



BRAEFoot ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026

Dates to Remember

October:

Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day—School Not in Session
Oct. 15	Shake Out BC—Earthquake Drill
Oct. 20	PAC Meeting 7pm in library
Oct. 21	Early Dismissal 11:50am Parent Teacher Conferences 1- 6pm
Oct. 22	Newsletter Day Parent Teacher Conferences 3- 4:30pm
Oct. 23	Pro-D Day—no school for students
Oct. 29	PAC Hallowe'en Dance 5:30- 7:30pm
Oct. 30	Costume Day Hallowe'en Howl (Gr. 1 & K)

November:

Nov. 5	Newsletter Day
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School Not in Session

*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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Student Absences

If your child is absent from school, please let the school know.

You can either email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca or phone the attendance line 250-477-6948 and press "1" to leave a message. Please provide the student's first and last name, division/teacher and reason for the absence (ex. sick, vacation, appointment).

You are welcome to email your child's teacher, but it is important to let the office know as well.

****Reminder:** Students who arrive late to school, or who are picked up early, must sign in or out on the clipboard on the table outside the office.

Start-Up Packages, Forms and Payments

In September, each student was sent home with a start-up package of paper forms. Please review, amend and sign these forms. These documents are critical in assisting our school to contact families in case of an emergency.

Please return the completed forms to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.

If you haven't yet done so, please set up a Parent Connect account for each of your children.

Parent Connect instructional video: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect>

Here is the link to the sign in page:

<https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

If you have not updated your child's verification form yet with new information (i.e. Parent's email, phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc.), please do so ASAP.

If you have not paid the \$8.00 for the planner, you can pay online at <https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/> or pay with cash to your child's teacher.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Braefoot Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and will be held in your child's classroom.



Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 1:00 – 6:00pm

(with early dismissal at 11:50 am on Wednesday, Oct. 21)

and

Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm

The sign-up link will be available after 9:00 am on Friday, Oct 9th.

Below you will find information on how to book your conference online. You may book or cancel up to 24 hours before the conference. Please follow the steps below to make sure your conference gets booked correctly. If you have any questions, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME ONLINE:

Here is a quick video for parents on scheduling a parent/teacher conference using Microsoft Bookings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLbr8vhNvYo>

After 9:00 am Friday, October 9, click on or copy and paste this link:

<https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/BraefootElementarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/s/0uAKOwQtwESh2gTwbkBvLA2?ismsaljsauthenabed>

Select the date

Select your child's classroom teacher (*Note: Ms. Kim's division 10 class will be making other arrangements*)

Select an available conference time (*Note: if your phone number is from a different province, the time of your appointment will reflect that time zone*)

Fill in your name, your email address, phone number and your child's name as required.

Check the reminder box that you have selected the correct teacher for your conference.

Click the Book button to complete the process.

You will receive a confirmation email confirming your conference time, as well as a reminder notification one day before your conference.

Please note: You will need to repeat these steps for each of your children

Cross-Country Season Off to a Great Start!

Our cross-country season got off to a fantastic start at Lambrick Park on a beautiful fall afternoon!

Our Braefoot students showed great determination, teamwork, and school spirit as they took on their first races of the season!

BIG congratulations to Quinn, who finished first in her race wearing only one shoe! To Clover who came third, and to Willem and Jackson, who placed first and second in their races! All from Division 4! What are you feeding these runners, Mr. Carson??

We are so proud of all our runners for representing Braefoot so well. **Way to go, Braefoot!!**

We're looking forward to the next race on Tuesday at Beckwith. Good luck to all our runners!



Braefoot Spirit Wear is on sale now!



Visit the online store to order:

<https://store.passionsports.ca/BES2627>

Orders can be placed until November 1st with delivery expected at the beginning of December.



1000x5 Books Part of October Fun

Wee Ones Need Your Books

As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently use books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in the library? These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended.

400,000 books in 15 years!! Thank you!

A message from Braefoot Community Association:

If your child attends Braefoot Elementary, and you are looking for OOSC space, Braefoot Community Association is exploring the possibility of opening up more spaces. They are in the early stages of determining if there is enough demand, so if you would be interested in taking a space were they to move forward with this, please email Vicki at braefootprograms@braefoot.ca Vicki will then email you with any options they have available.

Look, listen and be seen

Be a safe pedestrian

Road safety smarts start with you. With school back in session, here are 10 helpful tips.



Map it out. Plan your walking route with your parents before you go. Review street names and landmarks.



Know the rules. Learn traffic signs and their meaning. Always follow the rules.



Set a good example. Never run across the street. When you can, cross at intersections with a pedestrian crossing light or marked crosswalk.



Parked vehicles. Avoid shortcuts through parking lots or around parked cars. It's harder for people to see you and for you to see them.



Look both ways. Make sure all vehicles have stopped before crossing the road. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing, even when you have a walk signal.



Listen. Put away all electronic gadgets and earbuds while walking. You can hear approaching traffic that may be hard to see.



Be seen. Wear bright clothes and/or reflective gear, especially at night and in poor weather.



Railway crossings. Only cross railway tracks at designated signals or signs and watch your step. Don't play around or on railways.



More Tips

Crossing basics: Stop at the curb. Look left and right for oncoming vehicles, then look left again before you step off the curb. Also look for vehicles that might be turning. When the intersection is clear, start crossing and keep looking for approaching vehicles.

Sidewalk and no sidewalk: Walk on the inside edge of the sidewalk away from the road so that you're

further away from traffic. If there isn't a sidewalk where you are, watch oncoming traffic while walking so you can see approaching vehicles and make eye contact with drivers. Also remember to walk single file, not side-by-side with others.

These 10 tips will help you make safe choices as a pedestrian.



Road Safety

Do you have a child
in Gr 2 or 3?

Is your child
keen to learn
a new instrument?

come join us For Little Ukers



No experience
necessary

Fall term: Oct 5 - Dec 7

Winter term: Jan 4 - Mar 8

Mondays: 6:15-7:00pm

Oak Bay Secondary School

\$65 per term

For more information and to register,

visit: islandukulele.org

