BRAEFOOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Braefoot Elementary School Newsletter **Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026**

Dates to Remember

November:

Nov. 5	Newsletter Day
Nov. 6	Let's Get Visible Day
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School Not in Session
Nov. 17	PAC Meeting (virtual) 7pm
Nov. 19	Newsletter Day
	Theme Day: Moustache Day
	PAC Movie Night
Nov. 27	Pro-D Day – no school for students
Dec. 9 & 10	Winter Concerts (@ 1 pm)& Grade 5 Bake Sales
Dec. 11	Winter Sweater Day
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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BRAEFOOT HOT LUNCH STARTS OCTOBER 30TH!!!

The Hot Lunch site is now open and accepting orders for this year. Please see below for instructions on how to register on the site. All information from previous years has been removed from the site - EVERYONE will need to create a new profile and add their children. Please ensure you assign your child(ren) to the correct teacher for this year to reduce confusion when handing out lunches.

Please note that our vendors have different cutoff times for orders - best practice is to place your order a minimum of one (1) week prior to the hot lunch date to ensure you meet the cutoff. If you have questions or need assistance, please send an email to braefootevents@gmail.com.

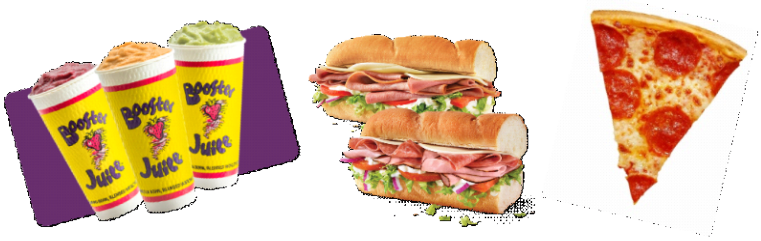
If you would like financial assistance with hot lunch, please reach out directly to the principal, Mr. McCoy - the PAC does have funding available to support those families who need it.

If you are interested in volunteering to help hand out lunches, please send an email to braefootlunchvolunteers@gmail.com. We always appreciate additional helpers to ensure the process goes smoothly.

HOT LUNCH ORDERING

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 <Your School> Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)



30-Oct-2026	Subway
13-Nov-2026	Pizza & Booster Juice
26-Nov-2026	Chipotle
11-Dec-2026	Sarpino's Pasta
8-Jan-2026	Subway
22-Jan-2026	Pizza & Booster Juice
5-Feb-2026	Chipotle
19-Feb-2026	Pizza & Booster Juice
11-Mar-2026	Subway
2-Apr-2026	Sarpino's Pasta
16-Apr-2026	Pizza & Booster Juice
30-Apr-2026	Chipotle
14-May-2026	Pizza & Booster Juice
28-May-2026	Subway
18-Jun-2026	Sarpino's Pasta

Earthquake Comfort Pack—DUE NOW

Each year, we do our best to prepare for the possibility of students having to remain at the school 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 for your child in the zip lock bag that was sent home with students. 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 child's teacher by Monday, Nov. 13th

Dressing For the Weather!





The wet, windy, west coast winter weather is upon us. It is important that students are dressed appropriately for these conditions. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on rainy days with warm, water resistant/waterproof clothing: a jacket/ poncho (preferably with a hood) and closed shoes (rain boots, if possible). Our students go out for recess, exercise activities, and neighbourhood walks in all weather!

Student Drop-Off and Parking at Braefoot

Reminder to please NOT use the staff parking lot OR the spots that are designated for the use of the child care centre for drop off/pickup of your child.

Staff are finding it increasingly hard to find parking spots when they arrive at work, which then starts to impact our neighbours, as staff are forced to park on the street all day.

Please

DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, USE OUR STAFF PARKING LOT TO DROP OR PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS.

We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.



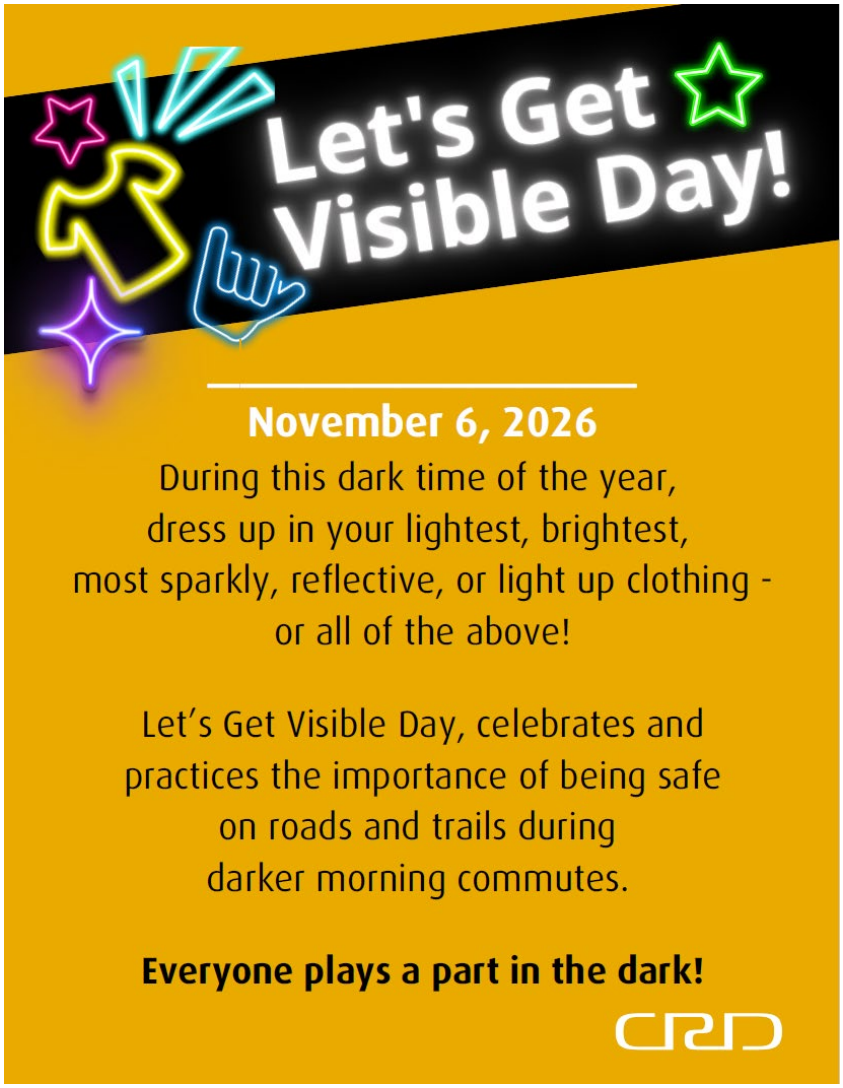




SAANICH LIONS CLUB

Thank you to the Saanich Lions Club for their generous $500 donation towards our Family Food Hamper Campaign!!!

We are so very grateful for the support!!



Check out the clubs currently being offered at Braefoot!
…there's something for everyone!!

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:05-10:20 Morning Recess			Club: Comic Club Grades: 3-5 Location: Library Staff: Mrs. Campbell Club: Primary Dance Grades: K-2 Location: Gym Staff: Mrs. Roberts Club: Jedi Club Grades: 2-4 Location: Room 132 Staff: Mr. Reynolds & Mrs. Hunt	 	
12:05-12:35 Lunch Recess	Club: Colouring Club Grades: 1-5 Location: Rm 108 Staff: Ms. Kim 	Club: Soccer Grades: 3-5 Location: Gym Staff: Mr. Samuelson 	Club: Choir Grades: 3-5 Location: Music Room Staff: Ms. Hunt 	Club: Language Club Grades: 3-5 Location: Library Staff: Ms. Bell  Club: Soccer  Grades: 3-5 Location: Gym Staff: Mr. Samuelson	Club: Art Club Grades: 3-5 Location: Library Staff: Ms. Thomas & Ms. Willson 

BRAEFOOT REMEMBERS
REMBERANCE DAY - NOVEMBER 11

On Tuesday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m. Braefoot staff, students and community members will be gathering for our Remembrance Day Assembly.

Captain Chris Rickinson, of the Canadian Armed Forces will join us to talk with the students about why we remember and why it's important to never forget.





BRAEFOOT REMEMBERS
INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY - NOV. 8TH

Have you seen the tall pole at Beacon Hill Park? Do you know the stories it holds? **Story Pole** brings together Elders' voices, family histories, and the remembering of Indigenous veterans through this remarkable Kwakwaka'wakw pole.

It was carved by Kwakwaka'wakw carvers Mungo Martin, Henry Hunt, and David Martin and stands on the lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.



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.

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Fast. Safe. Convenient.

Register Today!

1. Create Your Profile

Go to https://braefoot.sd61.bc.ca/
and click on "Get Started Today".

2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

☑ I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details. You may use **your child's *usual or preferred name, as this programme is connected to our school district database.***

Why sign up for *School Cash Online*?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.

Which payment methods are accepted?

Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on *School Cash Online* by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.

eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing or savings account can pay by eCheck on *School Cash Online*.

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to: **Braefoot Elementary School**

Cash Online sends out automatic reminders before the deadline. ***If you have paid by cash or cheque***, the system does not detect this and you may receive an email reminder for payment.

*Please note, online payments are connected to our student information system. If you already have an account set up, your child's legal name should appear when you log in to make a payment.

If this is your ***first time*** signing on, you may use your child's **preferred or usual name**.

For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803