



# BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, February 22, 2024

## Dates to Remember

### February

Thurs. 22 Parent Workshop (Zoom & In-Person @ Braefoot Library):  
"How to Raise an Antiracist Child"

Tues. 27 PAC meeting at 7pm

Wed. 28 **Pink Shirt Day**

### March

Fri. 1 Hot Lunch — Pizza

Thurs. 7 -Newsletter Day

-PAC Family Games Night: Please RSVP online

Fri. 15 -Tropical Day

-Hot Lunch — Subway

-Report Cards issued

-Last day of classes before Spring Break

**Spring Break: March 18-April 2**

### April

Wed. 3 School Reopens after Spring Break

*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/>

## Not Returning to Braefoot???

If your child is not returning to Braefoot for the 2024-2025 school year in Grades 1 through 5, **please advise the office.**

Also, please notify the office of any upcoming address, phone number or email changes.



# Save the date.

## February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>



### **Pizza Night with Panago Pizza and Braefoot Elementary**

From February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> Braefoot Elementary will be partnering with our local Saanich Panago Pizza location to offer a great deal and help raise money for our school.

When you order from the Saanich Panago Pizza from February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$1 from every Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large pizza sold will be donated to our school!

Let's all show our support and make February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> a pizza night that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at [panago.com](http://panago.com)

Call 310-0001 to place your order over the phone.

Order in person at the Saanich Panago Pizza location:

1110A McKenzie Avenue, Victoria



**PANAGO**  
Go with goodness.™

# BRAEFOOT WEAR IS AVAILABLE TO ORDER!

The Braefoot apparel store is open for orders until **April 30th**.

Items are expected to be delivered in the middle of May.

Braefoot School's online store's URL is: <https://store.passionsports.ca/Braefoot24/shop/home>



## HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

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

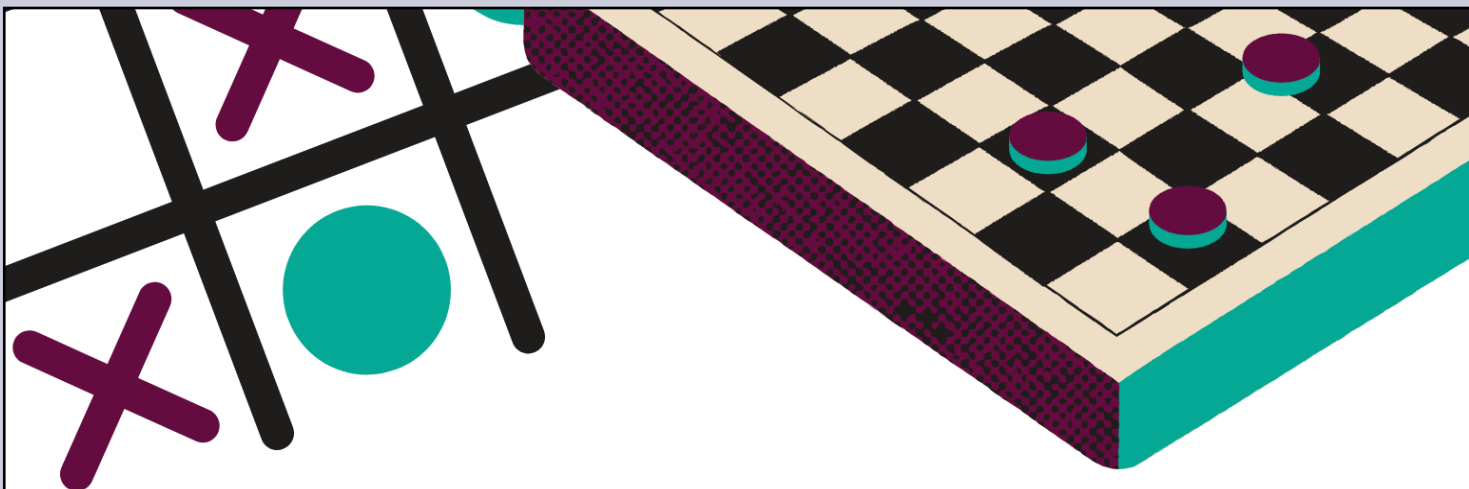
**Access code: BRAEFOOT** (orders must be placed at least 10 days before the hot lunch day)

- 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](mailto:braefootpacchair@gmail.com)

No family will be denied because of lack of funds. Please contact Mr. McCoy at [cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca)



FAMILY

# GAME *Night*

**THURSDAY** IN THE BRAEFOOT GYMNASIUM  
**MARCH 07** DOORS OPEN AT: 5:00PM  
GAMES END AT: 7:00PM

*Hosted By:* INTERACTIVITY BOARD GAME CAFE

**FREE**  
*Entry*

PLEASE RSVP ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.BRAEFootPAC.CA](http://WWW.BRAEFootPAC.CA)  
OR SCAN THE BARCODE:





## REGISTRATION APP

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/>

### 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>



## 1000X5: 1000 BOOKS BY AGE 5

### Children's Book recycling project Greater Victoria

Give more children the opportunity to love books by sending in any extra books **for babies and preschoolers** you may have. Please pop them in the large pink bin in the school library. Babies and preschoolers who are regularly read to develop more vocabulary, greater imagination and an early understanding of how books work.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

## VICTORIA ROYALS HOCKEY

The Braefoot Choir is singing the national anthem at the Victoria Royals hockey game on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The game takes place at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Center. Family and friends in the Braefoot community are invited to come and cheer on the Royals with us at a discount price of \$12.50 (plus taxes and fees). [Click the link](#) to purchase discount tickets through the box office online. Hope to see you there!



## 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



Love Your School Library day on February 14<sup>th</sup> was a success here at Braefoot, with students filling our bulletin board with hearts showing what they love about our school library learning commons.

To see more updates about what's been happening in the Braefoot library, follow our library Instagram account @thecuriousllc



## PARENT EDUCATION

Coming up this 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.

**This presentation will be hosted virtually on Zoom. Please see below for the Zoom meeting link and more information. In addition, we will be hosting a "watch party" in the Braefoot library for anyone interested in attending in person to view the session with others. Parents are encouraged to attend virtually if this is more convenient, or in person if you would also like conversation and connection with others!**

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85899584114?pwd=u7ilOcxEan8rllKUblbGaMiYU7dLyP.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 Ləkʷəŋən 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, aunties, 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)



## **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!**

**[www.lakehillball.com](http://www.lakehillball.com)**





## BRAEFOOT COMMUNITY CAMPS

### Preschool at Braefoot Location:

Braefoot Preschool is ready to welcome your little ones this September! Our preschool program places a strong emphasis on outdoor education, ensuring that little stars are well-prepared for kindergarten or group classes. Our teachers engage in social and emotional practices with your 3-5-year-olds in a fun and dynamic setting. Currently, we are accepting families on the waitlist for a kick-start in September. Link to the waitlist:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFfu8ASdSaCH3dchdV\\_BmGr8GHXwZDjfew6JMXcKX\\_ESslnQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFfu8ASdSaCH3dchdV_BmGr8GHXwZDjfew6JMXcKX_ESslnQ/viewform)

### Spring Break Camps:

Our camps will feature a variety of fun and educational activities for the entire two-week Spring Break! These camps are a great way for children to learn new skills, make friends, and have a memorable spring break experience! Learn more and sign up: <https://www.braefoot.ca/school-year-camps>

### Pro-D Day Camp:

Our camp features a variety of entertaining games and hands-on crafts to keep your child engaged throughout the day packed with laughter, artistic expression, and outdoor fun. Learn more and sign up: <https://www.braefoot.ca/school-year-camps>

### Summer Camps:

With over 35 years of experience running exciting camps for children in the Greater Victoria Area, we are excited to unveil our lineup of 2024 summer camps. Our camps are tailored for 3 to 13 year olds, ranging from action-packed sports camps to engaging and educational adventures. Learn more about each camp and sign up: <https://www.braefoot.ca/summer-camps>



**Save the date  
and your bottles:**

**APRIL 13 SATURDAY  
9AM - 1PM  
BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL, PARKING LOT**

# **BOTTLE DRIVE**

**GRADE 5 FUNDRAISING EVENT**



**You bring it,  
Students sort it**