



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Dates to Remember

April

April 22, 24, 25: Book Fair

Thurs. 25 -**Early Dismissal 11:50am**

- Student Led Conferences 1pm-6pm
- Popcorn Sale \$2/bag @ 11:40am

Fri. 26 Hot Lunch: Subway

April 29-May 3: Literacy Appreciation Week

May

Wed. 1 Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character Day

Thurs. 2 Newsletter Day

Fri. 10 -Hot Lunch: Pizza

- Rugby Tournament
- Stages Dance Performance 1:15pm

Tues. 14 -Rainbow Day: Wear your favourite colour of the rainbow
-PAC AGM 7:00pm

Wed. 15 Class & Whole School Photos

Thurs. 16 -Gr. 5 District Orientation/Transition Day
-Newsletter Day

Fri. 17 Pro – D Day — School Not in Session

Mon. 20 Victoria Day — School Not in Session

Fri. 24 -Hot Lunch: Subway
-Jump Rope for Heart

Thurs. 30 Newsletter Day

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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Important Information for you to know:

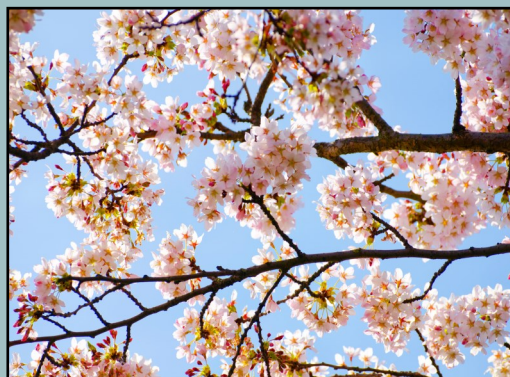
- Ms. Linnell is retiring!
- Student Led Conference Info
- Student placements
- Choir @ Harbourcats game
- Class photos
- Scholastic Book Fair
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- Jump Rope for Heart

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

USED TOY SALE

On **Friday April 19th**, the Grade 5's are putting on a used toy sale that all students will have a chance to attend throughout the day.

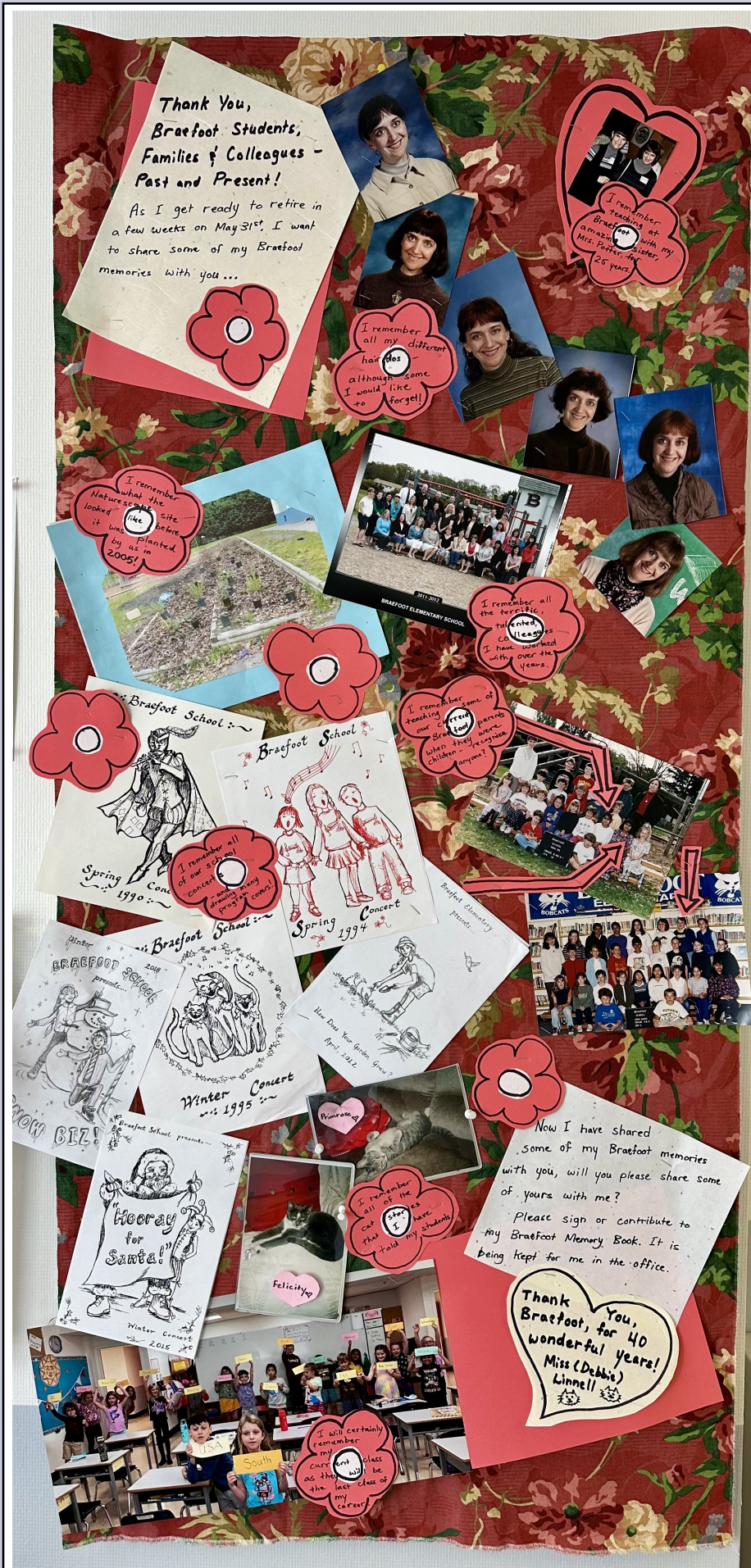
All toys are \$1, \$2 or \$5. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Grade 5 end of year celebration.



RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Our wonderful Ms. Linnell is retiring in May! She has taught for over 40 years, most of that time at Braefoot Elementary. Many Braefoot community members were also taught by Ms. Linnell! If you or your child has a memory of Ms. Linnell or of Braefoot that you would like to share with her, please come to the office and write in her memory book. Alternatively, your child can do so on a separate piece of paper that we can paste into the book. There is also a memory wall (pictured here) that she created for the community to enjoy—it is right across the hall from the office on the bulletin board, please come and have a look.

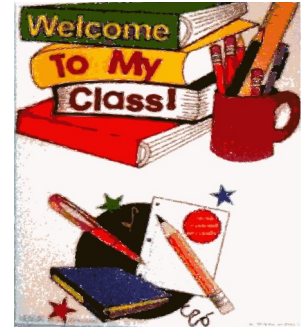
We wish you all the very best in your retirement, Ms. Linnell. Thank you for your many years of incredible dedication to teaching!



REMINDER!

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Thursday, April 25th 1:00pm-6:00pm



**** The booking site below will be available from Thursday, April 4 until Wednesday, April 24****

Student Led Conferences – will happen in your child’s classroom on Thursday, April 25 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. We will **dismiss early at 11:50am**. Up to 4 families may book at the same time. Time slots are 15 minutes in length.

Below you will find information on how to book your conference online.

Please follow the steps below to make sure your conference gets booked correctly. If you have any questions please contact the office or your child’s teacher.

How to book your Student-Led Conference time online:

Here is a quick video for parents on scheduling a parent/teacher conference using Microsoft Bookings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLbr8vhNvYo>

1. Copy and paste this link:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsg61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>
2. Select the date from the calendar for your conference: Thursday, April 25.
3. Select your child’s classroom teacher (Although the website indicates that it is optional, it is **not optional** – we are unable to change the title the program gave to the section but you must select a teacher to book correctly)
4. Select an available conference time for that day with your child’s teacher
5. Fill in your name, your email address, phone number and your child’s name as required
6. Check the reminder box that you have selected the correct teacher for your conference
7. Click the ‘Book’ button to complete the process
8. You will receive a confirmation email confirming your conference time
9. Please note that if you use a phone number from outside B.C. your reminder may reflect that time zone.

You will need to repeat these steps for each of your children

STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2024-2025

Staff and administration will soon be working on the tentative placements of students for next year. If you have any input for us regarding the placement of your child, now is the time to send this in writing to Mr. McCoy at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca. We will attempt to incorporate your suggestions in our plans. Your letter should outline educational reasons that you feel are important to your child's school achievement, **not teacher preference**. **We cannot stress enough that this is not a "request" process.**

There are situations where it will not be possible to incorporate all suggestions because of the many factors involved in building the best possible educational experience for all students.



Considerations when we build classes are among the following: peer relationships, the child's social, emotional, and physical needs, balancing behavior, providing challenge and remedial opportunities, multi-age groupings, and creating the most advantageous educational setting possible for all students.

We would like to emphasize that parents' input is respected and incorporated whenever it is organizationally and educationally feasible, but that it is not always possible to fulfill requests. We will begin class building during the next few weeks, but all lists must be considered temporary and confidential until the first week of September, when we can confirm numbers and staffing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. McCoy. Your input should be discussed with your child's teacher or given to Mr. McCoy by **Friday May 3rd**.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

Your PAC needs you! Many roles need to be filled for the 2024/25 school year to keep our Braefoot traditions alive. Volunteering is a wonderful way to contribute to this special community, get to know the amazing staff and experience first hand the joy and difference you can make in the lives of all the kiddos. **Please consider coming to the last PAC meeting of this school year, May 14th at 7pm in the library**, or getting in touch with a current PAC member if you have any interest in joining the team. Specific roles to fill will be President, Social Media, Fundraising, Hot Lunch and Events Coordinators.

RAINBOW CLUB

In the next few weeks the Grade 4 and 5s will have an opportunity to be part of our Rainbow Club, which will plan some school activities for Rainbow Week in May. Rainbow Club is a new drop in lunch club that fosters inclusion and celebrates diversity of self-expression and all types of families. More school-wide activities for Rainbow Week will be coming soon!



BRAEFoot CHOIR



Save the date! Our Braefoot Choir will be singing the national anthem at a Harbour Cats game on **Sunday June 9th at 1pm**. Information on how to purchase discounted tickets will come out in a future newsletter.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos are taking place on **Wednesday May 15th**. All students will receive a free class photo.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is filling up, please come by and have a look through to claim your items!

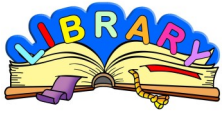
BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Braefoot next week! This is an exciting opportunity to purchase new and bestselling books to read at home while benefiting our school and keeping kids reading! The book fair will take place in Room 133, across the hallway from Mr. Reynolds' classroom, and will be open during the following times:

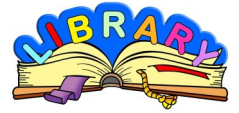
Monday, April 22nd	8:20-9:00	2:40-3:30
Tuesday, April 23rd	CLOSED	
Wednesday, April 24th	8:20-9:00	2:40-3:30
Thursday, April 25th	11:50-6:00 (early dismissal day)	
Friday, April 26th	CLOSED	



Our school receives a percentage of proceeds from each sale which will be put towards purchasing new resources for the library learning commons. There will also be a contest to enter with no purchase necessary. Our grand prize winner will receive a \$25 credit to spend on books for themselves at the book fair, as well as a \$25 credit for their teacher to spend on books for their classroom! Thank you in advance for your generous support.



LIBRARY UPDATE



Literacy Week

Literacy Appreciation Week is coming up at Braefoot from **April 29th to May 3rd**. Mrs. Baker has scheduled a full week of fun activities celebrating literacy for our students. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Monday April 29th

- Human Scrabble Day – students will be given letters to tape on their shirts, and each division will be issued a challenge to figure out the longest word they can spell!

Whole School Assembly

Tuesday April 30th

Joke in Your Jacket/Poem in Your Pocket Day – students may bring a favourite joke or poem to share with others throughout the day.

Wednesday May 1st

- Dress Like a Favourite Book Character Day – there just might be prizes for creative costumes!
Kindergarten Stuffie Sleepover in the library (more information to come for Kindergarten parents)

Thursday May 2nd

- Read a Shirt Day – wear a shirt with writing on it
Staff Reading Swap – teachers will switch classrooms and read to a class other than their own.

Friday May 3rd

- PJ Day & Flashlight Reading – wear your pyjamas to school and try reading by flashlight!
- Family Reading Morning – family members are invited to stay and read with their child(ren) in classrooms from 8:45-9:05. For attendance purposes, all Braefoot students must report to their own classroom, but family members are welcome to visit more than one classroom during this time, should you have multiple children attending our school.

Virtual visit for our whole school with Leona Prince, author of [Be a Good Ancestor](#).

In addition to these daily special events, we also have many guest “celebrity” readers scheduled to visit classrooms, as well as contests and other activities running throughout the week. There will even be a grand prize draw for one of the contests at the end of the week, with two students chosen to act as Principal for the Day and Librarian for the Day on a future date.

If you have any questions about either the Book Fair or Literacy Week events, please contact teacher-librarian Caitlin Baker cbaker@sd61.bc.ca

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>

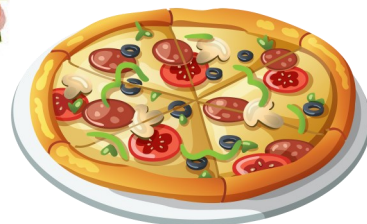
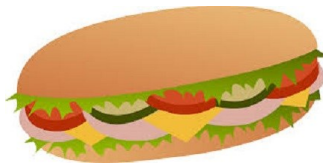


HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

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

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

- 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



We're participating in Jump Rope for Heart



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.

We love participating in Jump Rope for Heart because:

Students learn life-long habits:

Jump Rope for Heart is more than a fundraiser. It teaches students EASY Healthy Habits to help protect their heart and brain health – for a lifetime!



Eat fruits and vegetables

Active for 1 hour or more

Screens for 2 hours or less

Yes to water, no to sugary drinks

Students can earn Thank You Gift Cards:

As our heartfelt thank you for your support, students can earn one of five Thank You Gift Cards, plus a chance to win two great contests! Gift cards are from Toys "R" Us, Indigo, Amazon or Walmart – based on the fundraising levels. Learn more at jumpropeforheart.ca.

Jump is customizable for all abilities:

On our Jump Event Day kids can move their way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and more!

Kids feel good by doing good:

Students learn the importance of giving back as they collect donations that help fund critical research that saves lives, prevents heart disease and stroke, and supports survivors and their families. The funds collected help other kids like Julian, who suffered a pediatric stroke following his heart surgery.



Jump gives back:

Schools that raise a minimum of \$500 will receive 8% of their fundraising dollars back to put towards what we need most or we can donate it back to Heart & Stroke to make an even bigger impact.



Let's help Heart & Stroke save lives

Sign up online, visit jumpropeforheart.ca

Click Register

Search for our School Name or copy and paste the School Page Link below in your browser

Register to our school to create your own fundraising page

Our Jump Event Day is on:

Friday, May 24th, 2024

School Page Link:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/44826>

(Copy and paste this link into your internet browser)

Fundraising at your fingertips

New Downloadable QR Codes!



1. Take your fundraising to the next level. Download your personal QR code from your online Participant Center.



2. Save the QR code to your device or print it, and let your child's imagination run wild as they decorate around the code to make it uniquely theirs.



3. Encourage your child to share their QR code with family and friends and ask them to scan it to donate!



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★ AUDITIONS
May / June 2024



NON-AUDITIONED

PRELUDE CHOIR

AGES 7-9

Fun and engaging.
Registration opens
April 1st.



RECITAL CHOIR

AGES 10-12

Sing great music
and build wonderful
relationships.



CONCERT CHOIR

AGES 12-17

Share your singing
passion in rehearsals,
performances, camps & tours.
Build lifelong friendships.



YOUTH ENSEMBLE

AGES 17-20

Develop your
musical and personal
leadership skills.