



BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Dates to Remember

February

Thurs. 5	Newsletter Day
Fri. 6	Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
Mon. 9-12	District Student Transfer Process for K-12/All New Registrations <u>CLOSES on Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 3:30 PM</u>
Fri. 13	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Mon. 16	Family Day (school not in session)
Tues. 17	PAC Meeting— 7pm in Library
Thurs. 19	Newsletter Day
Fri. 20	Hot Lunch—Sushi
Wed. 25	Pink Shirt Day
Thurs. 26	PAC Family Game Night
Fri. 27	Gr. 5 Toy Sale

March

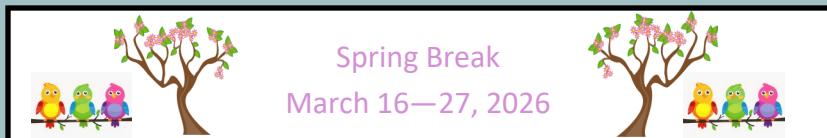
Mon. 2	Island Hoppers Jump Rope Demonstration—2pm in gym
Thur. 5	Newsletter Day
Fri. 6	Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
Fri. 13	Crazy Sock Day Report Cards Issued—link on the Braefoot Website Last Day of School Before Spring Break

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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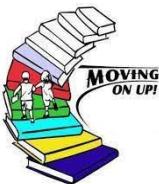


Grade 5 District Transfer Process—February 9 to 12

Forms must be returned to the Braefoot office by **3:30 pm on Thursday, February 12th**.

Important points that you should note about student transfer:

- A) If you would like a form sent home with your student during the week of February 9-12, please email the office at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca.
- B) If your desired destination school has space issues, **the choice will be made by lottery**. It is not first come, first served.
- C) More information about the District Transfer Process is available on the School District 61 website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/>. Transfer forms are available to print on this page.
- D) If you do not have your child's PEN, the office will enter that for you.



ATTENTION GRADE 5 PARENTS

Grade 5 families have been emailed a letter with information about which Middle School their child will attend next year.

The intent of the letter is to:

1. Share with families the revised priorities at levelled transitions.
2. Communicate where their student will be registered at middle school according to their catchment area.
3. Provide a link to more information regarding **English** school pathways located on the School District 61 website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/school-pathways-transition/>
4. Provide information regarding transfer opportunities.

This is a reminder that Grade 5 students no longer “automatically” follow a pathway, and they will be registered at their catchment schools. The K-12 Student Transfer Process is **Monday, February 9—Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 pm**. Please ensure the school office has your correct address. If your address has changed since you signed the verification form which was sent out in September, please let us know asap. The District now requires that you include proof of address. For specifics on required documentation, go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/documentation/>

Late French Immersion for grade 6 students is available at four schools: Arbutus Global, Central, Lansdowne and Shoreline Middle Schools. For information about Late French Immersion registration go to: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/late-french-immersion/>

Important Registration Dates for the 2026/27 School Year

February 9 – 12, 2026	<p>*Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Transfer Process *Registration open for new Grade 1 – Grade 12 students for the 2026-2027 school year</p>
February 12, 2026	<p>Deadline to submit transfer requests (no later than 3:30pm)</p>
On or before March 13, 2026	<p>Notification of all transfer decisions will be communicated to families</p>
May 14, 2026	<p>Gr. 5 District Orientation/Student Transition Afternoon. Students going to schools other than Cedar Hill will have to make their own way. More info will be forthcoming from middle schools.</p>

Drumming at Braefoot

Ms. Kim's Div 11 class were so lucky to have Gordy Bear and Melanie Kennedy, from Indigenous Education join them to do some drumming last month. It was a great introduction to our youngest kiddos on Indigenous Culture and Teachings.



Jersey Day

Wednesday, January 21st was Jersey Day at Braefoot. We had everything from school jerseys, to football and hockey. It was so great to see so many kids out supporting their favourite teams!



Meet Ms. Albers!

My name is Brooke Albers (Ms. Albers or Ms. A). I am so excited to be teaching music and learning with students and staff at Braefoot this year!

Teaching elementary music is a second career for me, after many wonderful years digitizing and archiving Indigenous language and culture audio recordings. My ancestors came to Canada from Norway, Belgium, Germany, England and Baltic regions. I was born in Saskatchewan on Nêhiyawak, Nakawininiwak, Dênesuljé, Nakota, Dakota and Lakota territories and Homeland of the Métis Nation. I have gratefully lived on this land of the lək'ʷəŋən people since 2005, now with my husband and 2 kids.

Language and culture are such an important part of each person's learning and perspectives. I deeply appreciate and value any opportunity to know more about the traditions, music and languages spoken by members of your class community. My teaching philosophy is that safe, comfortable and welcoming learning spaces are built on openness to knowing one another and respecting each person's unique stories, knowledge and gifts. Thank you for welcoming me into your school, and please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, suggestions or other information you would like me to know: balbers@sd61.bc.ca



SD61 Cold and Flu Season Reminders

Dear families,

We have reached that time of the year again! It is cold and flu season. As students return to classrooms for the new school year, the tissues and sneezes begin to appear.

Please remind your child of the following important habits:

- **Make sure to wash hands frequently.**
- **Avoid touching face, mouth, or eyes.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing by leaning into your elbow or using a disposable tissue. Quickly throw away any used tissues and wash or sanitize your hands after.**
- **Respect the personal space bubbles of other students.**
- **Stay home when sick!**

Please monitor your children daily for any cold or flu-like symptoms. In accordance with the Public Health Guidelines, students and staff are asked to stay home when sick or displaying any symptoms of sickness. If students develop symptoms throughout the day while they are at school, they will be reminded to use tissues or lean into their elbow to cover their coughs and sneezes. If required, an office staff member will contact you to arrange a pickup of your sick child. These protocols are in place to lower the risk of transmission of communicable disease and to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

For more information on the health and safety protocols implemented in our schools go to: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-communicable-disease-guidelines.pdf>



REPORT CARD PROCESS

Dear Parents—If you have not yet seen your students report card, please see the steps below.

Report Cards are no longer sent home, but available online via Parent Connect.

Families were given access to report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on Friday, December 19, 2025. Parent Connect is what you may have already used to give your child online permissions (i.e. Neighborhood 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.

For more information on Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment please [click here](#).

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.



Dressing for the Weather



The wet west coast winter weather is still upon us. It is therefore important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. **We are an all weather school, meaning we go outside in all weather conditions.**

Staff appreciates your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: toque, mittens or gloves, a coat (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible).

We have had many children come to the office looking for dry clothing from our spare clothing cupboard, and we have a limited amount of clothes to lend out.

PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

2025-2026 Hot Lunch Schedule

The hot lunch site is available to place 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.

- February 6—Pizza & Booster Juice
- February 20—Sushi
- March 6—Pizza & Booster Juice
- April 2—Pasta
- April 17—Pizza & Booster Juice



This Hot Lunch Program is a fundraiser for the Braefoot PAC, which supports Braefoot students' activities such as field trips, buses for Beach Day, the Welcome Back BBQ and many other things.

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

Last Call for Retakes

Lifetouch will be holding one last “pop-up” style retake session, March 18 and 19th from 9am to 4pm at Pearkes Rec. Centre.

Use this [link](#) to sign up

Sessions are by appointment only.



FRIDAY FEB 27, 2026

BOOK AND TOY SALE!

Grade 5 students will be selling gently used toys and books to support their end of year celebration.
All toys will be \$1, \$2 or \$5



THE BRAEFOOT PAC PRESENTS FAMILY GAME NIGHT

- Free Admission
- Pizza by the Slice
- Concession Items available or bring your own food

BOARD GAMES PROVIDED BY
INTERACTIVITY BOARD GAME
CAFE

FEB 26, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY GYM



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria



1000X5 Victoria Receives the 2025 Mel Cooper Social Innovation in Giving Award

1000X5 was so honored to have a visit and receive this award from Mrs. Cooper and the Telus Community Board on January 28. You are such a large part of why the 1000X5 project is innovative: the community helping to meet the early literacy needs for all. Thanks for helping send 380,000 books into new hands. Place your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into the pink bin in your school and help that number and more young minds grow.

Braefoot's Pink Bin is located just inside the library. We send books to Rockheights every few weeks, and welcome donations of all books geared towards ages 0 – 5!





2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration opens to
currently enrolled
families on February 2nd
at 6:00AM

REGISTRATION
FOR NEW
FAMILIES OPENS
ON MARCH 2ND
AT 6:00AM

REGISTRATION
FORMS
AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE
WWW.KIDSCLUB.CA

MORE INFO:
REGISTRATION@KIDSKLUB.CA
250-881-1223



BRAEFOOT OUT OF SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: 7:30 AM-START OF SCHOOL DAY

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: END OF SCHOOL DAY - 5:30 PM

OUR PRICING (FOR KINDYS)

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FULL TIME \$200

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) PART TIME \$280

BEFORE SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FULL TIME \$161

BEFORE SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) PART TIME \$160

AFTER SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FULL TIME \$293

AFTER SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) PART TIME \$253

**REGISTRATION FOR NEW
FAMILIES WILL OPEN IN MAY.**
PLEASE EMAIL THE ADDRESS
BELOW, IN APRIL, TO ENQUIRE
ABOUT AVAILABLE SPACES.

FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

Braefoot Location (Email) braefootprograms@braefoot.ca
(Call) #778.533.7756



PLEASE NOTE: WE OFFER OUT OF
SCHOOL CARE FOR GRADE 1+, AS
WELL. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR FULL PRICING.

WWW.BRAEFOOT.CA/OUT-OF-SCHOOL-CARE



LAKEHILL BASEBALL & FASTBALL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR SPRING 2026!

- Little League Baseball for boys and girls, ages 3-12
- Fastball for girls aged 7-23
- New players welcome at any age
- Register online (www.lakehillball.com) before spots are filled
- Season runs April 11 to June 26, 2026 (possibly later pending playing rules)
- Plus...Ambassador Park features the absolute best ball park food in Victoria at Chef Dave's Dugout!

Email: info@lakehillball.com



Come Join Us, Have Fun and Play Ball!

www.lakehillball.com

