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Dates to Remember

November:

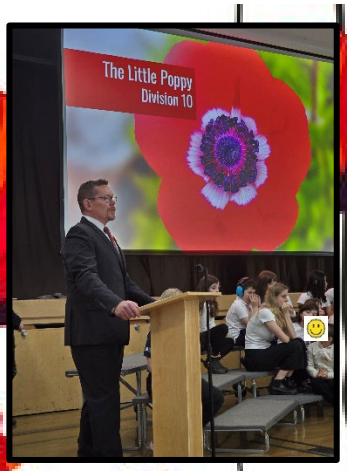
Nov. 22	Round 1 Concert Tickets Close
Nov. 26	Hot Lunch (Chipotle)
	(If Available) Extra Concert Tickets Open
Nov. 27	Pro-D Day – no school for students
Nov. 30	Purdys order deadline
Nov.30-Dec.11	10 Days of Giving
Dec. 1	(If Available) Extra Tickets Close
Dec. 3	PAC Movie Night
Dec. 9 & 10	Winter Concerts (1 pm) Grade 5 Bake Sales
Dec. 11	Winter Sweater Day
	Hot Lunch (Sarpino's Pasta)
Dec. 15	PAC Meeting 7pm (virtual)
Dec. 17	Newsletter Day
Dec. 18	Report Cards Issued
	Pajama Day
	Last Day of Classes before winer break
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 4	First Day Back

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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On Tuesday, November 10th, our staff, students and community members came together for our Remembrance Day Assembly.

Thank you to Captain Rickinson, of the Canadian Armed Forces who spoke to the crowd, Ms. Hunt for leading the choir and to all the divisions that participated.

Our students showed respect and consideration during this very important event.





EARTHQUAKE COMFORT PACKS

Each year, we do our best to prepare for the possibility of students having to remain at the school after hours in the event of an emergency. An important part of this program is for parents to prepare a small comfort pack that can be given to their child to calm and comfort them in a stressful time. Please take the time to put a few things in this zip lock bag for your child. We would like to ensure every child has one!

Suggested items:

- Snack – granola bar, Power Bar, Fruit bar, small amount of candy (nut free please).
- A letter of comfort from parents/guardians... maybe a special grandparent, aunt or uncle too
- Family photo
- Small comfort toy (teddy, pack of cards, favorite team sports card) – just something to make them smile

Please be advised that the school has a good supply of food, water and emergency blankets thanks to the ongoing support of the Braefoot Elementary PAC

Please return the pack to your teacher ASAP

Winter Concerts and Grade 5 Bake Sale

Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 10 both at 1:00 pm

Bake Sale in the library (just past the office) one hour before each show (noon) and right after each show.

Braefoot Students are working hard to make this the best Winter Concert ever!!

Ticket limit: 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 youngest child's name**, you will need to do **that before you can purchase tickets online for $3.00 each**. Please see the instructions attached.

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 each performance. **See below for opening/closing dates.**

How you get your tickets once they have been ordered: All tickets will be sent home by Fri. Dec. 4 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 and Panago pizza coupons, donated by our PAC and the McKenzie Panago, respectively.

Grade 5 Bake Sale: Grade 5 families will be selling baked goods one hour before and after each concert. Money raised from this bake sale 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.

There will be collection boxes for those who would like to donate **non-perishable goods** for hampers that will be given to Braefoot families in need.

We are also fundraising to purchase more instruments for our music programme. There will be a **donation jar** at the entrance for this purpose.

No family will be denied tickets due to monetary constraints. Please contact Principal McCoy to discuss at: cmccoy@sd61.bc.ca

There will be 2 opportunities to purchase tickets: to order, you need to have set up a School Cash Online account in your youngest child's name

Go to: https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/	Tickets open online	Tickets close online
Tickets – Round 1	Thur Nov 5 @ 10:00 am	Sun Nov 22 @ 9:00 pm
Extra tickets (if there are any left)	Thu Nov 26 @ 10:00 am	Tue Dec 1 @ 9:00 pm

If you would like more tickets after ordering extra tickets online, and if they are available, we will send out a notification via School Messenger letting you know that there are more tickets available online. They will be sent home as soon as possible.

Winter Concert Student Attire

Our students are working hard and preparing with great enthusiasm for the upcoming concert! They have been busy practicing, refining their skills, and putting the finishing touches on their performances to ensure a wonderful musical experience. Excitement is building as they look forward to sharing all their hard work and dedication with family and friends. We encourage all students to continue practicing at home and come prepared to shine on stage.

Please refer to the following list for the requested student attire:

- **Div. 1 & 2 (Mr. Bryan & Ms. Willson):** Blue or White coloured shirts with black pants (ideally solid-coloured shirts)
- **Div. 3 & 4 (Mr. Samuelson & Mr. Carson):** White shirts and red scarves
- **Div. 5 & 6 (Mr. Reynolds & Ms. Gilmour):** Outdoor winter gear (ex. toque, gloves, scarves, etc. Please no heavy jackets as the kids will overheat). Students can wear any nice clothes under the outdoor winter gear.
- **Div. 7 & 8 (Ms. Thompson & Ms. Hunt)**: Pajamas
- **Div. 9 & 10 (Ms. Roberts & Ms. Kim)**: Chef Hats (these are being made in the classrooms). Students can wear any nice clothes with the chef's hats.

We can't wait to celebrate their achievements and enjoy a fantastic concert together!



Whole School Neighbourhood Walks on Friday afternoons

This is a reminder that we go on a Whole School walk on Fridays and leave at 1:40.

If you are picking up your child early on Friday, please do so before 1:40 pm.



10 Days of Giving:
Collection for members of our community

Please join us in filling classroom boxes with hamper items for some of our Braefoot Families who would appreciate a little help at this time of year.
We will be collecting items from Monday, Nov. 30th until Friday, Dec. 11th

On the last day of November Braefoot Family donates: **Dry goods** pasta, rice, cereal, sugar, etc. 	On the 1st day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Household products!** Tissue, toilet paper, dish soap, napkins, etc. 	On the 2nd day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Canned goods** 	On the 3rd day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Personal Care** Toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc. 	On the 4th day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Anything Goes** 
On the 7th day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Treat Day!** Cookies, popcorn licorice, chips, chocolate, etc. 	On the 8th day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Boxed Goods** Crackers, stuffing, coffee, etc. 	On the 9th day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Pocket Snacks** Granola Bars, fruit cups, etc. 	On the 10th day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Condiments & Spices** Ketchup, mustard, pickles, salt, pepper, syrup, etc. 	On the 11th day of December Braefoot Family donates: **Anything Goes** 

Please ensure items donated are:

- Unopened
- Commercially packaged (sorry no home-canned or baked goods)
- Not expired – please check the expiry date before sending the items to the school

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 poster board per family with a pencil tracing of a stocking for you and your family to decorate. These will be sent home in the coming days with your oldest/only child for your family to decorate together. All the decorated stockings will be displayed on the gym walls for the Winter Concert.

Instructions:

- Cut out your stocking.
- Start decorating! You may use buttons, paints, felts, material, cotton balls, ribbons, family photos, foamie shapes etc. to decorate your stocking. Please be aware of the weight of the decorations, as the stocking won't stay affixed to the wall if it is too heavy.
- Write or use decorations to add your **family name** on the front of your stocking.
- If your child's name isn't already on the stocking, please write their name and division on the back so that we can return it to your family as a keepsake.

Please decorate and return your stocking to the tables in front of the school office by **Friday, December 4th**.

We will need parents to help hang the trees on the morning of Monday, December 7th. Anyone able to help, please email braefoot@sd61.bc.ca.

Thank you for participating in this fun family holiday craft!

Please support our PAC by ordering Purdy's Chocolates
Deadline is Monday, November 30th



Supporting a Cause Never Tasted So Good!

Buy your favourite chocolates to support BRAEFOOT PAC

Purdy's CHOCOLATIER

Go to **fundraising.purdys.com** or **Scan QR** →

Enter campaign ID 000037137 to shop & support.

Place your order by November 30th

Contact Jennifer Senechal at braefootevents@gmail.com for more details.

CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907



BRAEFOOT SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: The PAC movie night is Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00pm.

Concession snacks will be available for purchase (popcorn, chips, candy, drinks); no pizza will be sold this year.

Dress cozy and bring blankets to watch the movie picnic-style with your family; folding chairs will be available for those who prefer that style of seating.

The students will be voting on what movie they'd like to watch.

...stay tuned, more information to come!

PAC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

2026-2027 Schedule

The hot lunch site is available for orders.

Here's how to get started...

1. Go to https://braefoot.hotlunches.net/
2. Click on "Click Here to Register"
3. Enter Access Code: BOBCATS2026
4. Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)
5. Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
6. Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends **Braefoot School.** Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders" and proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

Lunch Schedule

Nov. 26	Chipotle
Dec. 11	Sarpino's Pasta
Jan. 8	Subway
Jan. 22	Pizza & Booster Juice
Feb. 5	Chipotle
Feb. 19	Pizza & Booster Juice
Mar. 11	Subway
Apr. 2	Sarpino's Pasta
Apr. 16	Pizza & Booster Juice
Apr. 30	Chipotle
May 14	Pizza & Booster Juice
May 28	Subway
Jun 18	Sarpino's 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. Questions? Please email braefootevents@gmail.com.

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 enquiries will remain confidential.