



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territories we live and do our work.

March

- 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

March 18-April 2 — Spring Break

April

- Wed. 3 School Reopens after Spring Break
- Thurs. 4 Newsletter Day
- Wed. 10 Theme Day: Wear your favourite sports gear
- Fri. 12 Hot Lunch: Pizza
- Sat. 13 Grade 5 Bottle Drive: 9am-1pm
- Tues. 16 PAC Meeting 7pm
- Thurs. 18 Newsletter Day
- Thurs. 25 -Early Dismissal 11:50am
-Student Led Conference 1pm-6pm
- Fri. 26 Hot Lunch: Subway

April 29-May 3: Literacy Appreciation Week

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Please check out our SD61 website page at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>

PANAGO PIZZA FUNDRAISER

We raised **\$991** during our recent pizza fundraiser with Panago! Thank you all for your pizza orders and support and big thank you to Panago Pizza too!



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>

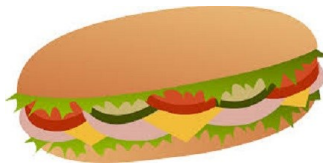


HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

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

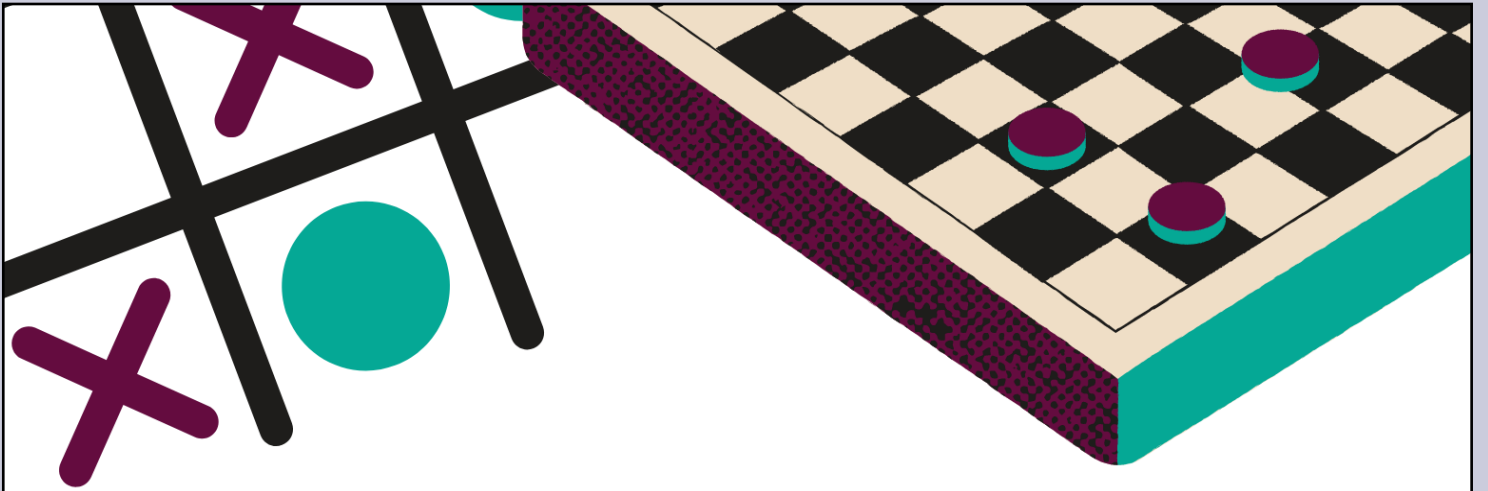
Access code: BRAEFOOT (orders must be placed at least 10 days before the hot lunch day)

- 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



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
OR SCAN THE BARCODE:



BRAEFOOT BOBCATS VS. UVIC VIKES FLOOR HOCKEY

The Grade 5 students had the opportunity to take on the Vikes Men's Hockey team in a floor hockey challenge last week! Mr. Majic, the student teacher in Mr. Bryan's class, plays for the Vikes and was able to round up 15 of his teammates to play against our students. The gym was packed with Braefoot fans who were cheering for our students and the Vikes certainly hammed it up! When our students scored, cheers erupted from the stage but when the Vikes scored, their cellys got nothing but laughter! Thanks to Mr. Majic for organizing such a fun school event and well done, Braefoot, for your sportsmanship and determination!



INTRAMURAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Canucks celebrated their victory in the intramural floor hockey league on Friday! Since January, 43 students from grades 3-5 had been battling hard for the chance to become the Braefoot Floor Hockey Champions and win popsicles for their team! Each week, the teams played at lunch hour with Mr. Carson as the referee and many other students as fan supporters. This long season culminated with the Canucks in first place, the Oilers in second place, the Senators in third place and the Canadiens in fourth place. We are all looking forward to the next intramural league in the spring! Thanks, Mr. Carson, for organizing this great event!



BRAEFoot SWIM TEAM

The Braefoot Swim Team just completed their final swim meet of the year at Saanich Commonwealth Pool on Sunday, March 3rd. The swim team met every Wednesday after school at Gordon Head Rec Center for a 45 min lesson and learned how to swim freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and to dive as well. At our swim meets the students received times for each of their races and at each consecutive meet, the swimmers tried to better their times. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Them were so proud of the swimmers' efforts and camaraderie at both the practices and the meets. Congratulations to all 18 of our swimmers and we look forward to having another great year of swimming with the Braefoot Swim Team in 2024-2025.





1000X5: 1000 BOOKS BY AGE 5

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria
1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning

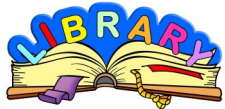
13 years: 320,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books

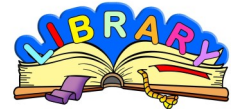
Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin in the library.

VICTORIA ROYALS HOCKEY

The Braefoot Choir is singing the national anthem at the Victoria Royals hockey game on Saturday March 9th 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!



LIBRARY UPDATE



Spring break is quickly approaching, which means it is a great time to look on bookshelves, underneath beds, and anywhere else that overdue library books might be hiding. As well, students are reminded that they are always welcome to renew books if they need more time to finish them. Remember that our school library is open after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until 2:50 for any students wishing to have additional book exchange time.

Book checkout limits will be temporarily increased and all students will be offered the opportunity to take additional library books home before the break to encourage them to keep reading. However, if your family will be travelling we do ask that library books remain at home so that they are not left in exotic locations! Happy reading!

Does your family shop at Munro's Books? Did you know that you can ask to have your customer rewards points donated to our school library account? Ask in-store for your rewards points to be donated to Braefoot Elementary. Points accumulated on our account can be redeemed for store credit towards more books for our students!

Mrs. Baker is starting to plan for Braefoot's annual Literacy Week, which will be taking place from April 29th to May 3rd. Throughout the week various special events will be taking place which celebrate literacy, books, and the love of reading. One of the highlights each year is having guest "celebrities" visit our school to read with students. If you or anyone you know is either a local celebrity or someone who has a career related to literacy (publishing, journalism, library, etc.) and may be willing to volunteer a short amount of time to visit our students, please contact Mrs. Caitlin Baker cbaker@sd61.bc.ca

If you'd like to see what is happening in the Braefoot library learning commons, follow us on Instagram [@thecuriousllc](#)

PARENT EDUCATION

HOW TO RAISE AN ANTI-RACIST CHILD: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Thank you for taking part in our workshop, “How to Raise An Anti-Racist Child”. We hope it was not only informative but also inspiring. We hope we have stirred within you the desire to root out your racist biases and heal your personal, and our collective, intergenerational trauma. Below are some additional resources to help you get started. This list is by no means exhaustive nor is it the be-all and end-all. If you find something that speaks to you in a way that helps you understand - go with that. There are SO MANY agents of change speaking to dismantling racism it would be overwhelming to list them all.

Many blessings on your journey,

Kerry Cavers

Founder & President

Moms Against Racism Canada



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.

- Blog, including recommended children’s book lists: www.MomsAgainstRacism.ca
- Events: www.MomsAgainstRacism.ca/Events
- Volunteer: www.momsagainstracism.ca/volunteer
- Diverse Book Baskets: www.momsagainstracism.ca/diverse-book-baskets
- Email: Info@MomsAgainstRacism.ca
- Private Facebook Group: Facebook.com/groups/MAR1Canada
- Facebook Page: Facebook.com/MAR1Canada



HOW TO RAISE AN ANTI-RACIST CHILD: RESOURCES

Other Facebook Pages/Groups:

- [Investing in Anti-Racism](#)
- [Parenting Decolonized](#)
- [Canadians United Against Hate](#)
- [EmbraceRace](#)
- [Conscious Kid](#)

Podcasts:

- [Nice White Parents](#)
- [All My Relations](#)
- [Yo, Is This Racist?](#)
- [Teaching While White](#)
- [Code Switch](#)

Books to Start with as Parents:

- [This Book is Antiracist](#)
- [How to be An Anti-Racist](#)
- [White Fragility](#)
- [So You Want To Talk About Race](#)
- [Me and White Supremacy](#)
- [My Grandmother's Hands](#)

Videos:

- [Systemic Racism Explained](#)
- [How to be anti-racist: it's more than books, quotes and Blackout Tuesday](#)
- [How to Talk to Kids About Race](#)
- [Is my Skin Brown Because I drank chocolate milk?](#)
- [What Systemic Racism Looks like in Canada](#)
- [How to Change Systemic Racism in Canada](#)



**Save the date
and your bottles:**

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

BOTTLE DRIVE

GRADE 5 FUNDRAISING EVENT



**You bring it,
Students sort it**

SUMMER CAMPS

Sports, adventure, learning, and
fun for children aged 3 to 13

- Fun Day
- Hockey
- Soccer
- All Sports
- Kayaking
- Baseball
- EcoQuest Earth Science
- Space Exploration
- Wilderness Survival
- Mission Impossible
- RSI Multi-Sport
- Lab Explorers

40%
Discount
March 1st - 31st

Register online



www.braefoot.ca/summer-camps

BRAEFOOT COMMUNITY CAMPS

Braefoot Community Association is delighted to offer a 40% discount on select summer camps for 3-13 years old youngsters. From action-packed sports camps to engaging and educational adventures, Braefoot camps promise a summer filled with laughter and growth.

As a nonprofit organization, BCA is committed to providing every family in the community the opportunity to enjoy fun and educational camps at affordable prices. Enjoy this discount before March 31st!"