



# BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, January 23, 2025

## Dates to Remember

### January

- Thurs. 23      Newsletter Day  
- Andy the Musical Scientist—Performance  
- Hot Lunch—Pizza & Booster Juice
- Fri. 24      Pro-D Day (school not in session)
- Mon. 27-31    Kindergarten Registration/Kindergarten Transfer week  
& Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration  
**CLOSES on Friday, January 31, 2025**

### February

- Thurs. 6      Newsletter Day
- Fri. 7      Hot Lunch—Subway
- Mon. 10-13    District Student Transfer Process for K-12  
**CLOSES on Thursday, February 13, 2025**
- Fri. 14      Pro-D Day (school not in session)
- Mon. 17      Family Day (school not in session)

*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/>

All registrations are done on line at:  
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/online-registration/>



# REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

All registration has moved to an online process. Please refer to the following link <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/> that details all documents that are required and how the online process will work for registration. Click on one of the apps that meet your needs.

## Kindergarten Registration App—**OPEN JAN 27 to JAN 31**



Use this app to complete a registration/transfer request for your child entering English Kindergarten. Registration is currently closed. **Kindergarten Registration/Transfer Week is January 27 to 31, 2025.** Use this app to register your child if they were born in 2020.

## Late French Immersion—**OPEN JAN 27—JAN 31**



Any student entering Grade 6 can enroll in Late French Immersion in the Greater Victoria School District. Registration for Late French Immersion will occur during the week of January 27 - 31, 2025. Late French Immersion is offered at four dual-track middle schools: Arbutus Global, Central, Lansdowne and Shoreline. No prior knowledge of French is expected or required. If your child is interested in registering for Late French Immersion, please visit our [Late French Immersion page](#) for more information about the program, and how to register to be a part of it. Please be sure to watch the five minute video introduction to Late French Immersion and explore the "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

To register for the grade 6 Late French Immersion program, please use this app. This app will go live on the morning of **January 27 and will be open until 3:00 pm on January 31, 2025.** All student placement will be based on district student enrolment priorities. For schools where there are fewer spaces than the number of applicants, a lottery will take place in accordance with student enrolment priorities. If you are wanting your child to attend the Late French Immersion program, and you are willing for your child to attend a school other than your catchment school, please indicate which of the alternate schools your child would attend.



## Anytime K-12 Registration App -**Always Open for registration for current school year only**

Use this app to register a student who is new to the Greater Victoria School District for the **current** school year (2024-25).

If you have any questions about registering your child for Kindergarten, French Immersion or to transfer your child to another school, please refer to the following link on the SD61 website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>

## Grade 5 District Transfer Process—February 10 to 13

Forms must be returned to the Braefoot office by **3:30 pm on Thursday, February 13th**.

Important points that you should note about student transfer:

- A) If you would like a form sent home with your student during the week of February 10-13, please email the office at [braefoot@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:braefoot@sd61.bc.ca).
- B) If your desired destination school has space issues, **the choice will be made by lottery**. It is not first come, first served.
- C) More information about the District Transfer Process is available on the School District 61 website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>. Transfer forms are available to print on this page.
- D) If you do not have your child's PEN, the office will enter that for you.



### ATTENTION GRADE 5 PARENTS

Grade 5 families have been emailed a letter with information about which Middle School their child will attend next year.

The intent of the letter is to:

1. Share with families the revised priorities at levelled transitions.
2. Communicate where their student will be registered at middle school according to their catchment area.
3. Provide a link to more information regarding **English** school pathways located on the School District 61 website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/school-pathways-transition/>
4. Provide information regarding transfer opportunities.

This is a reminder that Grade 5 students no longer “automatically” follow a pathway, and they will be registered at their catchment schools. The K-12 Student Transfer Process is **Monday, February 10—Thursday, February 13 at 3:30 pm**. Please ensure the school office has your correct address. If your address has changed since you signed the verification form which was sent out in September, please let us know asap. The District now requires that you include proof of address. For specifics on required documentation, go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

The closure of Late French Immersion at Cedar Hill leaves four sites that still offer Late French Immersion to grade 6 students: Arbutus Global, Central, Lansdowne and Shoreline Middle Schools. For information about Late French Immersion registration go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>



## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

*Dear Parents of children born in **2020**,*

*We are quickly approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child.*

*Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above). All required documents needed for the online registration are found here:*

*<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>*

- **English Kindergarten**

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

*We are very excited to meet you and your child. Welcome to School District 61.*



## Grade 5 Fundraiser

**White Spot Lunch— February 28th**  
**Orders are open until - February 21st**

All White Spot lunch orders can be placed on the hot lunch website

[www.braefoot.hotlunches.net](http://www.braefoot.hotlunches.net)

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!



Braefoot Elementary School  
**GRADE 5 BOTTLE DRIVE**



was able to raise

**\$595.56**

**Thank you for all of your donations**



## 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:

- 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
- 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 Program 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.

**If you have any questions, please send an email to [braefootevents@gmail.com](mailto:braefootevents@gmail.com)**

## **SD61 Cold and Flu Season Reminders**

Dear families,

We have reached that time of the year again! It is cold and flu season. As students return to classrooms for the new school year, as the leaves start to turn and the temperature drops, the tissues and sneezes begin to appear. Additionally, with COVID-19 circulating within our community, it is important to take extra precautions.

Please remind your child of the following important habits:

- **Make sure to wash hands frequently.**
- **Avoid touching face, mouth, or eyes.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing by leaning into your elbow or using a disposable tissue. Quickly throw away any used tissues and wash or sanitize your hands after.**
- **Respect the personal space bubbles of other students.**
- **Stay home when sick!**

Please monitor your children daily for any cold or flu-like symptoms. In accordance with the Public Health Guidelines, students and staff are asked to stay home when sick or displaying any symptoms of sickness. If students develop symptoms throughout the day while they are at school, they will be reminded to use tissues or lean into their elbow to cover their coughs and sneezes. If required, an office staff member will contact you to arrange a pickup of your sick child. These protocols are in place to lower the risk of transmission of communicable disease and to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

For more information on the health and safety protocols implemented in our schools go to: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-communicable-disease-guidelines.pdf>