



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Dates to Remember

November

Thurs. 28 Newsletter Day

Fri. 29 Hot Lunch—Subway

December

Sun. 1 - Winter Concert ticket sales close online at 9:00 pm
- Last day to order Purdys Chocolates

Wed. 4 Extra Ticket sales for Winter Concert open online
(if available)

Fri. 6 Winter Fun Family Project due back

Sun. 8 Extra ticket sales for Winter Concert close at 9 pm
(if not sold out before)

Mon. 9 Winter Concert tickets sent home with youngest/
only child

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

Thurs. 19 Hot Lunch—White Spot

Fri. 20 - Report Cards available on line
- Pajama Day
- Last day of classes before Winter Break

**Winter Break is December 23
to January 3.**

**Students return to school on
Monday, January 6.**

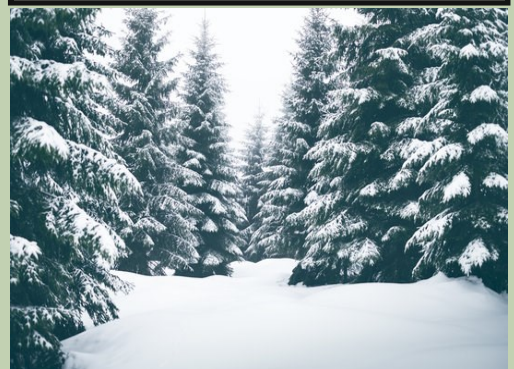
The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territories we live and do our work.

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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 library (just past the office) one hour before each show (sale starts at noon and 5:00 pm)

Ticket Limit

There is a two 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. If you have not set up an account in your youngest child's name before at Braefoot, you will need to do that before you can purchase tickets.

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 purchase 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.

There are 3 opportunities to purchase tickets:

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

If you would still like more tickets after ordering extra tickets online and if they are available, please email: braefoot@sd61.bc.ca

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****

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**.

Braefoot's Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale Fundraiser
Wednesday, December 11 @ 1:00 & 6:00 pm



Hello Braefoot Families!

We are excited to have you join us on December 11 for our Winter Concert!

We know that evenings can be tricky for some families, but we strongly encourage all students to attend the evening concert. If your child will not be present, please let the classroom teacher know. For those joining us at our evening concert, **classroom teachers will be ready to welcome your child at 5:45 pm**. Please stay for the duration of the program and you may pick up your child from their classroom at the end of the concert.

Concert dress for both the afternoon and evening concerts will be communicated by classroom teachers. Please look out for this information in your child's planner.

Tickets will be going home on Monday, December 9 with the youngest or only child for families that have purchased tickets.

The Grade 5 bake sale will be held in **the library (new location)** one hour before and after the afternoon and evening concerts.

Please Consider Donating

- The Music Program will use money raised from the Winter Concert to purchase new ukuleles. There will be a jar for donations at the concert.
- If you are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the concert. The food donations will be used for hampers that Braefoot School is distributing to families in need within our own school community.



Winter Fun Family Project



We would like to invite your family to take part in our annual Braefoot Winter Fun Family Project. We are sending home one tag board per family with a pencil tracing of a giant tree drawn for you and your family to decorate together. These will be sent home early next week with your OLDEST/ONLY child. All the decorated trees will be displayed on the gym walls for the Winter Concert.

Instructions:

- Cut out your tree.
- Start decorating! You may use buttons, paints, felts, material, cotton balls, ribbons, family photos, foamie shapes and so on to decorate your tree. Please be aware of the weight of things attached so that the tree will stick to the walls and stay there.
- Write or use decorations to add your **FAMILY NAME** on the **FRONT** of your tree.
- Write your **OLDEST/ONLY STUDENT'S NAME AND DIVISION** on the back!

Please return your tree by Friday, December 6th to the tables in front of the office.

We will need parents to help hang the trees in the morning on Tuesday, December 10th. Anyone able to help, please email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca

Thank you,
The Braefoot Family Fun Team

Braefoot Food Hamper Donations



As Braefoot School has done in the past, we will be providing hampers for families in need within our own school community.

If you are able to, please bring in donations of non-perishable food items to fill up the hampers.

Families can bring in donations starting on Monday, December 2nd.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, hoodies and other items.

Please let your child know that the lost and found is located under the stairwell going upstairs to Mrs. Theim's classroom.



Please note, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity before the winter break.

Braefoot Winter Sweater Day

Friday, December 13



Wear or be creative with a Winter sweater.

We cannot wait to see all the wonderful wintery sweaters that the students and staff will be wearing.

Preparing for Grade 5 Transition to Middle School



If you have a student in Grade 5 at Braefoot, **could you please ensure the school office has your most up-to-date address.** If your address has changed since you signed the student verification form in September, please let us know. Grade 5 students no longer automatically follow a pathway to middle school, and they will be registered at their catchment middle school.

Grade 5 families will receive a letter in January about the student transition process into middle school. Letters will be sent home with the pre-transition catchment school and transfer information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Parents of children born in 2020,

We are approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District 61. Please visit the school district website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child. Registration is done online through the School District 61 website.

- **English Kindergarten**

Registration opens online at 8:00 am on January 27, 2025 and closes on January 31, 2025.

- **Early French Immersion** (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

Registration opens online at 8:00 am on January 13, 2025 and closes on January 17, 2025.



Grade 5 Fundraiser

White Spot Lunch— December 19

Don't forget to place your order for the White Spot lunch! Visit www.braefoot.hotlunches.net to place your order. This is a fundraiser organized by grade 5 parents to support activities and events for grade 5 students to celebrate their last year at Braefoot School.



We appreciate your support!





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 available to place 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 29—Subway
- December 13—Pizza & Booster Juice
- December 19—White Spot
- January 10—Subway
- January 23—Pizza & Booster Juice
- February 7—Subway
- February 21—Pizza & Booster Juice
- February 28—White Spot
- 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

3 Books = 1 Gift The Challenge Continued



Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 800 of your books.

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge.

As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 10 dedicated volunteers.

To donate books to the 1000x5 Children's Book Recycling Project, please drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the school library.