



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Dates to Remember

March

Thurs. 5	Newsletter Day
Fri. 6	Hot Lunch—Pizza and Booster Juice
Fri. 13	Irish Dance Performance Theme Day—Crazy Sock Day Report Card Day (use this link to access) Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Spring Break March 16—27	
Mar 30	School Re-opens after Spring Break
Mar 31	PAC Meeting 7pm (virtual—link will be provided later)
April 2	Hot Lunch Pasta Newsletter Day
April 3	Good Friday (school not in session)
April 6	Easter Monday (school not session)
April 13	Theme Day—Creative Hair Day Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Assembly
April 16	Newsletter Day Early Dismissal—11:50 Student Led Conferences—1:00pm—6:00pm

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/>



All registrations are done on line at:

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

If your student is staying at Braefoot next year, you **DO NOT** need to re-register



STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2026-2027

Staff and administration will soon be working on the tentative placements of students for next year. If you have any input for us regarding the placement of your child, send this in writing to Mr. McCoy at cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca, by May 1, 2026. We will attempt to incorporate your suggestions in our plans. Your letter should outline educational reasons that you feel are important to your child's school achievement, **not teacher preference. We cannot stress enough that this is not a "request" process.**

There are situations where it will not be possible to incorporate all suggestions because of the many factors involved in building the best possible educational experience for all students. Considerations when we build classes are among the following: peer relationships, the child's social, emotional, and physical needs, balancing behaviour, providing challenge and remedial opportunities, multi-age groupings, and creating the most advantageous educational setting possible for all students.

We would like to emphasize that parents' input is respected and incorporated whenever it is organizationally and educationally feasible, but that it is not always possible to fulfill requests. We will begin class building during the next few weeks, but all lists must be considered temporary and confidential until the first week of September, when we can confirm numbers and staffing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. McCoy. Your input should be discussed with your child's teacher or given to Mr. McCoy by **Friday May 1st.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*Dear Parents of children born in **2021**,*

It's time to register for Kindergarten the Greater Victoria School District. Please visit our website: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/kinderqarten-registration/> to find more information about registering your child.

Your first step is to identify your school catchment by using the school locator (found on the website above). All required documents needed for the online registration are found here:

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

Braefoot School is looking for donations of gently used booster seats. If you have any your children have outgrown, we're happy to take them off your hands! Please check that the expiry date has not passed before donating.



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is an online process. Please refer to the following link <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/> that details all documents that are required and how the online process will work for registration. Click on one of the apps that meet your needs.

Kindergarten Registration App

Use this app to complete a registration/transfer request for your child entering English Kindergarten. Registration is currently closed. **Kindergarten Registration/Transfer Week was January 26 to 30, 2026.** Use this app to register your child if they were born in 2021.

Anytime K-12 Registration App - **Always Open for registration for current school year only**

Use this app to register a student who is new to the Greater Victoria School District for the **current** school year (2025-26).

If you have any questions about registering your child for Kindergarten, French Immersion or to transfer your child to another school, please refer to the following link on the SD61 website:

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

Not Returning Next Year?

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are moving on for the 2026/27 school year. It helps us with class planning



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 student's report card, please see the steps below.

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

Families will be given access to report cards via SD61's Parent Connect on Friday, March 13, 2026. Parent Connect is what you may have already used to give your child online permissions (i.e. Neighbourhood walks, computer use, etc).

Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect.

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

No One Goes Without!

This is a quick reminder families that no child need miss out on hot lunch due to financial difficulties. Please reach out to our office staff if you are in need of this support. Please email us at braefoot@sd61.bc.ca
This information will be kept confidential.



Dress for the Weather!

Spring may be just around the corner, but it's still going to be soggy outside for a few months. Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing, and consider a change of clothing if they like to muck about! We go outside to play in all weather, so be prepared!



LIBRARY UPDATE

Spring break is quickly approaching, which means it is a great time to look on bookshelves, underneath beds, and anywhere else that overdue library books might be hiding. As well, students are reminded that they are always welcome to renew books if they need more time to finish them.

Staff Parking Lot



Please remember that our staff parking lot is for staff parking and daycare drop off only. Now that warmer weather is almost upon us, we suggest parking on Braefoot Rd and utilizing our crossing guards to get your children to safely to school. If you need to drive to the school, please do not park in our drop off lane. We appreciate your understanding!

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.

The schedule for hot lunches:

- March 6—Pizza & Booster Juice
- April 17—Pizza & Booster Juice
- May 1—Subway
- May 22—Pizza & Booster Juice
- June 5—Pasta



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.

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



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning

15years: 355,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books.

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin in the library

Choir Update

The Braefoot Choir, led by our amazing music teacher, Ms. Albers will be meeting every Tuesday during lunch recess! Any students are welcome to join, even if they haven't been in choir previously!



BOOK AND TOY SALE!



The final count for the toy sale was \$673.35! A big thank you to all of the parents helpers who came out to support!



Please save your bottles for the Grade 5. Bottle Drive! The Bottle Drive will be after the Easter Long Weekend!

Jump Rope for Heart at Braefoot!

Exciting news! Our Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly will be on April 13th and the event will be on May 11th!

Last week The Island Hoppers came to do a Jump Rope demonstration. We hope this inspired many out there to skip or learn how to skip! We will be donating all of the money we raise to Jump Rope for Heart.



Floor Hockey at Braefoot!



Our Grade 3–5 students wrapped up an exciting month of intramural ball hockey with three fantastic teams battling it out: the Braefoot Canucks, Braefoot Canadiens, and Braefoot Oilers! After weeks of teamwork, determination, and school spirit, the Braefoot Oilers clinched the championship in a hard-fought game on Tuesday. Congratulations to Hudson, Emmett, Aiden, Rhys, Evan, Vir, Molly, Jahan, Derrick, Parker, TJ, and Adriana on their big win! We are so proud of all the players for showing great sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork throughout the season. What a fun and memorable month of hockey at Braefoot! 🏒