



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Dates to Remember

October

Thurs. 30 Newsletter Day

Fri. 31
- Costume Day
- Halloween Howl for K/1's

November

Thurs. 6
- Let's Get Visible Day
- Winter Concert Tickets on Sale

Fri. 7 Hot Lunch—Subway

Mon. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly

Tues. 11 Remembrance Day—School Not in Session

Thurs. 13 Newsletter Day

Tues. 18 PAC Meeting 7 pm (virtual)

Thurs. 20
- Hot Lunch—Sushi
- Moustache Day

Fri. 21 Pro D Day—School Not in Session

Sun. 23 Winter Concert Ticket Sales Close

Thurs. 27
- Newsletter Day
- Extra Concert Tickets Go On Sale

December

Tues. 2 Winter Concert Extra Tickets Sale Close

Fri. 5 Hot Lunch—Pizza/Booster Juice

Wed. 10 Winter Concert and Gr 5 Bake Sale 1:00

Thurs. 11
- Winter Concert and Gr 5 Bake Sale 1:00
- 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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Please check out our SD61 website
page at: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>



Hallowe'en Fun at Braefoot



At Braefoot School, we encourage and welcome our students to dress up at school for Hallowe'en Day on Friday, October 31st. Many classes have special celebrations and events to mark the day.

We would like to remind parents and students that costumes should not be worn to school, rather that students should plan on changing into their costumes at school. Safety is always our number one priority, so care should be taken to ensure that all costumes allow for good visibility and for easy movement.

Costumes should not include a full face covering. We also ask parents to ensure that all costumes are culturally appropriate. Any item that represents a weapon is not to be brought to school under any circumstances. Excessively violent costumes are also to be avoided at school.

Please contact your child's teacher before bringing in treats or candy that day.

Lifetouch.



Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF
your order!

CODE: F202510OFF

EXPIRES: July 31, 2026

[Redeem Now](#)

Earthquake Comfort Pack—DUE NOW

Each year, we do our best to prepare for the possibility of students having to remain at the school in the event of an emergency. An important part of this program is for parents to prepare a small comfort pack that can be given to their child to calm and comfort them in a stressful time. Please take the time to put a few things for your child in the zip lock bag that was sent home with students. We would like to ensure every child has one!

Suggested items:

- Snack – Granola bar, Power Bar, Fruit bar, small amount of candy (nut free please)
- A letter of comfort from parents/guardians... maybe a special grandparent, aunt or uncle too
- Family photo
- Small comfort toy (teddy, pack of cards, favorite team sports card) – just something to make them smile

Please be advised that the school has a good supply of food, water and emergency blankets thanks to the ongoing support of the Braefoot Elementary PAC

Please return the pack to your child's teacher by Nov. 1



Thank You Root Cellar!

Ms. Boudreau and Mr. Bryan's class walked down to Root Cellar to get over 20 pumpkins to carve together on Halloween day. A big thank you to the Root Cellar for providing the classes with these pumpkins free of charge. We are so grateful to live in such a wonderful community!





BRAEFOOT CHOIR



The Braefoot Choir is singing the National Anthem at the Victoria Royals hockey game on Saturday, November 1 at 6:00 pm. The game takes place at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre.

Family and friends in the Braefoot community are invited to come and cheer on the Royals with us at a discounted price. [Click the link](#) to purchase tickets in our section through the box office online.

Hope to see you there!

Student Drop-Off and Parking at Braefoot

Reminder to please NOT use the staff parking lot OR the spots that are designated for the use of the child care centre for drop off/pickup of your child.

Staff are finding it increasingly hard to find parking spots when they arrive at work, which then starts to impact our neighbours, as staff are forced to park on the street all day.

Please

DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, USE OUR STAFF PARKING LOT TO DROP OR PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS.

We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.



Braefoot Art Club

Thanks to grade 5 students Mariah and Malia for hosting the First Art Club at Braefoot. It was a full house and everyone had a blast. Students in grades 3—5 are welcome to join every Wednesday at lunch in the library. It's so great to have student leaders here at Braefoot.



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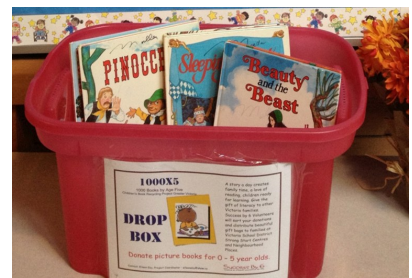
1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater
Victoria

3 Books = 1 Gift

Help with a literacy gift for others.

If each child in Braefoot Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 700 books, enough for gift bags of books to 230 children. Let's make it happen!

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the library.





Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale



Wednesday, December 10th and Thursday, December 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale in the library (just past the office) one hour before each show (noon) and right after each show.

Ticket limit: there is a 2 ticket per family limit per concert due to fire regulations. You can order a maximum of two for each show. These tickets will be attached to the name of each family's youngest/only child and are distributed on a first come, first served basis. If you have not set up a **School Cash Online account in your youngest child's name**, you will need to do that before you can purchase tickets online. Please see the instructions on the next page.

Please be aware that once tickets are sold out, you will not be able to order more. We will endeavour to give as many families as possible some tickets before giving out extra tickets. If your child is performing in the winter concert, you do not need to buy a ticket for them. See below for opening/closing dates.

Extra tickets: If there are any extra tickets available, you may purchase up to two for both performances. See below for opening/closing dates.

After this, if you would still like more tickets, please email the office (braefoot@sd61.bc.ca) to be added to our waitlist, noting:

1. your youngest/only child's name and
2. how many extra tickets you would like and
3. for which concert – Wed Dec 10 or Thur Dec 11

How you get your tickets once they have been ordered:

All tickets will be sent home by Fri. Dec. 5 with your youngest/only child. The Wednesday afternoon performance tickets will be on yellow cardstock and the Thursday afternoon tickets will be on blue cardstock. Please ensure you bring your ticket to the concert in order to be entered in a draw for Purdy's chocolates, donated by our PAC.

Grade 5 Bake Sale: Grade 5 families will be selling baked goods one hour before and after each concert. Money raised from this will help support the special events and activities the Grade 5's cherish as they complete their final year at Braefoot. Arrive early – we often sell out.

There are 3 opportunities to purchase tickets:

1. **Tickets open online:** <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/> Thur Nov 6 @ 10:00 am

Tickets close online: Sunday, November 23 at 9:00 pm

2. **Extra tickets open online:** (if available) Thur. Nov 27 @ 10:00 am

Extra tickets close online: Tue. Dec. 2 @ 9:00 pm – unless they sell out before

3. **If you would still like more tickets after ordering extra tickets online and if they are available, please email:** braefoot@sd61.bc.ca

Tickets go home: by Fri. Dec. 5 with your youngest/only child.

*****If you have difficulty ordering online, please contact us at: braefoot@sd61.bc.ca*****

1. Create Your Profile

Go to <https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/> and click on "Get Started Today".

2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

- ☒ I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details. You may use **your child's usual or preferred name**, as this programme is connected to our school district database.

Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.

Which payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on *School Cash Online* by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheck on *School Cash Online*.

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to: **Braefoot Elementary School**

Cash Online sends out automatic reminders before the deadline. ***If you have paid by cash or cheque***, the system does not detect this and you may receive an email reminder for payment.

*Please note, online payments are connected to our student information system. If you already have an account set up, your child's legal name should appear when you log in to make a payment.

If this is your **first time** signing on, you may use your child's **preferred or usual name**.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE?

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

- 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 (i.e. Illness, vacation or appointment, etc.).



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

- 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 know 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.

Thank you for your help!

Dressing For the Weather!



The wet, windy, west coast winter weather is upon us. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible). Our students go out for recess, exercise activities, and neighbourhood walks in all weather!

PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

2025-2026 Hot Lunch Schedule

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

Please ensure your child's division is up to date!

- 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

- November 7—Subway
- November 20 - Sushi
- December 5—Pizza & Booster Juice
- December 18—Pasta
- January 9—Pizza & Booster Juice
- January 23— Subway
- February 6—Pizza & Booster Juice
- February 20—Sushi
- March 6—Pizza & Booster Juice
- April 2—Pasta
- April 17—Pizza & Booster Juice
- May 1—Subway
- May 22—Pizza & Booster Juice
- June 5—Pasta



for hot lunches:

Booster Juice



SUBWAY



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.

We are looking forward to another year of tasty lunches!

No child will be left out because of an inability to pay. If this is the case, please email the office at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca. All emails are confidential.

If you have any questions, please send an email to braefootevents@gmail.com



Let's Get Visible Day!

Braefoot Elementary School
Thursday November 6, 2025

Dress up in your lightest, brightest,
most sparkly, reflective, or light up
clothing - or all of the above!

The CRD's Ready Step Roll team members will be at
our school around the morning bell giving out
FREE reflective sticker strips for your gear
(jackets, bikes, helmets, scooters, strollers, etc.)

There will be prizes for the MVPs
(Most Visible Participants)