



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Dates to Remember

September

Thurs. 19	Newsletter Day
Fri. 20	Wear Red Day
Mon. 23	Pro D Day –School Not in Session
Wed. 25	- Individual Student Photo Day - Welcome Back Open House BBQ
Thurs. 26	Terry Fox Run
Fri. 27	Orange Shirt Day
Mon. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—School not in session
<u>October</u>	
Thurs. 3	Newsletter Day
Mon. 14	Thanksgiving Day —School Not in Session
Thurs. 17	Newsletter Day
Tues. 22	PAC Meeting, 7 pm
Wed. 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3pm to 5pm
Thurs. 24	Early Dismissal for students at 11:50 am Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 pm to 6 pm
Thurs. 24	Student photo retake day
Fri. 25	Pro D Day—School not in session

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees & 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/>



Start Up Packages, Forms and Payments

Last week parents were emailed information with a link to “Parent Connect” regarding online permissions for their child(ren), i.e. for field trips, computer use, etc. This only needs to be done once in a child’s time with the Greater Victoria School District.

For more information about signup and use of Parent Connect, please visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/>.

You and your child have the choice to grant or revoke consent at any time for each of the digital tools based on the privacy considerations for each specific tool listed. Note that there is a Translate option in the main menu in Parent Connect.

If you have any questions regarding the use of digital/online tools, please reach out to your child's teacher and/or principal.

In addition, last week each student was sent home with a start up package of paper forms which are not available online. You will need to review, amend, sign and return these forms to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

These documents are critical in assisting our school to contact families in the case of an emergency.

The start up package contains:

- Student Information Verification form
- BC Nutritional Program Authorization Form
- Emergency Release Form
- Emergency Release Instructions
- Student Planner and online payment instructions. The cost of a student planner is \$8.00. If you are paying cash, please put the form and money in a bag or envelope with your child’s name.
Starting this September, prices now include applicable transaction fees. The cost is the same regardless of whether you pay online or with cash/cheque.



Please return the completed forms in the envelope provided **directly** to the classroom teacher. Each envelope is personalized. A checklist is included within the letter for online forms and paper forms.

Parent Connect

We are excited to provide a wide selection of assessed digital/online tools to supplement your child's classroom learning. Your informed consent is required prior to signing up and using any district-approved digital/online tool. This is provided through our [Parent Connect](#) online tool for students in grades K-8.

This message serves as a reminder to review the consent items in Parent Connect from previous school years and to check the portal for new items that may need your review.

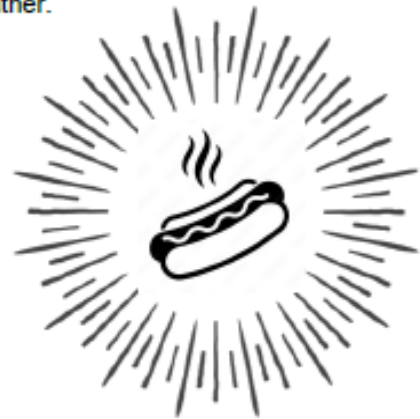


PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BACK to SCHOOL
HOT DOG BBQ



Come join us for dinner and let us do the cooking. Parents/ guardians will first be able to have a casual classroom visit with their child/ren's teacher followed by hotdogs for all. Juice boxes and chips available for the kids. Rain or shine so please dress for the weather.

WEDNESDAY
SEPT
25



Vegan, Halal and a small amount of Gluten Free options available

From
5:30pm to
6:30pm
Classrooms
open up at
5pm

Serving up at the Black top Area (behind the school)

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE BRAEFOOT PAC. PLEASE CONSIDER A \$5 DONATION TO THE BRAEFOOT PAC BY CASH AT THE EVENT

This year classrooms open at 5pm and BBQ is at 5:30pm

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLES



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on:

- Wednesday, October 23 from 3pm to 5pm, and
- Thursday, October 24 from 1pm to 6pm.

Students will be dismissed at 11:50 am on Thursday, October 24. Regular dismissal time on Wednesday, October 23.

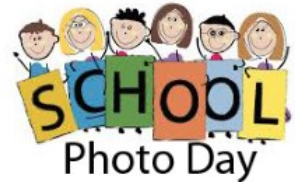
Information on how to book parent teacher conferences will be sent to parents soon. The link to book conferences is currently not open. Parents will be able to start booking conference times on Thursday, October 3 at 1:00 pm.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Individual Picture Day will take place on **Wednesday, September 25th.**

All students are photographed on picture day and these photos are used in the library and in our school database.

Parents will have an opportunity to order photo packages from LifeTouch Photography. More information will be sent to families after photos are completed.



How do I let the school know my child will be absent from school?

If your child will be absent from school, please let the school know. You can either **email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca** or phone the **attendance line at 250-477-6948 then press "1"** and leave a message. Please tell us the student's first and last name, division/teacher, reason for the absence (ex. sick, vacation, appointment) and how long the student will be away.

You are welcome to email your child's teacher as well, but it is important to let the office know as the office staff updates the student attendance system. If a child is absent and the office has not been notified by a parent, an email and/or phone call will be sent to parents.

Students who arrive late to school, or who are picked up during the day, must sign in or out on the clipboard on the table outside the office.

BRAEFoot CHOIR

The Braefoot choir, led by Mrs. John, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Boudreau, is welcome to students in **grades 3-5** and currently rehearses on **Thursdays at lunch recess 12:05-12:35**. We will have our rehearsals on Thursdays temporarily due to missing multiple Mondays in September and October for holidays and Pro D. **After Thanksgiving Day, rehearsals will take place on Mondays at lunch recess.**

Performance opportunities include:

Victoria Royals Hockey Game **Nov 3**

Remembrance Day Assembly **Nov 8**

Victoria Sings (**March 3-6 2025, Braefoot's night TBD**)

*Additional performances TBA

Our first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 26. A commitment form will be sent home to be returned by October 10.



Fall Sports at Braefoot

Students in Grades 3-5 are invited to join the following sports for the Fall term:

Intramural Soccer - The students will be placed on teams that will compete at lunch hour. Students will hear from Mr. Samuelson in the next week to sign up for this!



Fall Cross Country - Students can expect to train three times a week during school time and then compete in city wide meets on October 1, 7, 15, 21 and 28. Students will hear from Mrs. Gilmour in the next week to receive their consent forms.



Swim Club - Students will be joining Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Theim for swim club training. This club runs from the beginning of October until the beginning of March and consists of 4 swim meets (Nov. 17, Dec.15, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23). Students can expect to hear from the teachers regarding this sport in the next week or so.



Please encourage your student to join an athletic club at Braefoot and be part of the Bobcat fun!

**WEAR
RED DAY**

Braefoot Spirit Day

Friday, September 20th is Spirit Day at Braefoot.

We encourage students to wear red for Braefoot Elementary. We look forward to seeing the sea of red that day which represents student pride and connection of being a Braefoot student.



TERRY FOX RUN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Please mark this date on your calendar, as our entire school will be participating in the school's annual Terry Fox Run. We will begin with an assembly on the basketball court. Toonies, loonies (or more) will be gratefully accepted as donations to support the work of the Terry Fox Foundation.

The school also has an online donation platform available if you so choose to support Terry's cause in that manner. You can access the online donation page using the following link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/BraefootElementary>



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Looking for Gently Used Books

1000X5 has sent 338,000 of your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into homes where books may be few. This is Year 14 of sending gift bags each with 3 books. Over the year, children may receive 30 books – transforming learning. Please take your gently used books for wee ones to your school and look for the pink bin in the library.

Check out our website for more information: www.1000X5.ca

Library Learning Commons Updates

Our Braefoot Library Learning Commons is a busy and exciting hub that all classes visit regularly to get curious, build, create, learn how to use technology, and, of course, get excited about books and reading! Please read along for some information as we are just beginning our regular schedule and routines. Thank you in advance for your support of the Library Learning Commons program at Braefoot. It's going to be a great year!

Student Book Exchange

During the week of September 24th, all divisions will begin weekly student book exchange and library lessons. Students will have the opportunity to choose library books to bring home, and then return their books to school the following week to trade them in for new ones. During book scheduled class book exchange time we also work to foster a love of reading by exposing students to a wide variety of genres, authors, and types of reading materials. Library books are typically due back one week after they are borrowed, however, students are welcomed and encouraged to ask Mrs. Baker to renew books if they need more time to finish reading them. Books can also be returned early if students finish in advance of the due date. Our library does not charge overdue fees, however, if a school library book is lost or damaged beyond repair, families will be asked to pay the replacement cost so that a new copy of the book may be purchased.

Regularly scheduled class book exchange days are as follows:

Mondays – Divisions 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11

Thursdays – Divisions 2 and 3

Fridays – Divisions 1, 6, 7, and 8



The schedule will be adjusted accordingly on weeks when there is no school on a Monday or a Friday so that students do not miss out on choosing new books to read!

Book Fair

Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Braefoot during the week of October 21st. This is an exciting opportunity for families to purchase books to read at home while supporting our school library programs. More information will come soon regarding specific times and dates that the book fair will be open. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Braefoot Book Fair, please contact Mrs. Baker.

Parent Volunteers

Students at Braefoot love to read, and sometimes we can fall behind on the huge job of ensuring library books get put back where they belong on the shelves. In the past, our library program has tremendously benefited from parent volunteers shelving books, tidying, organizing, and helping with other various library-related tasks to keep things running smoothly for our students! We could also use some parent volunteers to help before, after, and during our upcoming October Book Fair. Volunteering in the library does not need to take up much of your time and can be done either at a regularly scheduled weekly time or on a flexible basis. If you have some time to spare and would be interested in volunteering in the library, please contact Mrs. Baker – cbaker@sd61.bc.ca

Our library has an Instagram account where Mrs. Baker posts to share updates and show some of what we're been up to. There isn't much posted there right now, but more will be added soon. Visit @thecuriousllc if you're interested in following along!

Mrs. Baker

Teacher-Librarian and ADST (Applied Design, Skills & Technologies) Teacher

BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FAMILY FUN DAY
21 SEPTEMBER, 2024

BRAEFoot COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**FAMILY
FUN DAY**

**FREE
EVENT**



A DAY PACKED WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES
AND FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

21 SEPTEMBER, 2024
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



1440 HARROP RD,
VICTORIA, BC V8P 2S5



Bouncy Castles, Mascots, Games and Prizes



Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Food and Drinks

