's anti-racism values. Leave with strategies, resources, and tools for both you and your kids. In order for the presenter to tailor the presentation, please [fill out this form](#) which includes an opportunity to ask an anonymous question.

In an effort to keep the presentation accessible to all, it will be hosted virtually on Zoom. Please see below for the Zoom link, as well as a workshop outline with more information attached to this newsletter.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85899584114?pwd=u7iIOcXEan8rllKUblbGaMiYU7dLyP.1>

Meeting ID: 858 9958 4114

Passcode: 088877

***See the following pages for "How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child: Outline"***



This inspiring and informative 1.5 hour workshop is facilitated virtually by Kerry Cavers, Founder & President of [Moms Against Racism Canada](#). With compassion and bravery, Kerry invites parents to identify and dismantle racism around them, root out racist biases within them, and actively commit to learning how to raise anti-racist children.

Kerry meets participants where they are in their anti-racism journey, and leads them through a thought-provoking session covering:

- ▶ What is Moms Against Racism?
- ▶ Kerry's personal story and why she does this work
- ▶ Definitions of relevant fundamental concepts
- ▶ How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child
  - ▶ Anti-Racist Parenting
  - ▶ Shift Your Thinking
  - ▶ SEEK to be the Change
- ▶ Questions & Answers

A worksheet is provided so participants can actively follow along, take notes, capture insights, and document commitments throughout the session. Additional resources are also provided following the workshop.

### About your facilitator:



Kerry Cavers (she/her/hers) is an anti-racism advocate, facilitator, and Founder of Moms Against Racism (Canada). She is a biracial, cis-gender woman of African, English, Swedish, and Irish descent who identifies as Black. With immense gratitude, Kerry, her partner, and their 3 kids live as guests on the unceded traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən people, colonially referred to as Victoria, BC. She created MAR Canada to bring Moms and those in mothering roles together in a mutual aid movement to fight systemic racism together.



## HOW TO RAISE AN ANTI-RACIST CHILD: WORKSHOP OUTLINE

### About Moms Against Racism Canada

Our mission is to educate our members in anti-racism, cultural competence, and decolonization so they have the tools and support to dismantle racism within themselves, their families, and their communities.

We believe we have the power to change the world through the relationships we build with “our” children. We have the power to shape the next generations. We have the power to end racism where it starts - in the home.

MAR defines “mom” or “mothering roles” as adoptive, chosen, foster, surrogate, biological, birthing, non-binary, LGBTQ, godmothers, grandmas, aunts, educators, care providers, and all those who feel that the term “mothering” describes the roles they take on, either in unpaid or paid work.



### About our Diverse Book Basket program:



Educators, parents, caregivers - all of us - need diverse books in our classrooms and homes to help teach children antiracism, cultural competency, and decolonization. But not everyone can afford to diversify their library. To meet this need, the MAR Canada Education Advocacy Team has curated a basket of ten diverse books, per grade level, and are delivering them to classrooms and families across Canada.

Baskets can be sponsored for \$100, purchased for \$125, or requested/nominated at no cost. Visit our website for more information on [our Book Basket program](#) including printable resources to present to Parent Advisory Councils.

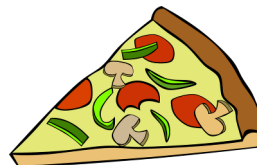
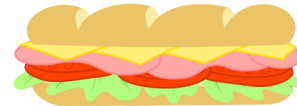
### Where to Find Us:

- Website: [www.MomsAgainstRacism.ca](http://www.MomsAgainstRacism.ca)
- Events: [www.MomsAgainstRacism.ca/Events](http://www.MomsAgainstRacism.ca/Events)
- Email: [Info@MomsAgainstRacism.ca](mailto:Info@MomsAgainstRacism.ca)
- Private Facebook Group: [Facebook.com/groups/MAR1Canada](https://Facebook.com/groups/MAR1Canada)
- Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/MAR1Canada](https://Facebook.com/MAR1Canada)
- Instagram: [@MomsAgainstRacism](https://www.instagram.com/MomsAgainstRacism)

## SCHEDULE OF BRAEFoot HOT LUNCHES

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

- 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](mailto:cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca)



## Lakehill Baseball and Fastball 2024 Registration is now OPEN!

- Little League Baseball for boys and girls, ages 3—12
- Softball for girls aged 7 — 23
- New Players welcome at any age
- Register on-line ([www.lakehillball.com](http://www.lakehillball.com)) by April 1, 2024
- Season runs April to June 2024 (possibly later pending playing rules)
- Plus...Ambassador Park features the absolute best ball park food in Victoria at Chef Dave's Dugout!

**Email: [info@lakehillball.com](mailto:info@lakehillball.com)**

**Come Join us, Have Fun and Play Ball!**

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