



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Dates to Remember

November

- Thurs. 14 - Newsletter Day
- Braefoot Wear sales end today
- Fri. 15 - Winter Concert ticket sales open online
- Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Mon. 18 PAC Meeting 7 pm—Virtual Meeting (see page 4)
(Note date change and meeting format)
- 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
- Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Fri. 20 - Report Cards available on line
- Pyjama Day
- Last day of classes before Winter Break

**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/>





Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale



Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

Bake Sale starts in the music room (just past the office) one hour before each show (sale starts at noon and 5:00 pm)

Ticket limit: there is a 2 ticket per family limit per concert due to fire regulations. You can order a maximum of two for the afternoon and two for the evening. These tickets will be attached to the name of each family's youngest/only child and are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Please be aware that once tickets are sold out, you will not be able to order more. We will endeavour to give as many families as possible some tickets before giving out extra tickets. If your child is performing in the winter concert, you do not need to buy a ticket for them.

Extra tickets: If there are any extra tickets available, you may request up to two for both performances. This option will open on Wednesday, December 4 and close on Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 pm.

After this, if you would still like more tickets, please email the office (braefoot@sd61.bc.ca) to be added to our waitlist, noting:

1. your youngest/only child's name and
2. how many extra tickets you would like and
3. for which concert - afternoon or evening

How you get your tickets once they have been ordered:

All tickets will be sent home by Monday, December 9th with your youngest/only child. The afternoon performance tickets will be on yellow cardstock and the evening tickets will be on blue cardstock. Please ensure you bring your ticket to the concert in order to be entered in a draw for Purdy's chocolates, donated by our PAC.

Grade 5 Bake Sale: Grade 5 families will be selling baked goods one hour before and after each concert. Money raised from this delicious event will support the special events and activities the Grade 5's cherish as they complete their final year at Braefoot. Arrive early – we often sell out.

Tickets open online: <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/> Friday, November 15

Tickets close online: Sunday, December 1 at 9:00 pm

Extra tickets open online: (if available) Wednesday, December 4

Extra tickets close online: Sunday, December 8 @ 9:00 pm – unless they sell out before

Tickets go home: by Monday, December 9 with your youngest/only child.

*****If you have difficulty ordering online, please contact us at: braefoot@sd61.bc.ca*****

****Instructions for paying online are on the following page. ****

Register Today!

1. Create Your Profile

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

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.

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.**

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.

Purchase these items and more online.

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

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*.

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.

*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**.

NEW DATE AND FORMAT FOR NOVEMBER PAC MEETING

Monday, November 18 at 7 pm

Braefoot Parents:

We are shifting this month's PAC meeting to a virtual forum and changing the date from Tuesday to Monday. This online meeting will be held on **Monday, November 18th at 7 pm** and can be accessed using the following link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTE1NWJIZTctMWU4NS00ZjhILTKxOTAtMWY2NGEyNzM5OWJj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%224e123748-aef8-4716-9afe-6ed0473f28fd%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22aa4ee9cc-e233-4a67-9ac1-7f0e1ced7e97%22%7d

Anyone interested may attend.

Braefoot Elementary Winter Store 2024

Online Spiritwear Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/bews2024

BRAEFOOT

This store closes on November 14th at 11:55 PM
Expected Delivery around Mid - December

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DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

Please pay careful attention to youth/adult sizing.
We will not be able to accept returns or exchanges on customized items.

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CUSTOM ONLINE STORES

MacBook Air

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>

Soccer Jamboree

Last week, the Grade 4 and 5 students from Braefoot joined in a Soccer Jamboree! The students played against several other schools in the Reynolds family of schools at the nearby Braefoot Turf. It was a cold and wet day but the students continued to play hard and have fun. Many thanks to Mr. Samuelson who coached the team this season!



Braefoot Families in Need



As Braefoot School has done in the past, we will be able to provide hampers for families in need within our own school community. If you know of such a family, or would like to put your family's name in for consideration, please contact Mr. McCoy directly at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca

Please be assured that emails will be kept confidential.

Staff vs Student Soccer Game

Last week, the Grade 5 students were in a head-to-head match with the Braefoot Staff in the annual Staff vs Student soccer game. This longstanding tradition continues, thanks to Mr. Bryan! Despite the widening age gap of staff to students, at one point the staff were beating the students 3-0. The students were fighting hard but just couldn't get a goal in when something happened that changed the whole game! Two university aged men (who just happened to be practicing on the other side of the turf) joined forces with the Grade 5s! In no time, the students tied the match and it went to a shootout. Thanks to a well-placed shot by Mrs. Thomas, the staff ended up squeaking out a win! So, the Braefoot Staff are once again, the champions of the annual Staff vs Student Soccer Match!



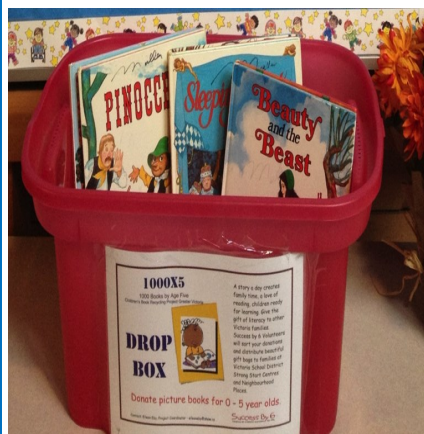
HALLOWEEN

Halloween was as exciting as always at Braefoot! The entire staff of Minions was commanded by Gru (aka Mr. McCoy) and the children dressed in costumes that ranged from scary to sweet! While the older students went to Luther Court to visit the residents there, the youngest students in the school participated in the Halloween Howl in the gym. It was a fun day at the school and filled with Halloween spirit!



3 Books = 1 Gift

Help with a literacy gift for others



This is the beginning month of the three book challenge.

As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts.

Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in Braefoot Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 711 books, enough for gift bags of books to 237 children.

Let's make it happen.

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the Library.



Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support the Braefoot PAC?

Braefoot families,

This year, we're hoping to raise money for PAC to support events and activities at Braefoot by teaming up with Purdys for holiday treats!

From now until **December 1**, you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Winter fundraising chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. Orders will be ready to pick up on December 11th at the school's Winter Concert (there will be a couple of other alternative pick up times for those who aren't able to attend the concert).

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number: 78369
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2000334-122446>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, please share this fundraiser link!

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

Thank you,
Braefoot PAC



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 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
- June 6—Pizza & Booster Juice



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.

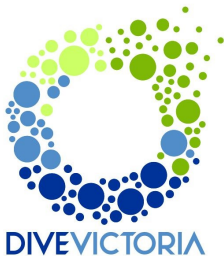
We are looking forward to another year of tasty lunches!

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

LEARN TO DIVE



REGISTRATION FOR WINTER 2025
OPEN NOW!



LEARN-TO-DIVE KIDS

Age 5 - 8

LEARN-TO-DIVE YOUTH

Age 9-15

LEARN-TO-DIVE ADULT

Age 16+

DIVEVICTORIA.CA

LEARN-TO-DIVE with Dive Victoria! We offer introductory springboard and platform diving classes for children age 5-8 & 9-15 years at Saanich Commonwealth Pool. Learn the basics of diving in a fun and safe environment! Must be able to swim independently in the deep water to participate. Registration is NOW OPEN for Winter 2025 programs.

We are also offering **FREE** one-day "TRY DIVING" class on Saturday, December 7th, 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Saanich Commonwealth Pool. Please email us at divevictoriainfo@gmail.com to register!

Visit www.divevictoria.ca or email us at divevictoriainfo@gmail.com for more information.