



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Dates to Remember

October

Thurs. 2	Newsletter Day
Fri. 3	Link opens to book Parent Teacher meetings at 9:00am
Mon 6	Cross Country Meet @ Lambrick Park 3:45pm
Wed. 8	Dress Your Culture Day
Mon. 13	Thanksgiving Day —School not in session
Tues. 14	Cross Country Meet @ Lansdowne Middle School 3:45pm
Thurs. 16	Newsletter Day Shake out BC Earthquake Drill
Mon. 20	Cross Country Meet @ Beckwith Park
Tues. 21	Photo Retake Day PT Conferences 3pm—4:30pm PAC Meeting, 7 pm in the Library
Wed. 22	Early Dismissal for students at 11:50 am Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 pm to 6 pm
Fri. 24	Pro D Day—School not in session
Mon. 27	Cross Country Finals @ UVic 3:45pm
Tues. 28	PAC Hallowe'en Dance
Thurs. 30	Newsletter Day
Friday. 31	- Costume Day - Hallowe'en Howl for Gr 1 and K

November

Mon 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
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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/>



Parent Teacher Conferences

Braefoot Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and will be held in your child's classroom.

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm and
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm with
Early Dismissal on
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 @ 11:50 am**

1. The sign up link will be available after 9:00 am on Friday, Oct 3.
2. Below you will find information on how to book your conference online. You may book or cancel up to 24 hours before the conference.
3. Please follow the steps below to make sure your conference gets booked correctly. If you have any questions please contact the office braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or your child's teacher.
4. **How to book your Parent Teacher Conference time online:**
5. Here is a quick video for parents on scheduling a parent/teacher conference using Microsoft Bookings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLbr8vhNvYo>
6. After 9:00 am Friday, October 3, click on or copy and paste this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>
7. Select the date from the calendar for your conference (October 21 or October 22).
8. Select your child's classroom teacher (**This 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).
9. Select an available conference time for that day with your child's teacher.
10. Fill in your name, your email address, phone number and your child's name as required.
11. Check the reminder box that you have selected the correct teacher for your conference.
12. Click the Book button to complete the process.
13. You will receive a confirmation email confirming your conference time and a notice one day before your conference.
14. **Reminder – if your phone number is from a different province, the time of your appointment will reflect that time zone.

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



Kindergarten Immunizations

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age).

If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact your local Public Health unit [to book an appointment](#).

For more information about immunization, visit your local Public Health unit if you have any questions



Start Up Packages, Forms and Payments

In September, each student was sent home with 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.

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.

If you have not paid the \$8.00 for the planner, you can pay online at <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/> or pay with cash to your child's teacher.



Orange Shirt Day at Braefoot

In honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day, Braefoot students have been working on an art installation for our fence adjacent to Braefoot Rd. Each student created a picture of a child who is important to them, and they were all tied to the fence before our assembly on Monday.

During the assembly, Ms. Roberts grade 1/2 class read the Land Acknowledgment that they worked on collectively as a class, and Mr. Bryan's Grade 5 class drummed the Residential School Dedication song that was written by the Late Kwikwsutineuk - ahkwamish Chief, Frank Nelson and gifted to School District 61. Principal McCoy spoke to the whole school about knowing the true history of Canada, and the ongoing impacts of the Residential School System.

After the assembly all our students went for a reflective walk around the school and were able to view the art that each child worked on. It was a beautiful day to think about the past and work towards a better future for all Canadians.



Land Acknowledgement by students in Ms. Roberts Grade 1/2 Class

We wish to recognize the traditional territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees peoples.

We love to play with our friends outside.

We love to jump in the leaves.

We love to catch snowflakes with our tongues.

We love to watch flowers bloom.

We love to go to the beach and collect seashells.

We are grateful for where we live, learn, play and grow up.

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FALL CROSS COUNTRY

The Fall Cross Country season has begun!

The first meet was held on Monday at Lambrick Park. The Braefoot runners did a great job running despite the wet weather!

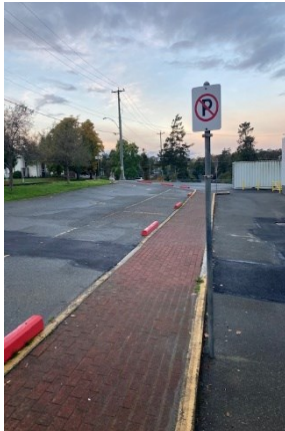
It was another successful meet and we are looking forward to the next meet, Monday, Oct 6th, also at Lambrick Park.

Cross country practices are at the school at 11:35 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Student Drop-Off and Parking at Braefoot

The drive through lane is getting lots of use. Thank you for your efforts to ensure vehicles drive through rather than parking and waiting. We encourage families to use the ample parking along Braefoot Road, with a short walk up to the school. A friendly reminder that the right hand lane of the front drive through is a drop-off only lane as signs help remind us.



Please understand we cannot accommodate large volumes of vehicles in that area before and after school. We have many parent and student walkers, bikers and some with significant mobility issues who require a bit more space, all around the building. The fewer cars we have at school, the safer it will be for everyone.

Please refrain from using the staff parking lot for drop off/pickup of your child. The lot is for staff and the daycare only.

FRIDAY PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

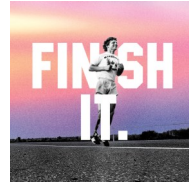
If parents need to pick-up their student early on any Friday, please make arrangements **to come before 1:30 pm.**

Our school participates in a community walk/run every Friday afternoon. We leave at 1:45 and are gone for about 30 minutes.



TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN WELL DONE BRAEFOOT!

Braefoot students raised \$607.60 for this year's Terry Fox School Run. All of our students worked hard running around the field, and this year we were supported by our school liaison officer, Cst. Richard Burdet, who ran in full gear. The theme of the run this year was "Finish It" and it was great to see so many kids who did.



Student Photos

In the next couple of weeks students will bring home their student photo proofs. Families who wish to order photos of their student will be able to do that through Lifetouch Photography.

Lifetouch Customer Care Contact: Questions about fall photos? Package status, errors, how to place orders, etc., Please call Lifetouch Customer Care at **1.866.457.8212** or visit the Lifetouch ordering website: www.mylifetouch.ca to access the online LIVE chat agent.

1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Looking for Gently Used Books



As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the Library. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended. **345,000 books in 14 years!! Thank you.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR ALL!

COME RUN AND CHEER ON THE VIKES!



OCTOBER 25TH, 2025

@ ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

**HOSTED BY:
THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
VIKES**



COMMUNITY RUNS:

**10:00AM -
1KM KIDS SUPER
HERO RUN**

Sponsored by Westshore
Parks & Recreation

**10:30 AM -
COMMUNITY 8KM &
MIXED 4 x 2KM RELAY**

Sponsored by RUNSPORT



SCAN or VISIT:
govikesgo.com/crosscountry

UVIC VIKES RACES:

**12:00 PM - CANADA WEST WOMEN'S 8KM
1:00 PM - CANADA WEST MEN'S 8KM**



BOTTLE DRIVE!

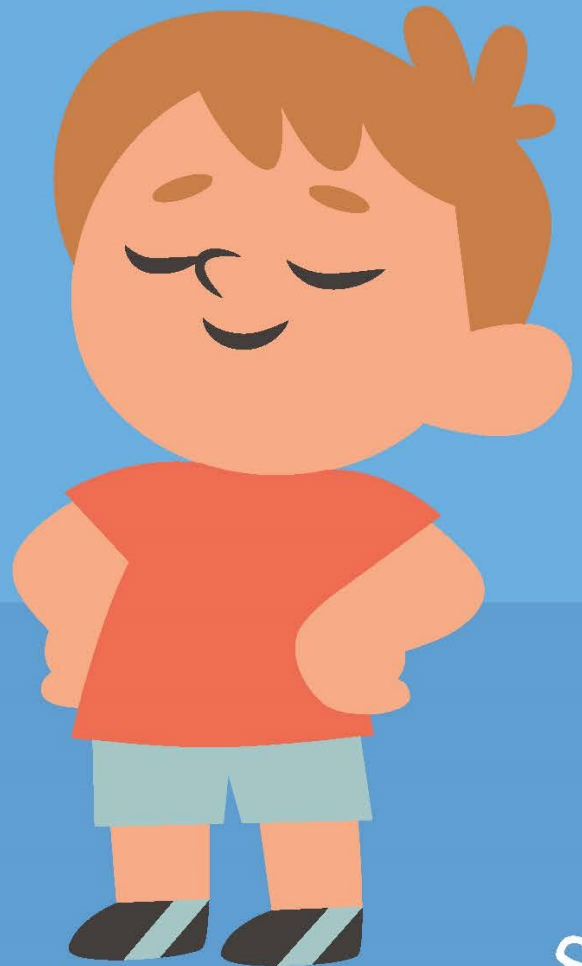
BRAEFOOT FUNDRAISING EVENT

WHERE?

AT THE BOTTOM OF GRANGE ROAD
BY THE GALLOPING GOOSE TRAIL

WHEN?

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, FROM 10AM-2PM



VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! CONTACT: MARIGOLDPROGRAMS@BRAEFOOT.CA