



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Dates to Remember

January

Fri. 10 Hot Lunch—Subway

Mon. 13-Fri. 17 Early French Immersion Registration (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

Mon. 20 PAC Meeting (library)

Wed. 22 Jersey Day

Thurs. 23 - Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Newsletter Day

Fri. 24 Pro-D Day (School not in session)

Mon. 27 Kindergarten Registration/ Kindergarten Transfer Week and Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration **BEGINS**

Fri. 31 Kindergarten Registration/ Kindergarten Transfer Week and Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration **ENDS**

February

Thurs. 6 Newsletter Day

Fri. 7 Hot Lunch—Subway

Feb.10-13 K-12 Student Transfer Process; deadline Feb. 13 @ 3:30

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize the Songhees & 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/>

English & French Immersion Kindergarten Registration, Kindergarten Transfer & Grade 6 Late French Immersion Registration can be done online at:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/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 placements 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/>



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). Early French Immersion registration (for Kindergarten or Grade 1) is January 13-17 and English Kindergarten registration is January 27—January 31. 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.

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

Registration opens online at 8:00 am on January 13, 2025 and closes on January 17, 2025. This is a registration week for K and Grade 1 French Immersion. All placements are done automatically by our catchment priorities by lottery selection. No need for rush or panic.

Only three priorities should apply (*catchment area sibling, catchment area child, non-school district child*) because we are asking families to register at their French Immersion catchment school.

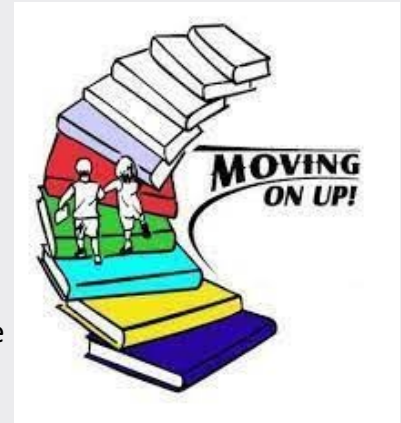
Our registration is done electronically in our Registration app: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>

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



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 notify the school of your new address, along with the required supporting documents.
- Grade 5 students do not “automatically” follow a pathway, and they will be registered at their catchment school according to the address currently on file at the school.



Grade 5 families will receive a letter in January which includes the catchment middle school their child will be registered at and information on the option to apply for a transfer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 5 FAMILIES

Grade 5 District Transfer Process

February 10 to 13, 2025

Forms must be returned to the Braefoot office by **3:00 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. Forms will only be accepted during this week.
- B) If your desired destination school has space issues, **the choice will be made by lottery**. It is not first come, first served. There is no advantage to getting your form in first.
- 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.

*Please note: The transfer forms are not available until Monday February 10th.

Braefoot Elementary School
GRADE 5 BOTTLE DRIVE
SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY REFUNDABLES!

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9am - 12pm

Braefoot Elementary School Parking Lot
1440 Harrop Road

All refundable items accepted: plastic/glass bottles, cans, juice boxes, milk containers



Do you have Clothing to Spare?

The office keeps a small supply of used clothing that students can borrow if needed. For example, if they forget to bring a coat to school or slip in the mud. At the moment, we are in need of **pants and leggings in size 6 and up.**

If you are cleaning out your child's closet at home and could donate an extra pair of pants or leggings, we would really appreciate it.



PLEASE USE OUR ATTENDANCE SYSTEM

To let the school know that your child will not be coming to school due to illness, etc., please email the school at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or call our attendance line at 250-477-6948 and leave a message.

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

Thank you!

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 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
- 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



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

January 27 - Family Literacy Day
...Donate books to increase early literacy

*Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.
(children's book author Emilie Buchwald)*

Cuddling and reading to your little ones shows that you value reading, builds comfort, enjoyment and early skills that last a lifetime.

Help make that true for those still to gain those habits. **January 27 is National Literacy Day.** As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop of gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the drop box in the..... All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of 350,000books donated over the last 14 years.



Inclement Weather Notifications

During an emergency, inclement weather, power outage, or other similar incident, it is a priority to communicate effectively to parents, students, and community partners. We work closely with local municipalities and emergency services to gather accurate information about road conditions and safety considerations.



We will work quickly to determine impacts to school so parents can adjust plans accordingly in the early morning hours. **We make every effort to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 am.**

School and District-wide closures are communicated through:

- 1. The Greater Victoria School District Website:** <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>
An alert system is utilized on the front page of this website to draw your attention to the most pertinent information. Please use this website as your official source of information.
- 2. Social Media:** Help us share updates by sharing posts with your friends and followers on Facebook ([Greater Victoria School District](#)), Instagram ([@sd61schools](#)), and X ([@sd61schools](#)).
- 3. Local Media:** To reach as many people as possible in a timely fashion, we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets for updates.

Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather

Closure During School Hours

If weather conditions change throughout the day and create a concern for safety, a decision to close a school may be made in collaboration with the school principal and Superintendent. While every effort will be made to keep schools open, parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of an early dismissal. Closure announcements will be made by the aforementioned methods.

- **Elementary and middle schools** – Staff will contact parents and/or emergency contacts. Students may only leave with their parent or caregiver.

Reminder

Please note: we are an all-weather recess school. This means that unless there is an inclement weather event, all students are expected to go outside for our two recess times. **Please dress your children appropriately for the weather of the day.**