



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Dates to Remember

November

- Thurs. 27 - Newsletter Day
- Extra Concert Tickets go on Sale
- Fri. 28 Family Movie Night
- Sat. 29 - Last day to order Purdys Chocolates

December

- Tues. 2 - Winter Concert ticket sales close online at 9:00 pm
- Fri. 5 - Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Winter Fun Family Project due back
- Mon. 8 Winter Concert tickets sent home with youngest/
only child
- Wed. 10 Winter Concert and Gr 5 Bake Sale 1:00
- Thurs. 11 - Winter Concert and Gr 5 Bake Sale 1:00
- Newsletter Day
- Fri. 12 Winter Sweater Day
- Tues. 16 PAC Meeting—7pm in the library
- Thurs. 18 Hot Lunch—Pasta
- Fri. 19 - Report Cards available on line
- Pajama Day
- Last day of classes before Winter Break

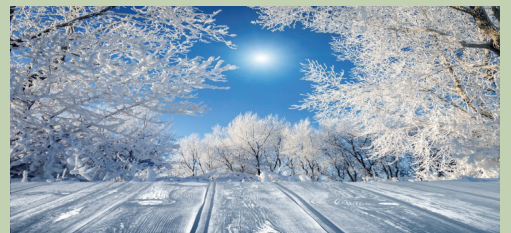
Winter Break is December
22
to January 2.

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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Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale



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

Bake Sale in the library (just past th 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 back.

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.

We are also collecting **non-perishable goods** for the hampers that we give to Braefoot families in need.

Plus, we will have a **donation jar** if anyone would like to give cash to our **music** programme. We are fundraising to purchase more instruments.

No family will be denied tickets due to monetary constraints. Please contact Principal McCoy – cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca

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

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

Register Today!

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**.

For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

Braefoot's Winter Concert and Grade 5 Bake Sale Fundraiser
Wednesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 11th

@ 1:00

Hello Braefoot Families!

We are excited to have you join us on December 10th and 11th for our Winter Concerts!

If the website says tickets are sold out, and you would like extra tickets, please email the school at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca

Concert Dress

Divisions 7, 8, 9—Green Tops (shirts, sweaters)

Divisions 1—6, 10 and 11—Party Clothes (something nice)

Tickets will be going home by Friday, December 5th with the youngest or only child for families that have purchased tickets.

The Grade 5 bake sale will be held in **the library** one hour before the concerts on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please Consider Donating

- If you are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the concert. The food donations will be used for hampers that Braefoot School is distributing to families in need within our own school community.
- In addition, we will also be collecting cash donations at the door for both our music program here at Braefoot, and our food hampers to help support Braefoot families in need.

Winter Concert FAQ's

- Both concerts are regular school days. When the concert ends, you may collect your student from their classroom, but please make sure the teacher knows before you take them.
- Every division in the school will participate in the Winter Concert. Children in grades 3—5 who are in the choir will participate in addition to their class performance.
- Braefoot students **do not** require a ticket as they will only be in the gym for their performance, and will spend the rest of the time in their classroom with their teacher. Everyone else who will be attending will need a ticket.
- All students will participate in both concerts.



Braefoot Elves

The biggest Braefoot thank you to these grade 5 students who traced, labeled, packaged and delivered all the Winter Family Fun Projects to each class. It's so awesome to have such great leadership in our school!



Winter Fun Family Project

We would like to invite your family to take part in our annual Braefoot Winter Fun Family Project. We have sent home one poster board per family with a pencil tracing of a snow globe drawn for you and your family to decorate together. All the decorated snow globes will be displayed on the gym walls for the Winter Concert.

Instructions:

- Cut out your snow globe.
- Start decorating! You may use buttons, paints, felts, material, cotton balls, ribbons, family photos, foamie shapes and so on to decorate your snow globe. **Try not to make it too heavy** as we tape them all to the wall.
- Write or use decorations to add your **FAMILY NAME** on the **FRONT** of your snow globe.
- Write your **OLDEST/ONLY STUDENT'S NAME AND DIVISION** on the back (if the label is missing)

Please return your tree by **Friday, December 5th** to the tables in front of the office.

We will need parents to help hang the snow globes in the morning on Tuesday, December 9th. Anyone able to help, please email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca

Thank you,

The Braefoot Family Fun Team



BRAEFOOT PAC PRESENTS

THE GRINCH

**FREE
ENTRY**



FRIDAY

28 NOVEMBER

5:00-7:30 PM

BRAEFOOT GYM

**CONCESSION ITEMS AVAILABLE
INCLUDING PIZZA BY THE SLICE**

Braefoot Food Hamper Donations

As Braefoot School has done in the past, we will be providing hampers for families in need within our own school community.

If you are able to, please bring in donations of non-perishable food items to fill up the hampers.

Families can bring in donations starting on Monday, December 1.

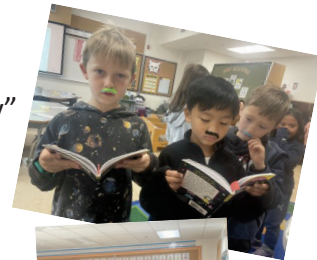
If your family, or a family you know could benefit from a hamper. Please let Mr. McCoy know ASAP at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca

All emails and calls will be kept completely confidential.



Moustache Day

November 20th was “Moustache Day” at Braefoot. We had lots of laughs and it was great to see so many people participate. Thanks to Mrs. Gilmour and the Sowden Family for making sure there were moustaches for all!



LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, hoodies and LOTS of other items.

Feel free to pop in and have a look. The Lost and Found racks are located under the stairwell that is closest to the front of the school, and will be displayed in the hallway on concert days.

Please note, all unclaimed items will be donated

Preparing for Grade 5 Transition to Middle School



If you have a student in Grade 5 at Braefoot, **could you please ensure the school office has your most up-to-date address.** If your address has changed since you signed the student verification form in September, please let us know. Grade 5 students no longer automatically follow a pathway to middle school, and they will be registered at their catchment middle school.

Grade 5 families will receive a letter in January about the student transition process into middle school. Letters will be sent home with the pre-transition catchment school and transfer information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Parents of children born in 2021

We are approaching Kindergarten registration time in the Greater Victoria School District 61. Please visit the school district website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kindergarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child. Registration is done online through the School District 61 website.

- **English Kindergarten**

Registration opens online at 8:00 am on Monday, January 26, 2026 and closes on Friday January 30, 2026.

- **Early French Immersion** (Kindergarten & Grade 1)

Registration opens online at 8:00 am on Monday, January 12, 2026 and closes on Friday, January 16, 2026.

- **Late French Immersion**

Registration opens online at 8:00 am on Monday, January 26, 2026 and closes on Friday January 30, 2026.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>

Community Photo Retake Day

If you missed both Photo Day and Photo Retake Day, all is not lost! Lifetouch is doing two Community Photo Days.

Nov. 28th and Dec. 12th from 7pm-9pm in the Owen Lamb room at Pearkes Rec Centre, 3100 Tillicum Rd.

Use the following link to book your time

https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1dqpgss6/?e_id=13901

Police Liaison Visits

On Monday Nov. 24th, Cst. Alex Omoding along with Officers Laura Blain and Heidi Bermudez, visited a number of classrooms here at Braefoot. Our students asked excellent questions and made some great connections with our Saanich Police Officers. Thank you for the meaningful engagement with our students!



3 Books = 1 Gift The Challenge Continued

Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 800 of your books.

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge.

As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000x5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags.

To donate books to the 1000x5 Children's Book Recycling Project, please drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the school library.

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 for hot lunches:

- 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



Booster Juice

SUBWAY

**level
ground**
COFFEE ROASTERS

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



Our Purdys Fundraiser is ongoing! Go get your Winter fundraising treats: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2000335-131943>

Stock up on beautiful Winter gift boxes, fun chocolates, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. All profits will go directly to the Braefoot PAC to help support activities and provide opportunities driven by the school community. So satisfy those cravings, get all your Winter season-shopping done while supporting a great cause.

The deadline to order is **November 29, 2025**.

What you need:

§ Campaign number: 78369

§ Campaign link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2000335-131943>

Once orders close, we'll notify everyone when and where you can collect your treats.

Please share with anyone you know who might be interested. It would help us so much.

Thank you!

The Braefoot PAC





Pizza & Games
for Kids

BUILDING BELONGING: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

PRESENTED BY VCPAC *District Parent Advisory Council for SD #61*

Join Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) and community partners to explore inclusive education in BC schools. Students, parents and caregivers in SD61 welcome at this free event.

TRACY HUMPHREYS

*Director of Operations, Family
Support Institute of BC*

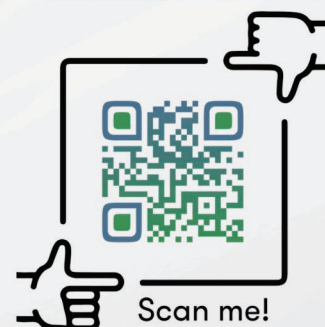
CAROLYN HOWE

*President, Greater Victoria
Teacher's Association*

SEAN MCCARTNEY

*Director, Inclusive Learning
School District #61*

- ✓ What inclusive education means in BC schools today from School District #61
- ✓ Family perspectives and navigating challenges with Family Support Institute
- ✓ Teachers' insights on inclusive classrooms and partnerships home and school
- ✓ Open Q&A to share your questions and experiences



Scan me!

SIGN UP

<https://forms.gle/W3AT6k8f8Nn8EsGW7>



27 NOVEMBER, 2025
06:45 PM - 8:30 PM



OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL
2121 Cadboro Bay Rd

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM, PRESENTERS BEGIN AT 6:45PM

Host an International Student



JOIN VICTORIA'S HOSTING COMMUNITY

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Middle School Students & High School Students

\$1260 per month provided for student support (pro-rated for short term programs)

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