



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, December 2	Whole School Walk/Run 12:45 p.m.
Monday, December 5	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening
Tuesday, December 6	Division Four to Government House 9:15. – 11:45 a.m.
	Dress Rehearsal for Winter Concert
Wednesday, December 7	Walk On Wednesday
	Winter Concert 12:45 p.m. (lunch will be 11:45 – 12:30)
	Subway Lunch
Thursday, December 8	Winter Concert 12:45 p.m. (lunch will be 11:45 – 12:30)
Friday, December 9	Whole School Walk/Run 12:45
	Division Four & Five Swim
Wednesday, December 14	Walk on Wednesday
Thursday, December 15	Division Seven to BC Museum 12:30 – 2:42
	Newsletter
Friday, December 17	“Film” Assembly 12:45 p.m.
	Final Day of Classes Before Winter Break
Tuesday, January 3	School Re-Opens after Winter Break
Wednesday, January 4	Hot Dog Day

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

British Columbia teachers are not completing report cards under phase one of their job action. However, we want to remind all parents that teachers are continuing to record assessment and evaluation data. As well teachers are continuing to communicate student progress to the students through formative feedback, marks on assignments, tests and indications about overall progress.

Teachers will continue to meet with parents, formally or informally, using a variety of methods, telephone calls, sending home assignments, comments in the agenda planners, or through email. Our staff feels it is important that teachers keep parents/guardians informed regarding student progress.

If you have any questions, or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher, or Mr. Mann at 250-477-6948 or tmann@sd61.bc.ca

WINTER CONCERT

A reminder that our annual Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 7th and 8th. This year, both shows will begin at 12:45 p.m.

If you have not ordered your tickets yet, you should make this a highest priority.

In order to begin our concert at 12:45 sharp, we have adjusted our lunch period to be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A reminder that Wednesday, December 7th is also Sub Sandwich Day

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Thank you to everyone who bought poinsettias in support of our Grade Five year end celebration. Pickup began yesterday afternoon, if you have not been able to arrange for pickup, your order is waiting for you in our office. Thanks, again.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome, Mrs. Lindsay Cristante, who is filling in as Kindergarten teacher in Division 9 while Mrs. Fletcher is on a medical leave. Our kindergarten students will attest to the fact the Mrs. Fletcher's class is in good hands while she rehabilitates her bad back. Mrs. Fletcher's return date is uncertain at present, however, it will be sometime early in 2012. As is becoming more and more apparent, Mrs. Smart is expecting☺ Mrs. Smart will be beginning her maternity leave as of January 1, 2012. We certainly wish her and her family all the best in the future. Her replacement in Division 12 will be Mrs. Amanda Johnston. We welcome Mrs. Johnston to the Braefoot School Community.

1000 BOOKS BY AGE FIVE

Thank you for all the books that you have sent into homes of children with few books – last count is 11,000 books. In December this is even more important as many children will receive few gifts and likely even fewer books. Please part with a few of your “still in good shape” picture books suitable for babies and preschoolers. You will find the collection box just outside our Library doors.

SNOWMAN PROJECT

We are enjoying the finished snowmen that families have worked on and returned to the school. Such creativity in our community!

A reminder that we are now looking for assistance with hanging the snowmen. If you are available to assist with “decorating” on Monday, December 5, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. please contact Tanya Litton, at tlitton@sd61.bc.ca or at 250-477-6948.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to the entire Braefoot community for the support you have given the Book Fair again this year. Many of the children have purchased books, and other things, all of which helps support the purchase of more books for the library. We are particularly pleased to see the excitement the students have for the books at the fair, and how delighted they are with their new books as they leave the Book Fair. Teachers are happy to see the students eagerly open up their new books and begin reading enthusiastically. I have been asking students for recommendations of books they would like to see us purchase, and they have lots of good suggestions.

A great big THANK YOU to Mrs. Litton for all the work she has done to organize and set up the Book Fair. We would also like to thank all the parents who helped to get the Book Fair ready to go, managed the sales during the Fair, and also volunteered to assist in packing up the Book Fair; we appreciate your time and effort you contributed to this event!

HAMPER COLLECTION

Braefoot School will be accepting food donations from December 4th to 14th and during our two Winter Concert performances. We will take the food items and arrange special food hampers for families within our school community. Your assistance and cooperation (as well as your donations) is appreciated. You will remember that our goal last year was to fill Mr. Mann's office with food donations. A goal that we achieved with ease. This year's goal is to provide enough food to fill

“THE TWELVE TABLES OF CHRISTMAS”



We will organize 12 tables of varying sizes in main hallway and challenge our school community to fill the tables with food for our hampers. We will also be challenging some of our creative students (and parents) to rewrite the words to the song using food items. A lot of fun for a good cause☺

Our first priority will be to try and provide hampers for families in need within our own school community. If you know of such a family, or would like to put your family's name in for consideration, please contact Mr. Mann at tmann@sd61.bc.ca

Please be assured that these emails will be kept confidential. Thank you, again for your consideration and for your contributions.