



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, Sept. 4th, 2025

Dates to Remember

Sept

Sept 4 - 5	Kindergarten Gradual Entry
Sept 8	First full day of Kindergarten
Sept 12	Braefoot Spirit Day—Wear Red
Sept 17	Welcome Back BBQ
Sept 18	Terry Fox Run Newsletter Day
Sept 22	Pro D Day—School Not in Session
Sept 23	PAC AGM—7pm in the library
Sept 25	Individual Picture Day
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day For Truth and Reconciliation—School Not in Session

Oct

Oct 2	Newsletter Day
Oct 8	Dress Your Culture Day
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day—School Not in Session
Oct 16	Newsletter Day

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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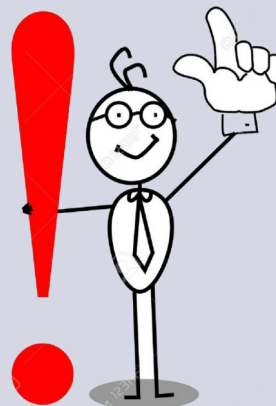
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
THANKSGIVING DAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY
WINTER BREAK
FAMILY DAY
SPRING BREAK
GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER MONDAY
VICTORIA DAY

September 30
October 13
November 11
Dec 22 -Jan 2
February 16
Mar 16—Mar 27
April 3
April 6
May 18

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Monday, September 22
Friday, October 24
Friday, November 21
Monday, January 26 (school chosen)
Friday, February 13
Friday, May 15



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, October 21: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (regular 2:37pm dismissal)
Wednesday, October 22: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. (11:50 a.m. dismissal)

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Thursday, April 16: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. (11:50 a.m. dismissal)

REPORT CARDS

(please note, the dates in our planner are incorrect)

Friday, December 19
Friday, March 13
Thursday, June 25

Start Up Packages, Forms and Payments

- Looking ahead, we wanted to let families know what to expect regarding start up packages, forms and payments.
- In the coming weeks, parents will be emailed information with a link to “Parent Connect” regarding online permissions for their 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.
- In addition, 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 will contain:

- Student Information Verification form
- Emergency Release Form
- Emergency Release Instructions
- Student Planner and online payment instructions. The cost of a student planner is \$8.00. If you are paying cash, please put the form and money in a bag or envelope with your child’s name. No child will be denied a planner because of inability to pay. Planners will be sent home once classes have been set.
- Fruit and Veggie Program (this is a reverse permission form. Only send back if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, or if your child has allergies or special dietary needs.

Please return the completed forms in the envelope provided **directly** to the classroom teacher. Each envelope is personalized. A handy checklist is included within the letter for online forms and paper forms.

BELL SCHEDULE AT BRAEFOOT SCHOOL FOR 2025-2026

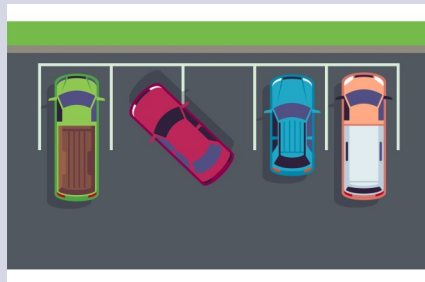
8:30 am	Basic Outdoor Supervision Begins
8:45 am	All teachers meet students at their pre-arranged spots and enter the building together to begin their day
10:05 -10:20am	Morning Recess Outdoor Playtime
11:50 -12:05:pm	Lunch Eating Time
12:05 - 12:35 pm	Lunch Recess Outdoor Playtime
2:37 pm	Dismissal Bell

Parking

Parking can be a bit of a problem here at Braefoot and first and foremost we need to keep our kiddos safe!

- There is no parking in our drop off lane, even for a minute! It's important to keep traffic moving, so please blow your student a kiss and send them on their way!
- If you need to stay with your student, we request that you park on Braefoot and walk up to the school. We have crossing guards both before and after school at the crosswalk. This alleviates congestion on Harrop and gets students moving their bodies before starting their day of learning!
- Lastly, the staff parking lot is for staff only, at all times. There are limited parking spaces available that we share with the daycare. In addition, it causes traffic coming from too many directions while pedestrians are making their way to and from school.

We appreciate everyone following this guidelines and keeping our community safe!



New Faces!

We're thrilled to introduce you to two new staff members at Braefoot. Ms.

Leilani Roberts will be teaching one of our 1/2 classes, and Ms. Rachael Glenn is our new 4/5 teacher. Welcome to

Braefoot Ms. Roberts and Ms. Glenn! We would also like to welcome back Anne Brown, who was an EA with us last year, and we're so lucky to have back again this year!



Ms. Roberts



Ms. Glenn

School Liaison Officers

Please extend a big Braefoot welcome to our two new Police Liaison Officers, Cst. Alex Omoding and Cst. Richard Burdet. Both are members of the Saanich Police, and we are happy to welcome them to our school community!



BRAEFoot STUDENT ATTENDANCE SYSTEM

What should I do if my child will be ABSENT from school?

If your child will be absent from school, please either:

email the school at **braefoot@sd61.bc.ca**, or

phone the **attendance line at 250-477-6948** and leave a message.

Please let us know the student's full name, division or teacher's name and reason for the absence (ie. Illness, vacation or appointment, etc.).

What should I do if my child will be ARRIVING LATE to school?

If your child will be arriving late to school, please either:

- email the school at **braefoot@sd61.bc.ca**, or
- phone the **attendance line at 250-477-6948** and leave a message.

Please let us know the student's full name, division or teacher's name and estimated time they will arrive at school.

When your child arrives at school, please sign them in on the clipboard in front of the office.

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 the student attendance system.

Our attendance system sends an automated email and/or phone call to the parent(s) if the office has not received a phone call or email from a parent regarding their child's absence.

This is to ensure all students are accounted for!

Picture Day!

Save the date, picture day is coming up on September 25th. Bring your brightest smile and start practicing your poses. More

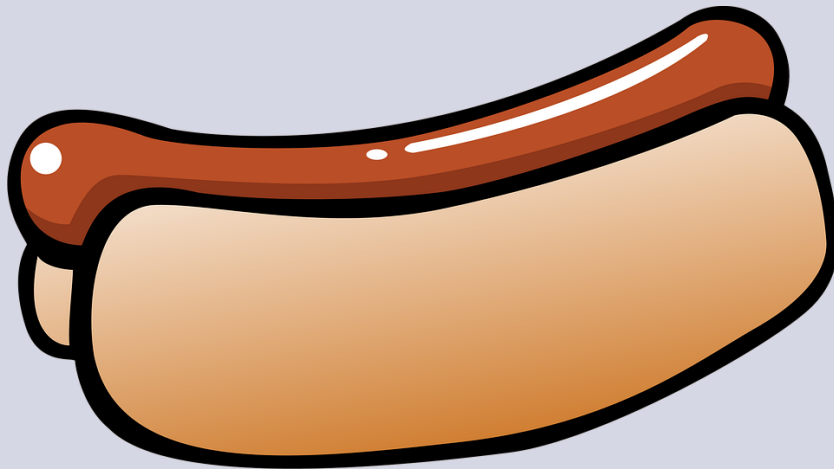
information will be sent home soon.

Say cheese!



Welcome Back BBQ

Please save Sept 17 as the date for our annual Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher Evening. More information will sent home in the coming weeks.



PAC AGM

Our PAC AGM is September 23rd at 7pm in our library. If you've ever wondered how the PAC works or thought of volunteering, this is the perfect opportunity to come and check things out!



BRAEFOOT WEBPAGE AND NEWSLETTERS

The Braefoot School newsletters are emailed to families every second Thursday. We want to remind parents that our Braefoot School webpage has copies of our newsletters as well as other information of use to our entire school community.

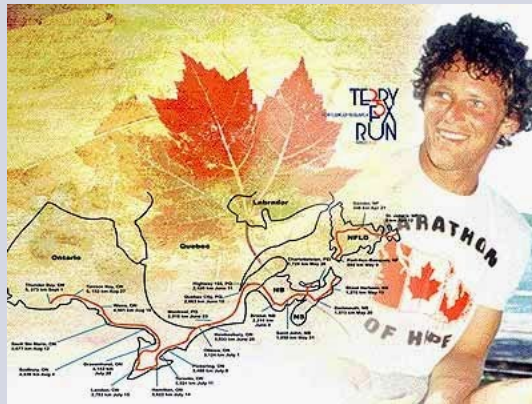
We would encourage parents to check the webpage any time you are looking for information about what is happening at the school.

Go to: <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/>



Terry Fox Run— Thursday Sept 18

Our entire school will be participating in the Terry Fox run on the afternoon of September 18th. We will start with an assembly to talk about Terry, his dedication to finding a cure for cancer, and his incredible perseverance. In addition, we will be collecting loonies and toonies (or a bigger donation) for the Terry Fox Foundation the week of September 15th.



Braefoot Spirit Day—Sept 12

On Friday September 12th, please remember to wear something red, to celebrate our community spirit at Braefoot Elementary. Let's make the school a sea of red and cheer for Braefoot

