



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, Feb 20, 2025

Dates to Remember

Februaury

Thurs. 20 Newsletter Day
Fri. 21 100th Day of School
Hot Lunch—Pizza Booster Juice

Mon. 24 PAC Meeting (virtual) 7pm
<https://meet.google.com/byc-kkmi-hzm>

Wed. 26 Pink Shirt Day

March

Thurs. 6 Newsletter Day
Deadline for 2025/26 requests for special
consideration regarding class placements

Fri. 7 Hot Lunch—Subway

Mon. 10 Victoria Symphony in Schools Concert—1pm

Fri. 14 Irish Dance Performance
Tropical Day
Report Card Day
Last Day of Classes before Spring Break

*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/>





STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2024-2025

Staff and administration will soon be working on the tentative placements of students for next year. If you have any input for us regarding the placement of your child, now is the time to send this in writing to Mr. McCoy at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca. We will attempt to incorporate your suggestions in our plans. Your letter should outline educational reasons that you feel are important to your child's school achievement, **not teacher preference. We cannot stress enough that this is not a "request" process.**

There are situations where it will not be possible to incorporate all suggestions because of the many factors involved in building the best possible educational experience for all students. Considerations when we build classes are among the following: peer relationships, the child's social, emotional, and physical needs, balancing behavior, providing challenge and remedial opportunities, multi-age groupings, and creating the most advantageous educational setting possible for all students.

We would like to emphasize that parents' input is respected and incorporated whenever it is organizationally and educationally feasible, but that it is not always possible to fulfill requests. We will begin class building during the next few weeks, but all lists must be considered temporary and confidential until the first week of September, when we can confirm numbers and staffing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. McCoy. Your input should be discussed with your child's teacher or given to Mr. McCoy by **Friday May 3rd**.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

INFORMATION

Dear Parents of children born in 2020,

It's time to register for Kindergarten 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/>

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

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

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.

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/>

Not Returning Next Year?

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are moving on for the 2025/26 school year. It helps us with class planning

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

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!



Gently Used Toy Sale!

On Feb. 28th, the grade 5's will be hosting a gently used toy sale at school. All toys will be \$1, \$2 or \$5. Proceeds will be used for grade five year end celebrations!

Thanks for your support for our grade five classes!



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:

- 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



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



Summer is Just Around the Corner!

The biggest discount of the year is here! Braefoot Community Association is excited to offer a 40% discount on select summer camps for children ages 3-13! From Sports to STEM to Puzzles, Outdoor Adventures, Kayaking, and Fun Days, there's a camp for every child.

As a nonprofit organization, BCA is committed to providing every family in the community to enjoy fun and education camps at affordable prices. Enjoy this discount from March 1st to 31st. Click [here](#) to register.

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2025



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* ages 5 to 13

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Full Days starting from **\$284***

*limited time offer, see website for details

royalsoccerclub.com

800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

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>

