



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Dates to Remember

April

Thurs 17	Newsletter Day Early Dismissal 11:50 am Student Led Conferences—1pm—6pm
Fri 18	Good Friday—School Not in Session
Mon 21	Easter Monday—School Not in Session
Thurs 24	Family Movie Night
Apr 28—May 2	Literacy Week (see page 3 for details)
May 1—	Newsletter Day
May 2nd	Hot Lunch—Pizza/Booster Juice
May 5	Music Monday
May 9	Rugby Tournament @Gordon Head Middle School
May 12—15	Rainbow Week
May 14	Class/Whole School Picture Day White Spot Hot Lunch
May 15	Newsletter Day Grade 5 Transition Day
May 16	Pro D 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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Attendance Reminder

A friendly reminder to please email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or call (250) 477-6948 when your child is going to be absent.

If your child is late, please help them to remember to sign in at the desk by the school office.



STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2025-2026

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, send this in writing to Mr. McCoy at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca, by May 3, 2025. 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 behaviour, 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 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/>

REPORT CARDS – PARENT CONNECT

With Parent Connect, you can give/revoke online permissions and see report cards.

Parent Connect instructional video + info: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect>

Here is the direct link to the sign in page: <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

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



Book Binge

One of the many fun activities we have planned for Literacy Week, is a book binge! We are asking all students to bring in a few books from home that they're done with (and are in decent shape), to donate to the Book Binge. On Thursday May 1st, we'll put all the books out and every child will get a chance to choose one or two new books to take home. Books for the big binge can start coming in next week and can be taken to the library



Literacy Week

April 28th—May 2nd

We are excited to share an entire week of the love of books and reading with our kiddos, and have a lot of fun activities planned!

On Thursday May 1st we are having a school wide book exchange, which means we are looking for donations of gently used books that your family has finished with. Currently we are in need of picture books for younger students, so please check your book shelves!

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| Monday April 28 | D.E.A.R.—Drop Everything and Read |
| Tuesday April 29 | Pajama and Flashlight Reading Day—dress in your coziest jammies and bring a flashlight to curl up and do some reading |
| Wednesday April 30 | Dress As Your Favourite Book Character |
| Thursday May 1st | School Wide Book Binge |
| Friday May 2nd | Human Scrabble and “Buddies and Books” before our School Wide Walk. |

Throughout the week we also have some celebrity guest readers coming in to share a story with some of our divisions. Be on the lookout for Cliff Lequesne from 100.3 the Q, Bailey and Johnny from the Virgin Radio morning show, as well as the Mayor of Saanich!



Chase the Aces!

On a beautiful sunny day last Wednesday, the whole school joined in for an exciting game of *Chase the Aces*! Students were split into Team Odd and Team Even, racing around the playground and swapping cards with big smiles and lots of laughter. The energy was high and the competition friendly as everyone enjoyed being active outdoors. In the end, Team Odd came out on top—congratulations! We can't wait for our next whole school game... *Capture the Flag*, anyone?



Staff Parking Lot

Please remember that our staff parking lot is for **staff parking and daycare drop off only**. Now that warmer weather is upon us, we suggest parking on Braefoot Rd and utilizing our crossing guards to get your children safely to school. If you need to drive to the school, please do not park in our drop off lane. We appreciate your understanding!



Braefoot Elementary School
GRADE 5 BOTTLE DRIVE

SAVE YOUR SPRING BREAK REFUNDABLES!

SATURDAY, April 26th

9am - 12pm

Braefoot Elementary School Parking Lot
1440 Harrop Road



All refundable items accepted!

- Plastic/glass bottles
- Cans
- Juice boxes
- Milk containers

Want to get rid of your recyclables before April 26th?
Drop them off at any Bottle Depot location and apply them to the 'Braefoot Grade 5 Fundraiser' account.

All proceeds support Braefoot's Grade 5 year-end activities.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!

Save your empties for our Grade 5 Bottle Drive on Saturday April 26th, from 9am - noon. We also have an account at the Bottle Depot for anyone who can't make the 26th. To arrange for pick up, please email [**michellelrickinso@gmail.com**](mailto:michellelrickinso@gmail.com)
Thank you for your support!



No One Goes Without!

This is a quick reminder families that no child need miss out on hot lunch due to financial difficulties. Please reach out to our office staff if you are in need of this support. Please email us at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca
This information will be kept confidential.



PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

2024-2025 Hot Lunch Schedule

The hot lunch site is available to place orders: <https://braefoot.hotlunches.net>

- 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.

- May 2—Pizza & Booster Juice
- May 14—White Spot
- May 23—Subway
- June 6—Pizza & Booster Juice

Lost and Found



Once again our lost and found racks and bin are overflowing with jackets, hoodies water bottles and other items.

Please make a point of checking the lost and found bin when you drop off or pick up your child. We know all the items belong to someone within our Braefoot Community. Have a look to see if your missing items are in our lost and found bin. We'd love to see the items go home again!

PLEASE NOTE: In June any items that are not collected from the lost and found are donated to charity.

PAC Page!

Movie Night!

Please join our PAC for a family movie night on April 24th at 5:30 PM in our gym.

Whole pizzas and pizza by the slice are available to pre-order via the hot lunch website (see directions to order on page 7 of this newsletter...orders must be in by April 20th). Bring your blankets and pillows and have dinner picnic style while your family enjoys the movie. Our movie concession will also be open, with

snacks and drinks. Hope to see you there!



Panago Pizza Fundraiser



From May 4th to May 11th the Saanich Panago (1110A McKenzie Ave) will donate \$1 from each pizza sold to the PAC. Not having to make dinner and support the school?? Win-win! Order online at panago.com or call 250-310-0001 to order over the phone.



PAC First Aid Fundraiser

Considering the recent earthquake that many of us felt in March, the PAC wants to make it easy for parents to be prepared. On the island they recommend we have essential supplies for at least 72 hours, ideally up to 1 week. From April 1 until May 15, we have partnered with Canadian Safety Supplies to offer several types of first aid kits and supplies.

Please check your child's bag for a brochure and order form.

*All proceeds go towards upgrading the school's audio/visual equipment!

Announcing the Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff at Braefoot!

Exciting news! Jump Rope for Heart is kicking off at our school on May 20th! Get ready for this year's campaign that puts the "fun" in "fundraising"! Last year, our Jump Rope for Heart Event Day was a huge success. In total, nearly 880,000 students across Canada jumped to support lifesaving research. A big thank you to everyone who participated. With your family's help, this year's Jump will fly even higher – aiming for our school fundraising goal of <\$1000.00!

Leading up to Jump Event Day, we will be having fun getting active and learning EASY healthy habits – stay tuned for more details to come. Don't miss out, register today by creating a personal fundraising page for your child/student ([here's how](#)), at: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/88648>





1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning

14years: 355,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books.

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin in the library

ASL FOR KIDS!

Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre is offering a 6 week American Sign Language course for children in grades 1 - 5.
Taught by Deaf Mom of 4 hearing children.

Saturdays, April 26 - May 31 11:30am - 1:00 pm

or

Thursdays, April 24 - May 29 4:00 pm - 5:30pm



an asl interpreter will be provided during the first class to answer any questions

\$60 per child

Contact our office to register ...



301-3960 Quadra St. Victoria BC



250-592-8144



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Hard of
Hearing
Centre

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2025



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*limited time offer, see website for details

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July 21st - 25th

Game Ready Camp:

August 11th - 15th

COACHED BY:

ETHAN BOAG

5th Year Captain of UVIC Vikes Mens Basketball Team



8-11 YEARS OLD

Boys & Girls
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

12-15 YEARS OLD

Boys & Girls
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

To register or for more information please contact:

250-896-4875
edboag@gmail.com





What parents said last summer:

"My sons both had a great experience at their summer camps this summer, especially the playground camps! My oldest loved it so much he asked to go for an extra week."

"The experience was nothing short of fantastic! The staff are incredibly friendly, attentive and engaging, making sure the kids are always safe while having a ton of fun. My daughter loved the variety of activities, from swimming to creative play, and every day she came home excited to share what she had learned. It's been wonderful to see her grow in confidence and make new friends in such a supportive environment."



"My grandson for his first time at summer camp was respected and supported every day of attending camp. With his diagnosis of autism and ADHD, every camp leader made each day successful. I appreciate time and effort that went in to making my grandson's summer fun."

Summer Camp Philosophy

The City of Victoria is committed to providing safe, inclusive and meaningful recreation opportunities for everyone. Our summer camp programs aim to create a welcoming and respectful environment for children and youth of all cultural and ethnic origins, abilities, gender identities and expressions.

Free Wheelin' Lending Program

The City's Free Wheelin' Program is back this summer at Topaz Park, lending skateboards, scooters and bikes as well as helmets and pads, all free of charge. Program starts July 2.

REFUND POLICY:

All camps require seven days' notice in order to receive a refund or credit.
250.361.0732 | camps@victoria.ca

Registration for all programs opens April 14 at 7 a.m.

victoria.ca/recreation
250.361.0732



Registration opens April 14

A summer of fun awaits in City of Victoria day camps. Programs are available for ages three to 15. View details online and start planning your summer. Spots fill quickly so register early. Registration opens April 14 at 7 a.m.

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CAMP EMERGENCY FORM Digital forms are now part of the registration process.

Summer Inclusion Program

We want your child to have the best possible experience at camp and receive the support they need to thrive. Families can request up to three weeks of inclusion support at no extra cost. Registration opens April 14 at 7 a.m. and spaces are limited. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to join the waitlist. To register follow these steps:

- STEP 1: Register for Summer Camp Inclusion Program.
- STEP 2: Register for desired camp programs. (see inside for list of camps)
- STEP 3: Staff will confirm support by May 31.

REGISTER HERE

For more info visit victoria.ca/accessiblerec or email camps@victoria.ca

Sensational Seas Summer Camp (Ages 6-10)

Join the Seaquaria Ocean Education team for their Sensational Seas Half-Day Camp! Spend five days learning about colourful algae, mysterious marine invertebrates and ocean ecosystems. Campers will see and learn about starfish, sea slugs, crabs and more! Camp days feature games, art, experiments, exploration and recreation! Held at Beacon Hill Park.

Teen Camping Adventure (Ages 11-14)

These amazing camping adventures will make some of the summer's best memories. Try paddle boarding on St. Mary Lake, spend a day kayaking the pristine waters of Long Harbour and enjoy two nights at a gorgeous campsite at Ruckle Park. Never camped before? Don't have a tent? No problem! We can supply one. This trip is perfect for both beginners and seasoned campers.

My First Summer Camp (Ages 3-5)

A first-time camp experience for our young campers! Play, learn and explore with our fun leaders at Crystal Pool. Children will enjoy outdoor creative play, sing songs and make crafts. Children must be fully potty trained to attend.



	WEEK 1 July 2-4 (short week)	WEEK 2 July 7-11	WEEK 3 July 14-18	WEEK 4 July 21-25	WEEK 5 July 28-Aug. 1	WEEK 6 Aug. 5-8 (short week)	WEEK 7 Aug. 11-15	WEEK 8 Aug. 18-22	WEEK 9 Aug. 25-29
SIGNATURE CAMPS	PLAYGROUND CAMPS City Explorers (Ages 6-8) \$117 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Urban Safari (Ages 9-11) \$117 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$159	My First Summer Camp (Ages 3-5) \$125 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Superheroes (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Avengers (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265	PLAYGROUND CAMPS Lego Ninjago (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Ninja Academy (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265	PLAYGROUND CAMPS Magic and Mystery (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Witchcraft and Wizardry (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265	My First Summer Camp (Ages 3-5) \$125 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Water Carnival (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Water Carnival (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265	PLAYGROUND CAMPS Adventurous Science (Ages 6-8) \$156 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Space Race (Ages 9-11) \$156 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$212	PLAYGROUND CAMPS Pokemon Trainers (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Pokemon Masters (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265	My First Summer Camp (Ages 3-5) \$125 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Music Quest (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Groovin' and Movin' (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265	PLAYGROUND CAMPS Wild West (Ages 6-8) \$195 PLAYGROUND CAMPS Survivor Series (Ages 9-11) \$195 Swim 'n' Splash (Ages 8-10) \$265
SPECIALTY CAMPS	BYTE CAMP Foundations in AI (Ages 11-14) \$340 *Camp runs Jun 30, Jul 2-4. ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Jr. Space Engineers and Lego (Ages 5-7) \$365 ICA Adventurers (Ages 6-11) \$200	BYTE CAMP Python Coding Level 1 (Ages 11-14) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Jr. Space Engineers and Lego (Ages 5-7) \$365 ICA Adventurers (Ages 6-11) \$200	BYTE CAMP Introduction to Coding (Ages 9-12) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Jr. Coding and Games with Scratch Jr (Ages 5-7) \$365	BYTE CAMP Graphic Design and Printing (Ages 11-14) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Dungeons and Dragons - The Architect (Ages 8-12) \$365 ICA Explorers (Ages 9-14) \$200	BYTE CAMP 3D Animation (Ages 11-14) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Dungeons and Dragons - The Architect (Ages 8-12) \$365 ICA Explorers (Ages 9-14) \$200	BYTE CAMP 2D Animation on Tablet (Ages 9-12) \$340 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Jr. Minecraft - Amusement Park (Ages 6-8) \$292	BYTE CAMP 2D Video Game Design (Ages 11-14) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Jr. Minecraft - Traveling Into the Future (Ages 6-8) \$365 Sensational Seas Half-Day Camp (Ages 6-10) \$200	BYTE CAMP 3D Printing (Ages 11-14) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Minecraft - Amusement Park (Ages 8-12) \$365	BYTE CAMP Claymation Movie Production (Ages 9-12) \$395 ENGINEERING 4 KIDS Minecraft - Minigames (Ages 8-12) \$365
SPORTS CAMPS	Shredder Skateboard Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 Serve and Smash Youth Half-Day Tennis Camp (Ages 7-13) \$210 Roller Rhythm Skate Camp (Ages 7-12) \$338	Shredder Skateboard Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 RSI 10 Sports Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 Soccertron (Ages 8-14) \$252 Serve and Smash Youth Full-Day Camp (Ages 7-12) \$390	Evolve Skate & Scooter Camp (Ages 6-14) \$295 RSI 10 Sports Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 Tennis, Soccer and Swim Camp (Ages 7-10) \$275 RISE Flag Football Camp (Ages 9-14) \$395 Serve and Smash Youth Half-Day Tennis Camp (Ages 7-13) \$210 Roller Rhythm Skate Camp (Ages 7-12) \$338	Shredder Skateboard Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 RSI Racket Sports Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 Serve and Smash Youth Half-Day Tennis Camp (Ages 7-13) \$210 Roller Rhythm Skate Camp (Ages 7-12) \$338	Evolve Skate & Scooter Camp (Ages 6-14) \$236 Eli Pasquale Basketball Full-Day Camp (Ages 8-14) \$201.60 Eli Pasquale Basketball Half-Day Camp (Ages 6-9) \$124 Eli Pasquale Basketball Half-Day Camp (Ages 10-14) \$124	Shredder Skateboard Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 RSI Racket Sports Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 Soccertron (Ages 8-14) \$252 Serve and Smash Youth Full-Day Camp (Ages 7-13) \$390	Girls and LGBTQIA2S+ Shredder Skateboard Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 RSI 10 Sports Camp (Ages 7-12) \$300 Tennis, Soccer and Swim Camp (Ages 7-10) \$275 RISE Flag Football Camp (Ages 9-14) \$395 Serve and Smash Youth Half-Day Tennis Camp (Ages 7-13) \$210	Evolve Skate & Scooter Camp (Ages 6-14) \$295 Eli Pasquale Basketball Full-Day Camp (Ages 8-14) \$252 Eli Pasquale Basketball Half-Day Camp (Ages 6-9) \$155 Eli Pasquale Basketball Half-Day Camp (Ages 10-14) \$155	
YOUTH/TEEN CAMPS	JETIN' EXTREME Trampoline Park and Paintball (Ages 10-13) \$260 Teen Extreme (Ages 11-14) \$310	JETIN' EXTREME Mary's Farm, Sidney Spit and Driving Range (Ages 10-13) \$325 Teen Extreme (Ages 11-14) \$310	JETIN' EXTREME River Tubing, Disc Golf and VR (Ages 10-13) \$325 Teen Camping - Saysiaishun (Newcastle Island) Camping (Ages 11-14) \$395	Learn to Lead (Ages 12-15) \$195 Teen Camping - Saysiaishun (Newcastle Island) Camping (Ages 11-14) \$395	JETIN' EXTREME Nerf Battle, Dragon Boating and Malahat Skywalk (Ages 10-13) \$325 Teen Outdoor Jr. Guides (Ages 11-14) \$248	JETIN' EXTREME Arcade, Beach BBQ and Kayaking (Ages 10-13) \$260 Teen Outdoor Jr. Guides (Ages 11-14) \$248	JETIN' EXTREME Bowling, Rock Climbing and Paddleboarding (Ages 10-13) \$325 Teen Camping - Salt Spring Island (Ages 11-14) \$395	JETIN' EXTREME Laser Tag, Hiking and Board Game Cafe (Ages 10-13) \$325 Teen Camping - Salt Spring Island (Ages 11-14) \$395	JETIN' EXTREME Wildplay, Axe Throwing and Mini Golf (Ages 10-13) \$325

* Extended Care is available for these programs. Extended Care hours include 7:30-9 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.

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