



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Dates to Remember

October

- Thurs. 17 Newsletter Day
- Fri. 18 Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Mon. 21 Comfort Packs due
- Tues. 22 PAC Meeting, 7 pm
- Wed. 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3 pm to 5 pm
- Book Fair 2:30 to 5:00 pm
- Thurs. 24 - Student photo retakes
- **Early Dismissal for students at 11:50 am**
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 pm to 6 pm
- Book Fair 12:00 to 6:00 pm
- Fri. 25 Pro D Day—School not in session
- Tues. 29 PAC Family Hallowe'en Dance 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Thurs. 31 - Newsletter Day
- Costume Day
- Hallowe'en Howl for Gr 1 and K

November

- Fri. 1 Hot Lunch—Subway
- Fri. 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Mon. 11 Remembrance Day—School not in session
- Thurs. 14 Newsletter Day
- Tues. 19 PAC Meeting 7 pm

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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- Halloween Fun
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- PAC Hot Lunch Programme

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





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm and

Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Student Early Dismissal on October 24 @ 11:50 am

Please use the link below to set up a time for your Parent Teacher Conference. The link opens at 1:00 pm today (Thursday, October 3).

- Braefoot Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and, like last year , the conferences will be held in your child's classroom.
- Below is information on how to book your conference online. You may book or cancel up to 24 hours before the conference.
- Please follow the steps below to make sure your conference gets booked correctly.
- If you have any questions, please contact the office at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or your child's teacher.

How to book your Parent Teacher 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. To book your parent teacher conference (Div 1 to 10), please copy and paste this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>
For Div 11 parents, please copy and paste this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/s/8UuVAHTBpUOEQ5zs4Xlycw2>
2. Select the date from the calendar for your conference (October 23 or October 24)
3. Select your child's classroom teacher (**This 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 and a reminder the day before

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

Hallowe'en Fun at Braefoot Thursday, October 31

At Braefoot School, we encourage and welcome our students to dress up at school for Hallowe'en Day on Thursday, October 31st. Many classes have special celebrations and events to mark the day.

We would like to remind parents and students that costumes should not be worn to school, rather that students should plan on changing into their costumes at school. Safety is always our number one priority, so care should be taken to ensure that all costumes allow for good visibility and for easy movement.

Costumes should **not** include a full face covering. We also ask parents to ensure that all costumes are culturally appropriate. Any item that represents a weapon is not to be brought to school under any circumstances. Excessively violent costumes are also to be avoided at school.

Please contact your child's teacher before bringing in treats or candy that day.



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BOOK FAIR

Join us on Wed, Oct 23rd - 2:30 to 5:00

Thurs, Oct 24th - 12:00 to 6:00

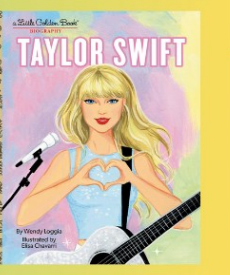
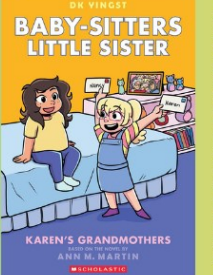
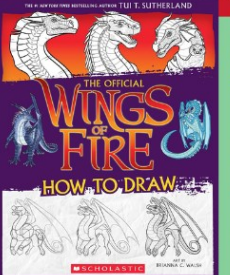
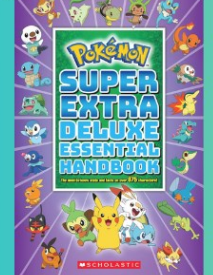
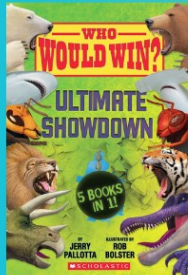
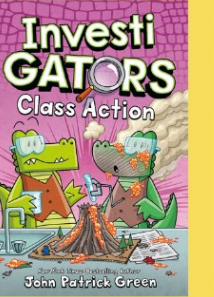
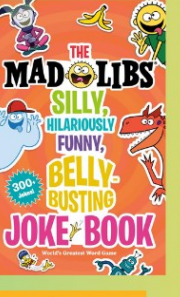
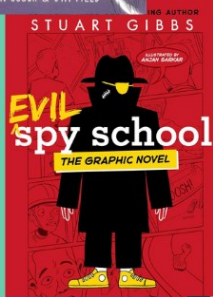
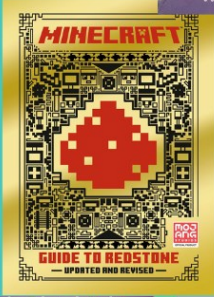
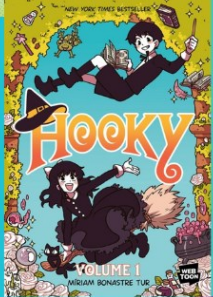
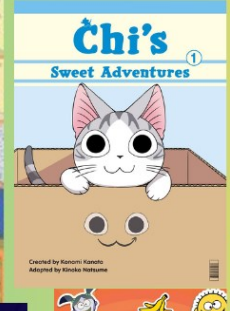
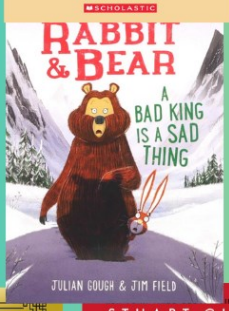
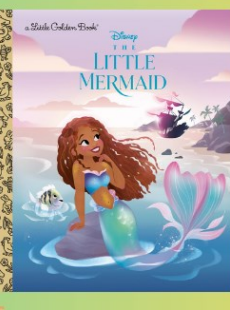
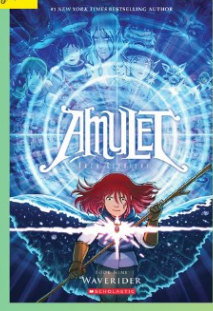
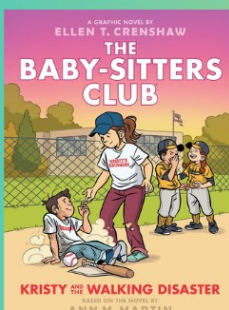
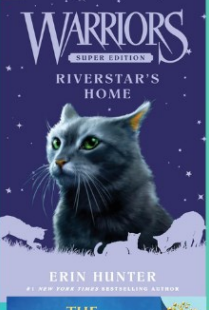
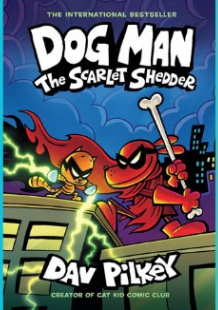
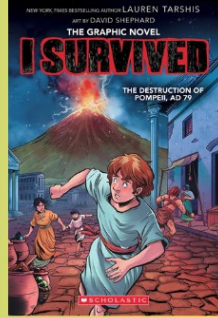
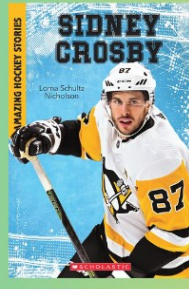
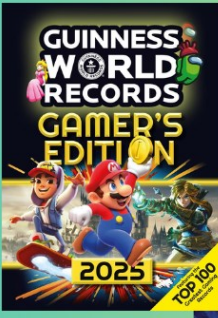
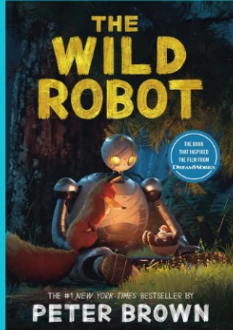
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HALLOWEEN

DANCE

TUESDAY OCT 29



ORDER YOUR FAMILY

PIZZA!

\$25 EACH

ORDER THROUGH THE HOT LUNCH SITE
BY TUESDAY OCT 22ND

5:30PM - 7:30PM

BRAEFoot GYMNASIUM

DRINKS & CANDY BAGS AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE

Register Today!

1. Create Your Profile

Go to <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/> and click on "Get Started Today".

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.

2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Which payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details. You may use your child's usual or preferred name, as this programme is connected to our school district database.

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to: Braefoot Elementary School

Cash Online sends out automatic reminders before the deadline. If you have paid by cash or cheque, the system does not detect this and you may receive an email reminder for payment.

Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

*Please note, online payments are connected to our student information system. If you already have an account set up, your child's legal name should appear when you log in to make a payment.

If this is your first time signing on, you may use your child's preferred or usual name.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE—SAMPLE

Please note there is an extra step in choosing an item to pay – click on the item below – in some cases the teacher may have a permission form which you will need to complete also

~ this will save some \$\$ in transaction fees~

Fee Details

Div 2, 3 and 4 - Mr. Bryan, Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Carson - swimming at Gordon Head Pool - 2024/2025

\$0.00

Student Name (Braefoot)

Amount Due:

Div 2, 3 and 4 will be going swimming at Gordon Head Recreation Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 22
Tuesday, Nov. 19
Tuesday, Dec. 17
Tuesday, Jan. 21
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, April 15
Tuesday, May 13
Tuesday, June 10

Once you select the monthly swim below, the \$35 will show above



We will be leaving the school at 12:40 p.m. and returning at approximately 2:15 p.m. The total cost for all nine swim dates per child is \$35.00. Please pay online through SchoolCash Online payments so that we can pay for all nine swims in advance.

Please choose from the Option Below:

The permission form for your child to participate in all nine swim dates needs to be completed through SchoolCash Online below:

The online payment will be open Tues Oct 8 and will close on Sunday, Oct. 20. No child will be excluded for lack of funds. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Scott Samuelson - ssamuelson@sd61.bc.ca
Jeff Carson - jecarson@sd61.bc.ca
Gary Bryan - gbryan@sd61.bc.ca

Swims (9) at Gordon Head Pool

October 2024 - June 2025

Monthly swim at Gordon Head Pool [add \$35.00]

← you need to select this item

You need to fill in this permission form below



[Print Permission Form](#)

Student Name: Student Name
Parent/Guardian's Name: Guardian Name

I, Guardian Name, grant permission to my child, Student Name, to

go swimming at Gordon Head Pool on these dates: Tuesday, Oct. 22, Tuesday, Nov. 19, Tuesday, Dec. 17, Tuesday, Jan. 21, Tuesday, Feb. 18, Tuesday, March 11, Tuesday, April 15, Tuesday, May 13, Tuesday, June 10

Agree and grant permission

How to Order This Year's School Pictures

HOW TO access your child's images online:

After much safety and security testing, Lifetouch developed a way for families to access their child's photo using their **student ID number**.

Here are the quick and easy steps to access photos online by using your child's student ID number:

Go to mylifetouch.ca

- Click on "Student ID"
- Enter in your school's city, province and school name

Follow the instructions to view and order your child's photos

If you have any questions on this ordering process, please call the Lifetouch Customer Care Line at 1.866.457.8212 or access the online LIVE chat agent.

Parents can still access their photos online by using their child's portrait ID and access code. By enabling the option of using your child's student ID number, it gives people another way to access photos if they lose their proof sheet.

New Photo Package Pricing for your families:

As prices rise and families struggle to pay for all the necessities, Lifetouch Photography made the decision to decrease packages by up to 25% on all our packages and individual photo sheets. It is Lifetouch's commitment to provide our partners and their families with quality images at a reasonable price.

Shutterfly Gift with Purchas for Families: Families who purchase their photo packages online at, www.mylifetouch.ca, will receive a Shutterfly coupon for \$30 off any Shutterfly purchase and a free 8x11 photo book.

Lifetouch Customer Care Contact:

Questions about fall photos? Package status, errors, how to place orders, etc.,

Please call Lifetouch Customer Care at **1.866.457.8212** or visit the Lifetouch ordering website:

www.mylifetouch.ca to access the online LIVE chat agent.



Earthquake Comfort Pack

Each year, we do our best to prepare for the possibility of students having to remain at the school in the event of an emergency. An important part of this program is for parents to prepare a small comfort pack that can be given to their child to calm and comfort them in a stressful time. Please take the time to put a few things for your child in the zip lock bag that was sent home with students. We would like to ensure every child has one!

Suggested items:

- Snack – granola bar, Power Bar, Fruit bar, small amount of candy (nut free please).
- A letter of comfort from parents/guardians... maybe a special grandparent, aunt or uncle too
- Family photo
- Small comfort toy (teddy, pack of cards, favorite team sports card) – just something to make them smile

Please be advised that the school has a good supply of food, water and emergency blankets thanks to the ongoing support of the Braefoot Elementary PAC

Please return the pack to your child's teacher by Monday, October 21.

Photo Retake Day

Photo Re-take Day is Thursday, October 24.

The photographer will take photos of students who were away on photo day, or if your child's photo is not satisfactory.

It is important that every child have their photo taken regardless of whether families will be ordering photos.



Brown Bag Lunch Program

Braefoot School has access to a brown bag lunch program run through Kids Klub Victoria. This program provides free daily lunches to students whose families who can use assistance packing lunches. Please let Maxine Toth (mtoth@sd61.bc.ca) or Connor McCoy (cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca) know if you would like your children added to the list to start receiving lunches here at school.



PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAMME

2024-2025 Hot Lunch Schedule

The hot lunch site is now available for orders: <https://braefoot.hotlunches.net>

- You need to create a new account to be able to place orders for your children.
- The required access code is **BRAEFOOT**.
- Order cutoffs will be one week prior to each hot lunch day to ensure our suppliers can process the orders in time.

The schedule for hot lunches:

- November 1—Subway
- November 15 - Pizza & Booster Juice
- November 29—Subway
- December 13—Pizza & Booster Juice
- January 10—Subway
- January 23—Pizza & Booster Juice
- February 7—Subway
- February 21—Pizza & Booster Juice
- March 7—Subway
- April 4—Pizza & Booster Juice
- March 7—Subway
- April 16—Subway
- May 2—Pizza & Booster Juice
- May 23—Subway



Booster Juice

SUBWAY

**level
ground**
COFFEE ROASTERS

For the caffeine enthusiasts, Level Ground coffee is also available for order through the site.

This Hot Lunch Programme is a fundraiser for the Braefoot PAC, which supports Braefoot students' activities such as field trips, busses for beach day, the Welcome Back BBQ and many other things.

We are looking forward to another year of tasty lunches!

If you have any questions, please send an email to braefootevents@gmail.com