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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Dates to Remember

September

- Thurs. 18 Newsletter Day
Terry Fox Run
- Mon. 22 Pro D Day –School Not in Session
- Tues. 23 PAC AGM 7pm Library
- Thurs. 25 Individual Student Photo Day
- Mon. 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Tues. 30 National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation—School not in session

October

- Thurs. 2 Newsletter Day
- Wed. 8 Dress Your Culture Day
- Mon. 13 Thanksgiving Day —School Not in Session
- Thurs. 16 Newsletter Day
Shake Out BC/Earthquake Drill
- Tues. 21 Photo re-take Day
Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm to 4:30pm
PAC Meeting, 7 pm
- Wed. 22 **Early Dismissal for students at 11:50 am**
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1pm to 6pm
- Fri. 24 Pro-D Day—School Not in Session
- Tues 28 PAC Halloween Dance

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/](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/)



Start Up Packages, Forms and Payments

This week you will have received a link to “Parent Connect” regarding online permissions for your child(ren), i.e. for field trips, computer use, etc. **This only needs to be done once in a child’s time with the Greater Victoria School District.**

For more information about signup and use of Parent Connect, please visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/> .

You and your child have the choice to grant or revoke consent at any time for each of the digital tools based on the privacy considerations for each specific tool listed. Note that there is a Translate option in the main menu in Parent Connect.

If you have any questions regarding the use of digital/online tools, please reach out to your child's teacher and/or principal.

In addition, this week each student will bring home a start up package of paper forms which are not available online. You will need to review, amend, sign and return these forms to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

These documents are critical in assisting our school to contact families in the case of an emergency.

The start up package contains:

- Student Information Verification form
- BC Nutritional Program Information (**this only needs to be returned if you do not want your child to participate or to let us know of any food allergies/sensitivities.**)
- Emergency Release Instructions
- Emergency Release Form
- Please return the completed forms in the envelope provided **directly** to the classroom teacher. Each envelope is personalized. A checklist is included within the letter for online forms and paper forms.

Parent Connect is also the portal you can use to view your student’s report cards.

Welcome Back BBQ

A huge thank you to our PAC for putting on a great evening last night. We were so glad to see so many smiling faces enjoying a warm night and were excited to meet so many families!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on:

- Tuesday, October 21 from 3pm to 4:30pm (regular dismissal time)
 - Wednesday, October 22 from 1pm to 6pm.

Students will be dismissed at 11:50 am on Wednesday, October 22.

Information on how to book appointments will be sent home in the coming weeks.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Individual Picture Day will take place on **Thursday, September 25th.**

All students are photographed on picture day as these photos will be used in the library and our school database.

Information about ordering was sent home last week, so please check backpacks if you haven't seen it.



Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please the office know. You can either **email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca** or phone the **attendance line at 250-477-6948 then press "1"** and leave a message. Please tell us the student's first and last name, division/teacher and reason for the absence (ex. sick, vacation, appointment).

You are welcome to email your child's teacher, but it is important to let the office know as well.

Students who arrive late to school, or who are picked up during the day, must sign **in or out** on the clipboard on the table outside the office.

BRAEFOOT CHOIR

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to join the Braefoot Choir this term. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at lunch recess, from 12:05—12:35 in the music room.

Performances include the Victoria Royals hockey game on Nov. 1st, our Remembrance Day assembly on November 10th and our Winter Concert on December 10th and 11th.



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Looking for Gently Used Books

1000X5 has sent 338,000 of your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into homes where books may be few. This is Year 14 of sending gift bags each with 3 books. Over the year, children may receive 30 books – transforming learning. Please take your gently used books for wee ones to your school and look for the pink bin in the library.

Check out our website for more information: www.1000X5.ca

Planners

Just a quick reminder that the cost of each planner is \$8.00. If you have not already paid, you can do so online on at

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/> or send cash/cheque to school with your student. As always, if payment is a barrier for your family, please let

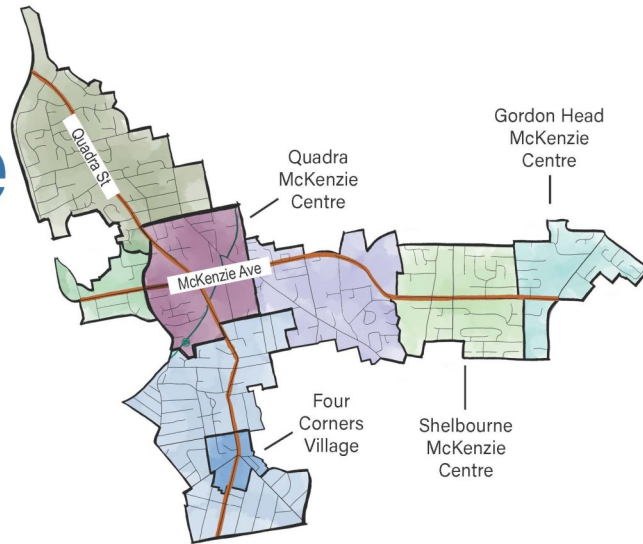


us know. No child will go without.

THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Quadra McKenzie Plan

We are seeking your input on the updated draft Quadra McKenzie Plan.



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Webinars	Wed. Sept. 10, 2025 11:00am - 12:30pm Thurs. Sept. 11, 2025 6:00pm - 7:30pm Tues. Sept. 16, 2025 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Register for webinars online at: saanich.ca/QMP
Open House #1*	Wed. Sept. 17, 2025 4:30pm - 8:00pm	Saanich Municipal Hall 770 Vernon Avenue
Open House #2*	Sun. Sept. 21, 2025 11:00am - 3:00pm	Saanich Municipal Hall 770 Vernon Avenue
Open House #3*	Tues. Sept. 23, 2025 4:30pm - 8:00pm	Saanich Municipal Hall 770 Vernon Avenue
Online Survey	Sept. 1, 2025 - Oct. 1, 2025	Online at: saanich.ca/QMP
Pop-up Events	Refer to webpage for locations and times at: saanich.ca/QMP	

The Draft Quadra McKenzie Plan has been updated. Revisions reflect Council direction, public input, and technical analysis.

Key updates include:

- Reduced land use intensity in Quadra North
- Lower building heights and refined Corridor Hubs
- Removal of McKenzie Corridor lane design concepts (to be addressed through a separate future corridor study)

*Refreshments and childcare/activities provided at open houses



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