



# BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, April 3, 2025

## Dates to Remember

### April

Thurs. 3	Newsletter Day
Fri. 4	Hot Lunch—Pizza/Booster Juice
Tues. 8	Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly
April 9	Theme Day—Dress Your Favourite Sport
Mon. 14	PAC Meeting 7pm
Wed 16	Hot Lunch—Subway
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

*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](mailto: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*





## 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](mailto: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 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/>*

Braefoot School is looking for donations of gently used booster seats. If you have any your children have outgrown, we're happy to take them off your hands!



## 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



# Student Led Conferences

**Thursday, April 17th 1:00pm-6:00pm**

**\*\* The booking site below will be available from Friday, April 4 until Wednesday, April 16\***

**Student Led Conferences** – will happen in your child’s classroom on Thursday, April 17 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.

We will **dismiss early at 11:50am**. Up to 4 families may book at the same time. Time slots are 15 minutes in length, unless your child’s teacher has arranged something else.

Below you will find information on how to book your conference online.

Please follow the steps below to make sure your conference gets booked correctly. If you have any questions please contact the office or your child’s teacher.

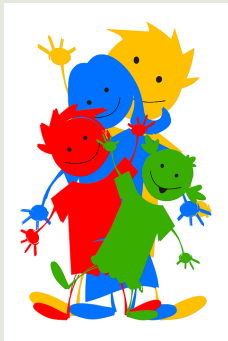
## **How to book your Student-Led Conference time online**

Here is a quick video for parents on scheduling a parent/teacher conference using Microsoft Bookings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLbr8vhNvYo>

1. **DIVISIONS 1—10 ONLY** Copy and paste this link: <https://outlook.office.com/owa/calendar/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/s/M9HMo9DEx00I8A2d3HKcsg2>  
**DIVISION 11 ONLY (Ms. Kim)’s kindergarten class** copy and paste this link <https://outlook.office.com/book/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/s/C55300-mgU6STXJAz6kB2g2>

2. Select the date from the calendar for your conference: Thursday, April 17th
3. Select your child’s classroom teacher (Although the website indicates that it is optional, it is **not optional** – we are unable to change the title the program gave to the section but you must select a teacher to book correctly)
4. Select an available conference time for that day with your child’s teacher
5. Fill in your name, your email address, phone number and your child’s name as required
6. Check the reminder box that you have selected the correct teacher for your conference
7. Click the ‘Book’ button to complete the process
8. You will receive a confirmation email confirming your conference time
9. Please note that if you use a phone number from outside B.C. your reminder may reflect that time zone.



***You will need to repeat these steps for each of your children***

## Staff Parking Lot

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



## Victoria Sings



Congratulations to the Braefoot Choir for their performance at Victoria Sings last month. Over 200 students from five different schools came together to sing for this special concert. Victoria Sings concerts take place every two years, and bring together elementary, middle, and secondary school choirs from schools across the SD61! We are proud of the Braefoot Choir for their hard work, and for being great representatives of Braefoot Elementary!

## New Staff Members!

Please welcome three new staff members to our Braefoot Community. All three are Education Assistants who you will see working throughout the school

Manar Abu Aqulah

Michiko Davis

Anne Brown

Welcome to Braefoot!



## 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](mailto: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>

- 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:



- April 4—Pizza & Booster Juice
- March 7—Subway
- April 16—Subway
- May 2—Pizza & Booster Juice
- May 23—Subway
- June 6—Pizza & Booster Juice

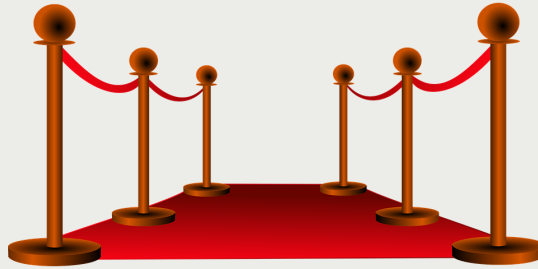


For the caffeine enthusiasts, Level Ground coffee is also available for order through the site.

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.

## Save the Date For a PAC Movie Night!

April 24th in the Braefoot Gym. This is a free event put on by our PAC! Movie is "to be determined" Panago Pizza will be available for dinner and a movie out! More details to come...



## Panago Pizza Fundraiser



From May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!**

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. Thank you for your support!

The Braefoot Wear Store is officially open for Spring order. Get your orders in by April 16th, and delivery will be in early May. Click [here](#) to order



**Braefoot Elementary Spring Store 2025**  
Online Spiritwear Apparel Store

store.passionsports.ca/bess2025

This store closes on April 16th at 11:55 PM  
Expected Delivery around early May

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Presenting Partner



## Support heart health with Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fundraiser that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back.

### Here's why we're participating

1. Money raised by our school helps Heart & Stroke drive important heart and brain research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event for all abilities to get kids moving and help them discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back! Students can earn thank you gift cards from Indigo, Amazon or Walmart based on their fundraising level as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

### How does Jump Rope for Heart work?

#### At school:

- Starting today, we'll be practicing some awesome skipping and heart-pumping activities!
- We'll be learning about Heart & Stroke's Easy Healthy Habits to keep our hearts and brains strong and healthy to help prevent heart disease and stroke
- It all leads up to our Jump Event Day, where we'll celebrate what we've learned and the funds we've raised with fun jump rope stations, games, activities, and more. It's going to be a blast!

#### At home:

- You can help support lifesaving research by collecting donations from family and friends.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Fundraising starts now until our Jump Event Day
- Jump Rope for Heart uses an online fundraising platform. To register, create a personalized fundraising page for your child using the link below. When you register, you'll also get:
  - o Helpful fundraising tips and ideas
  - o Information and tools about the EASY Healthy Habits
  - o Insights into Heart & Stroke's life-saving work

#### Our Jump Event Day is:

**Tuesday May 20, 2025**

To learn more about Jump Rope for Heart visit [jumpropeforheart.ca](https://jumpropeforheart.ca)

#### Register Now!

[Braefoot Elementary - Victoria](#)

or visit [jumpropeforheart.ca/registration](https://jumpropeforheart.ca/registration) and search for your school



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