



# BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, December 11, 2025

## Dates to Remember

### December

- Thurs. 11     - Bake Sale 12 pm  
                  - Winter Concert 1 pm  
                  - Newsletter Day
- Fri. 12         Winter Sweater Day
- Dec 14—20    Panago Fundraiser (see last page)
- Tues. 16       PAC Meeting 7 pm library
- Fri. 19         - Report Cards available on line via your Parent  
                  Connect account  
                  - Pajama Day  
                  - Last day of classes before Winter Break

### January

- Mon. 5         School reopens after Winter Break
- Thurs. 8        Newsletter Day
- Fri. 9          Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
- Tues. 20       PAC meeting 7 pm  
                  (virtual)
- Wed. 21        Theme Day—  
                  Jersey Day
- Thurs. 22       Newsletter Day
- Fri. 23         Hot Lunch –  
                  Subway
- Mon 26         Pro D Day

Winter Break is  
December 22 to January 2.  
Students return to school  
on  
Monday, January 5

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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- Panago Fundraiser

Please check out our SD61 website page at: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>

- Kindergarten Registration/Kindergarten Transfer Week is January 26 to January 30, 2026.
- Grade 6 Late French Immersion registration is the week of January 26 to January 30, 2026.
- All registration are done on line through the SD61 website at: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/>



## 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.

### Proof of School Age Eligibility and Citizenship

A child must reach five years of age by December 31, of the school year to enroll.

Documentation can include:

- ☐ Child's original Birth Certificate
- ☐ Canadian Passport
- ☐ Landed Immigrant authorization
- ☐ Indigenous and Northern Affairs Status Card

Parents who are not Canadian Citizens, Landed Immigrants, or do not have a birth certificate for their child must contact the International Student Program by calling 250.592.6871, prior to registration.



## Late French Immersion Registration

The Greater Victoria School District offers Late French Immersion for students entering Grade 6. The catchments for Late Immersion are different than regular catchments, as the program is only offered in four middle schools (Arbutus, Lansdowne, Shoreline and Central), so please use this [link](#) to check which is your catchment school.

Late Immersion registration starts the week of January 26, 2026. Please use this [link](#) to register. The app will become available the morning of the 26th .

May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favour!



## REPORT CARD PROCESS

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

**Families will access report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on Friday, December 19. via Parent Connect.** Parent Connect is what you may have already used to give your child online permissions and access report cards last school year.(i.e.:Neighbourhood walks, computer use, etc). Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect.

If you do not yet have an account [click here](#).

**If you require a paper copy of your child's report card, please reach out to your child's teacher.**

## 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 notify the school of your new address, and provide the required supporting documents.
- **Grade 5 students do not “automatically” follow a pathway, and they will be registered at their catchment school according to the address currently on file at the school.**



Grade 5 families will receive a letter in January which includes the catchment middle school their child will be registered at and information on the option to apply for a transfer. Transfer week is February 9-12, 2026.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 5 FAMILIES



## LOST AND FOUND



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

We have placed the racks outside the gym for the duration of the concert for easy visibility. After that, it will be put back under the stairs nearest the front of the school, by the scooter racks.

**Please note, all unclaimed items will be donated  
to charity on December 19th.**





## Winter Family Fun Project

Thank you to everyone who brought back their decorated snow globes!

Our gym looks so festive and the creativity this year was out of this world!



## **New Staff Member Alert!**

Please give a big Braefoot welcome to our newest EA. Ester Anderson joined Division 10 this week, and we're so lucky to have her. Welcome to Braefoot Ester!



## 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.

*Thank you!*

## 3 Books = 1 Gift The Challenge Continued

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.

**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.**

## Braefoot Winter Sweater Day

**Friday, December 12**

Show us your best winter sweaters tomorrow! We can't wait to see everyone looking ready for winter and holidays!





## Inclement Weather Notifications



During an emergency, inclement weather, power outage, or other similar incident, it is a priority of the Greater Victoria School District 61 to communicate effectively to parents, students, and community partners.

School District 61 works closely with local municipalities and emergency services to gather accurate information about road conditions and safety considerations.

The District will work quickly to determine impacts to school so parents can adjust plans accordingly in the early morning hours. **We make every effort to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 am.**

School and District-wide closures are communicated through:

1. **The Greater Victoria School District Website:** An alert system is utilized on the front page of this website to draw your attention to the most pertinent information. Please use this website as your official source of information. <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/>
2. **Social Media:** Help us share updates by sharing posts with your friends and followers on Facebook ([Greater Victoria School District](#)), Instagram ([@sd61schools](#)), and X ([@sd61schools](#)).
3. **Local Media:** To reach as many people as possible in a timely fashion, we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets for updates.

## Extra Clothes and Appropriate Dress

At Braefoot, we go outside to play in all weather. Please dress your student appropriately, including rain boots and winter coats. We have very limited numbers of extra clothing so it would be helpful if students had, at the very least, a change of socks at school.

On that same note, if you have any spare clothes your child has outgrown (especially leggings and small pants with elastic waistbands), we would be happy to take them off your hands!

Stay dry out there folks!



# PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

## 2025-2026 Hot Lunch Schedule

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

- 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 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**



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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](mailto:braefoot@sd61.bc.ca). All emails are confidential.**

**If you have any questions, please send an email to [braefootevents@gmail.com](mailto:braefootevents@gmail.com)**



# Save the date.

## Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>



### **Pizza night with Panago Pizza and Braefoot Elementary**

From December 14<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> the Saanich Panago Pizza location will be offering the community a great deal to help raise money for Braefoot Elementary.

When you order from the Saanich Panago Pizza from December 14<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>, \$1 from every Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large pizza sold will be donated back to Braefoot Elementary!

Let's all show our community spirit and make this a pizza night that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at [panago.com](http://panago.com)

Call 310-0001 to place your order over the phone.

Order in person at the Saanich Panago Pizza location:

1110A McKenzie Ave, Victoria



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