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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Dates to Remember

February

- Mon. 12 District Student K-12 Transfer Week BEGINS
- Tues. 13 VC PAC Meeting — library at 7:00pm
- Thurs. 15 Hot Lunch — Subway
- Fri. 16 -Pro-D Day (School not in session)
-Deadline to submit Transfer Requests at 3:30pm
- Mon. 19 Family Day (School not in session)
- Thurs. 22 -Parent Workshop (Zoom): How to raise an antiracist child
-Newsletter Day
- Tues. 27 PAC meeting at 7pm
- Wed. 28 Pink Shirt Day

March

- Fri. 1 Hot Lunch — Pizza
- Thurs. 7 -Newsletter Day
-PAC Games Night
- Fri. 15 -Tropical Day
-Hot Lunch — Subway
-Report Cards issued

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/>

K-12 Transfer Week is February 12 to February 16, 2024

Student transfer information can be found at:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>



Save the date.

February 25th – March 2nd



Pizza Night with Panago Pizza and Braefoot Elementary

From February 25th – March 2nd 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 25th – March 2nd, \$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 25th – March 2nd a pizza night that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at 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



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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/>

K-12 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.
- 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.



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



New Veggie, Fruit and Milk Program Coordinator

Thank you to Laura Lemon who has volunteered to take on the role as the program Coordinator! Thanks also to Jacobo and Haydee Paniagua for helping out as well.

Grade 5 Bottle Drive Success

Congratulations to the Grade 5's who raised \$936.16!!

Thank you to all who helped and participated to make this event happen.



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.

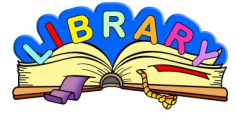
Elementary – [Friends Around the World](#)

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

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



LIBRARY UPDATE



February is a busy month with lots of special events and celebrations! Book displays for students have been put out in the library learning commons featuring titles for Black History Month and Lunar New Year, as well as Valentine's Day. As we move towards Pink Shirt Day later this month, additional books will be added reflecting themes of friendship and kindness.

Did you know that February 14th is Love Your School Library Day? Watch for an interactive bulletin board display coming soon to the hallway in front of the library. Our goal is to fill the board with reasons why students love our Braefoot Library!

During library prep blocks, all classes have been learning about digital citizenship and online safety. Ask your child what they have learned about keeping themselves safe and being respectful to others while using technology! For further learning on these topics at home, families may wish to check out Common Sense Media's Family Tech Planner resource: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/family-tech-planners> This high-quality free resource provides families with a useful tool to spark meaningful conversations about safely using technology in alignment with individual family values. As we wrap up this unit, classes will be transitioning into activities themed around coding, programming, and further instruction with technology.

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.

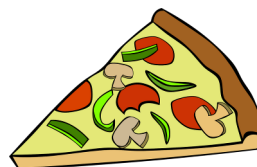
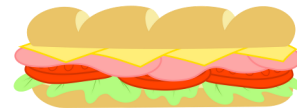
Where to Find Us:

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

SCHEDULE OF BRAEFoot HOT LUNCHES

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

- 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



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) 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

Come Join us, Have Fun and Play Ball!

www.lakehillball.com



MARIGOLD

PRO-D DAY CAMPS

BRAEFoot

A mix of fun games, crafts, and outdoor adventures

Camp Hours

9 AM - 3 PM

Before Camp Care
7:30 AM - 9 AM

After Camp Care
3 PM - 5:30 PM

Pickup and dropoff at Braefoot Elementary or Marigold Elementary School portables.
Fruit snacks will be provided!

SIGN UP TODAY



www.braefoot.ca



Braefoot: 1440 Harrop Rd, Victoria, BC
Marigold: 3751 Grange Rd, Victoria, BC



February 16, 2024

May 17, 2024



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/1FAIpQLSffu8ASdSaCH3dchdV_BmGr8GHXwZDjfew6JMXcKX_ESsInQ/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>