



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Dates to Remember

April

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
April 22, 24, 25: Book Fair
Thurs. 25 **-Early Dismissal 11:50am**
-Student Led Conferences 1pm-6pm
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
-PAC AGM 7:00pm
Wed. 15 Class & Whole School Photos
Thurs. 16 -Gr. 5 District Orientation/Transition Day
-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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Please check out our SD61 website page at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

A friendly reminder to please email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or call (250) 477-6948 when your child is going to be absent.

If your child is late please help them to remember to sign in at the desk by the school office.



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@gvsd61.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

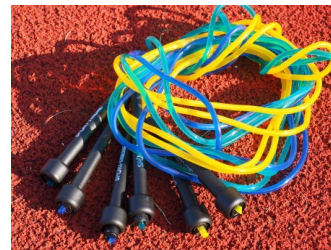


JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are kicking off Jump Rope for Heart on Tuesday April 23rd.

Jump day is Friday May 24th

Please watch for further details and information being sent home on
Monday April 22nd.



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**.

REPORT CARDS – PARENT CONNECT

With Parent Connect, you can give/revoke online permissions and see report cards.

Parent Connect instructional video + info: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect>

Here is the direct link to the sign in page: <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

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>

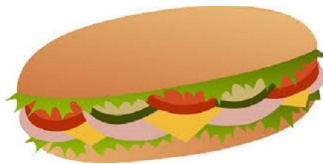


HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

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 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

1000x5 BOOK PROGRAM

Check out the two minute Victoria Foundation video celebrating 1000X5 and our contributions to early literacy. Thanks to all of you for making this project happen.



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wcoGk5sM6TE8fbOnxmMEKimvOWvupTvN/view?usp=sharing>

Take your extra baby and preschooler books to the pink bin in the library. Help change a child's future.

ROYAL SOCCER CLUB SUMMER DAY CAMPS

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grassroots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536.



LIBRARY UPDATE



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to Braefoot!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place during the week of **April 22nd-26th**. This is an exciting opportunity to purchase new and bestselling books to read at home all while benefiting our school and keeping kids reading! Throughout the book fair, our school receives a percentage of the sales to put towards new resources for the Braefoot Library Learning Commons. There will also be opportunities for students to enter to win free books, with no purchase necessary.

The Book Fair will be open on **Monday, April 22nd, Wednesday, April 24th, and Thursday, April 25th**, times to be announced soon. If you are interested in volunteering to help with set-up, take-down, or during the book fair, please contact Caitlin Baker cbaker@sd61.bc.ca

Literacy Week

Literacy Appreciation Week will be happening from **April 29th-May 3rd**, and planning is in full swing! We have many guest celebrity readers lined up as well as an author visit, contests, and other fun themed events and activities taking place throughout the week. Families may wish to mark their calendars for **Friday, May 3rd**, when we will begin our day with Family Reading Morning from **8:45-9:05am** and invite family members to stay for a few minutes at drop-off to read with students in their classrooms. You may also wish to start planning your costume for Dress Like a Favourite Book Character Day, which will take place on **Wednesday, May 1st**. More information will be coming soon with further details about this exciting week for our students!



**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**