

BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, November 13, 2025

lates to Remember

November

Tues. 18 PAC Meeting 7pm (virtual)

Thurs. 20 - Moustache Day - Hot Lunch Day—Sushi

Fri. 21 Pro D Day—School not in Session

Sun. 23 Concert Ticket Sales Close @9pm

Thurs. 27

- Newsletter Day - Extra Concert Tickets Go on Sale @10am

Fri. 28 **Family Movie Night**

December

Tues. 2 Extra Tickets Sale Close @9pm

- Winter Family Fun Project Due Back - Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice Fri. 5

Wed. 10 -Gr 5 Bake Sale @ noon

- Winter Concert @ 1pm

Thurs. 11 - Gr 5 Bake Sale @ noon

Winter Concert @ 1pm

- Newsletter Day

Fri. 12 Winter Sweater Day

Tues. 16 **PAC Meeting 7pm Library**

Thurs. 18 Hot Lunch—Pasta

Fri. 19 - Report Cards available online (Parent Connect)

- Pajama Day

- Last day of classes before Winter Break

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.

<u>Ticket limit:</u> 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 <u>youngest</u> 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 (<u>braefoot@sd61.bc.ca</u>) to be added to our waitlist, noting:

- your youngest/only child's name and
- 2. how many extra tickets you would like and
- 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.

<u>Grade 5 Bake Sale</u>: 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 <u>donation jar</u> if anyone would like to give cash to our <u>music</u> 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:

Tickets open online: https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/ Thur Nov 6 @ 10:00 am
 Tickets close online: Sunday, November 23 at 9:00 pm

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

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

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



Fast. Safe. Convenient.

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.

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.

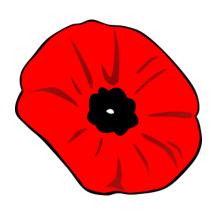
*Please note, online payments are connected to our student information system. If you already have an account set up, your child's legal name should appear when you log in to make a payment.

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

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

Braefoot Remembers







On Monday, November 10th, Braefoot staff, students and community members came together for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Captain Chris Rickinson, of the Canadian Armed Forces joined us to talk to students about why we remember and why it's important to never forget. Thank you to all divisions who participated in the ceremony, to Captain Rickinson for his presentation, Mrs. Edler-Davis for accompanying the school on the piano for the singing of "O Canada", and Mrs. John for leading our choir. This is such an important assembly and our students showed respect and consideration.

A Poppy By Div. 9

We wear a poppy to remember the humans who serve and served.

We feel sad about wars and fighting.

We think soldiers were brave, scared and powerful.

We are thankful for peace.

We wear our poppies and hope that war never happens again.

Choir Update

The Braefoot Choir, led by our amazing music teacher, Mrs. John have been singing their hearts out not only for us, but for hockey fans too!

On Nov 1st, the choir dazzled the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre with the National Anthem. Sadly, our amazing singing didn't help the Royals, as they fell to the Penticton Vee's 6-3.

Great job everyone, and thank you again to Mrs.

John for organizing such a fun activity for our kiddos.







Soccer Jamboree

On October 30th, Grade 5 students from Braefoot joined in a Soccer Jamboree! The students played against several other schools in the Reynolds family of schools at the nearby Braefoot turf. Many thanks to Mr. Samuelson who coached the team this season!











Braefoot Families in Need

As Braefoot School has done in the past, we will be able to provide hampers for families in need within our own school community. If you know of such a family, or if your own family is in need, please contact Mr. McCoy directly at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca

Please be assured that emails will be kept confidential.

Fall Cross Country

Three cheers go out to the students that are participated in the Fall Cross Country Program this year! With up to three practices a week, these students were working on building up endurance, learning technique and gaining experience in how to achieve their personal running bests. Their

training and hard work was evident at each of the cross country meets where our students received excellent results for all of their efforts. At the city finals our students placed as follows: Ellie 7, Charlotte 38, Sam 9, Jeongwon 21, Aelyn 29, Hunter 4, Willa 34, Evelyn 38, Angel 55, Strava 62, Anthony 43, Evan 17, Robert 25, Maeve 74, Keziah 78, Hazel 108, Elin 20, Una 19, Vir 51, Nico 38, Jose 69, Landon 27, Adze 67. Well done, runners! Thank you to the parents who continually cheer the students on to the finish line and help to make this school club so successful.



HALLOWEEN

Halloween was as exciting as always at Braefoot! The staff showed off their best "faces" and dresses up as emojis. It was so great to see all our little friends in costumes, and we hope everyone had a very safe, dry and fun Halloween!



3 Books = 1 Gift

Help with a literacy gift for others



This is the beginning month of the three book challenge.

As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts.

Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in Braefoot Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 711 books, enough for gift bags of books to 237 children.

Let's make it happen.

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

Braefoot's Environmental Stewards

Mr. Bryan's Grade 5 class has been collecting leaves from around the neighbourhood to use as mulch in our Nature Scape over the winter. The leaves provide insulation for the plants, as well as rich nutrients for the soil as they decompose. One of our incredible neighbours, Nicole Bowyer, invited the kids into her yard to gather the leaves (win-win!) and gave our hard working kids some hot chocolate to warm them up. We are so fortunate to live and work in such an incredible community. Thanks Ms. B!





Braefoot Family Fun Project!



We would like to invite your family to take part in our annual Braefoot Winter Fun Family Project. We are sending home one tag board per family with a pencil tracing of a snow globe drawn for you and your family to decorate together. These will be sent home next week with your OLDEST/ONLY child. 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 tree.
 Please be aware of the weight of things attached so that the tree will stick to the walls and stay there.
- Write or use decorations to add your FAMILY NAME on the FRONT of your tree.
- Write your OLDEST/ONLY STUDENT'S NAME AND DIVISION on the back!

Please return your tree by <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 5^{th} </u> to the tables in front of the office.

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

Thank you,

The Braefoot Family Fun Team



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 <u>create a new account</u> 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:

- 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









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

BRAEFOOT PAC PRESENTS

MOVIENGHT



FRIDAY

28 NOVEMBER

BRAEFOOT GYM

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!





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



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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