



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Dates to Remember

October

- 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
Fri. 15 Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
Tues. 19 PAC Meeting 7 pm
Fri. 22 Pro D Day—School not in session
Thurs. 28 Newsletter Day
Fri. 29 Hot Lunch—Subway

December

- Wed. 11 Winter Concert and Gr 5 Bake Sale 1:00 and 6:00 pm
Thurs. 12 Newsletter Day
Fri. 13 Winter Sweater Day

Winter Break is December 23
to January 3.

Students return to school on
Monday, January 6.

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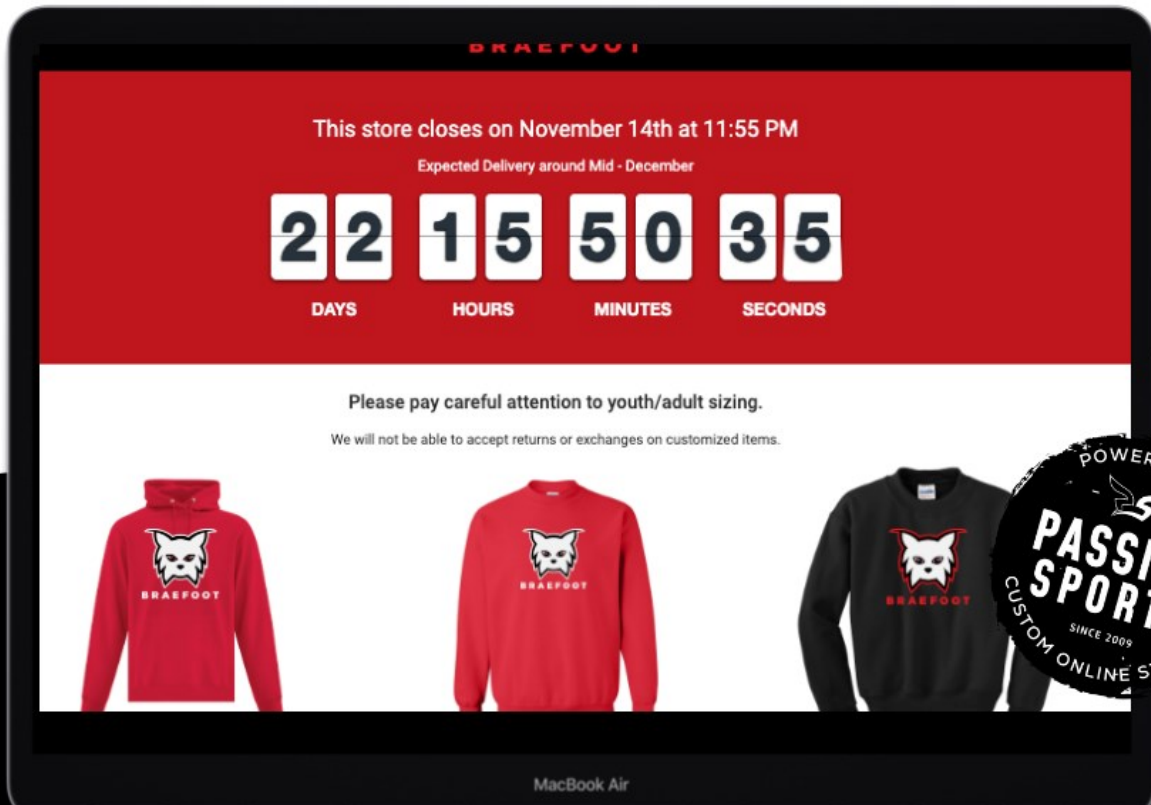
Please check out our SD61 website page at: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>



Braefoot Elementary Winter Store 2024

Online Spiritwear Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/bews2024



Order by Nov. 14

For families interested in purchasing Braefoot Wear, here is the link to the Braefoot Elementary Winter 2024 Online Store:

<https://store.passionsports.ca/bews2024>

Braefoot Winter Concert

Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00 and 6:00 pm

The Braefoot Winter Concert is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11th** at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$3.00 each and will be limited to 2 tickets **per family** for each performance (i.e. two tickets for the afternoon and two tickets for the evening) due to fire regulations.

This year we will use Cash Online for families to reserve their tickets. Tickets will be available through the youngest and/or only child. If extra tickets become available, they will be offered on a first-come first-served basis.

School Cash Online accepts credit card payments or E-check (i.e. for those who do not have a credit card, but who do have a bank account). If you cannot reserve tickets online, you will be able to contact the school via email and we will reserve them for you.

We hope this early notice will allow all parents, grandparents and neighbours an opportunity to adjust their schedules. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Earthquake Comfort Pack—DUE NOW

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.



BRAEFOOT CHOIR



The Braefoot Choir is singing the national anthem at the Victoria Royals hockey game on Sunday, November 3 at 3:00 pm. The game takes place at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre.

Family and friends in the Braefoot community are invited to come and cheer on the Royals with us at a discounted price. [Click the link](#) to purchase tickets in our section through the box office online.

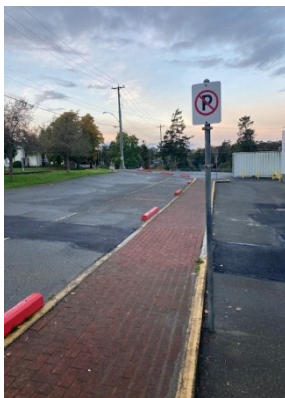
Hope to see you there!

Student Drop-Off and Parking at Braefoot

Reminder to please not use the staff parking lot or the spots that are designated for the use of the Child Care Centre for drop off/pickup of your child.

We encourage families to use the ample parking along Braefoot Road, with a short walk up to the school.

The drop-off area in front of the school can also be used. A friendly reminder that the right hand lane of the front drive through is a drop-off only lane as signs help remind us.



Intramural Soccer League

This Fall, the students in Grades 3-5 had the opportunity to participate in an intramural soccer league. Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Carson ran a series of games during lunch hours in September and October. The three teams in the league were the Sounders, InterMiami and the Whitecaps. The final match was a long hard battle between the Sounders and InterMiami. After a tie in regulation time, the Sounders were able to pull out a win during a shootout! Well done to all the players but a special congratulations to the champions - Ben T., Sajjad, Maddie, Jacob S., Pete, Emily, Kzie, Fares, Sienna, Lucas and Kaihan!



Fall Cross Country Program

Three cheers go out to the students that participated in the Fall Cross Country Program this year! With up to three practices a week, these students were working on building up endurance, learning technique and gaining experience in how to achieve their personal running bests. Their training and hard work was evident at each of the cross country meets where our students received excellent results for all of their efforts. At the city finals, with about 800 students running, our students placed as follows: Theo 2, Luke 50, Yair 79, Benjamin 30, Cal 73, Ciara 16, Ellie 36, Josh 48, Damon 55, Azalea 76, Sahmaya 52, Hunter 16, Angel 70, Juliette 2, Finn 16, Kingsley 39, Eugene 57, Eliya 101, TJ 97, Konner 66, Hudson 8, Evan 34, Rhys 18, Oliver 85 and Zain 94! Well done, runners! Thank you to the parents who continually cheer the students on to the finish line and help to make this school club so successful.



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



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.

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.

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

CODE: F2410OFF

EXPIRES: July 31, 2025

Div. 2 Leaf Raking



In keeping with Ms. Linnell's management of our wonderful Naturescape, Div 2 set out in the neighbourhood to collect leaves to nurture and protect this beautiful green space. Over the span of two days of blood, sweat, and tears, we were able to collect over 60 bags of leaves to insure the health and beauty of our Naturescape. It was a proud moment for Mr. B to watch the Div 2 kids work together in harmony to do this job. Our Naturescape is well set up for the incoming winter.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE?

What should I do if my child will be ABSENT from school?

- email the school at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca, or
- phone the **attendance line at 250-477-6948** and leave a message.
- Please let us know the student's full name, division or teacher's name and reason for the absence (i.e. illness, vacation or appointment, etc.).

What should I do if my child will be ARRIVING LATE to school?

- email the school at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca, or
- phone the **attendance line at 250-477-6948** and leave a message.
- Please let us know the student's full name, division or teacher's name and estimated time they will arrive at school.
- ***When your child arrives at school, please sign them in on the clipboard in front of the office.***

You are welcome to email your child's teacher as well, but it is important that the office staff know of any absences or lates as we update the student attendance system.

Our attendance system sends an automated email and/or phone call to the parent(s) if the office has not received a phone call or email from a parent regarding their child's absence. This is to ensure all students are accounted for.

Thank you for your help.

Dressing for the Weather



The wet, sometimes windy, west coast winter weather is upon us. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible). Our students go out for recess, exercise activities, and neighbourhood walks. Some field trips also involve students being outdoors for extended periods of time, even when the weather is wet and windy.

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