

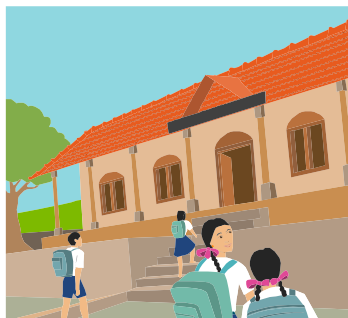


Dates To Remember:

Friday, January 27	Family Literacy Day Whole School Walk Run 12:40 p.m
Monday, January 30	Divisions Four & Five Swim 12:40 – 2:42 Gordon Head Pool KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS AT BRAEFoot 8:15 a.m. UVIC PE lesson to Division 3 8:50 a.m.
Wednesday, February 1	Jazzercise 3:00 p.m. Gym Ready, Set Learn 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Pizza Day
Thursday, February 2	Sportball 3:00 to 4:00 (Gym)
Monday, February 6	Byte Camp (Computer Class) 3:00 to 4:00 (Library)
Thursday, February 9	FSA Testing for Grade 4 students begins Newsletter Lockdown Drill 10:00 A.M. Division Two Sip Smart Presentation 9 – 10 a.m. Division Nine RBC Museum (Wolves Exhibit) 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Any child who will be 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2012 should be registering for the 2012-2013 school year. Parents or guardians, please bring with you verification of the child's birth date and citizenship status as well as proof of residency. Birth certificate, passport or Landed Immigrant Authorization is suitable. Registration will be during normal school hours 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and begins on JANUARY 30, 2012



All Greater Victoria Elementary Schools will be offering an Open House featuring a program called:

READY, SET, LEARN

This program is designed for **three year olds and their parents** (Braefoot School is also inviting our newly registered Kindergarten students). Our Ready, Set Learn event will be held on: **Wednesday, February 1st**

Each family attending will receive:

- An age appropriate book for the child
- A parent/family kit with helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning
- Information and support from the schools about our programs and services.

Please assist us in forwarding this information to any families in our area who have three year olds in the family (of course, four year olds are always welcome!)

TALENT SHOW

Soooooo many Braefoot students signed up to show off their many talents, singing, dancing, acting, reading, you name it, our students have it!!! The students performed earlier this week at either the Mrs. Potter/Mr. Mann talent show yesterday or a whole school performance today. We are pleased that so many of our students are confident enough to perform for their peers.

LOCKDOWN DRILL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Our school will hold a practice lockdown drill on Thursday February 9th morning. There are a variety of reasons we would go into a lockdown. They include an intruder in the school, perhaps a cougar warning, downed power line in the area, or perhaps a gas leak. Practicing this drill is the same as we practice fire and earthquake drills. In the event of an emergency we want to students to be trained to respond appropriately for the situation. Our staff will handle the drill in a calm, low-key manner. Our aim is to empower the students to react calmly to any possible emergent situation. If you have any questions, or concerns, regarding this, or any drill, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mann (tmann@sd61.bc.ca)



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – SECOND TERM REPORT CARDS

At the time of writing this newsletter, teacher job action is continuing, it is not likely that we will be conducting formal student led conferences or issuing teacher written second term report cards (this is always subject to change). If there is a change in job action, or our report card procedures, we will notify parents immediately. We do want to remind parents that while teachers are not doing report cards they are continuing to record assessment and evaluation data. Teachers will continue 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

LITTERLESS LUNCHES – Thank you to students and parents who are embracing our pilot project to reduce the amount of waste at Braefoot. It is wonderful to see students come with healthy snacks in their lunch box that they can take out on the playground without any waste – a piece of fruit like an apple, or a piece of cheese, pepperoni stick, hardboiled egg, muffin or wrap, sent in recyclable container. The children are doing a good job of using the new compost buckets in the each classroom to dispose of their orange peels, apple cores, sandwich crusts and other leftovers. We are encouraging students to take home uneaten food to snack on later, or as a discussion point if they really don't like tuna fish sandwiches. We are also encouraging students to take home items like yogurt containers that can be recycled in your Blue Box at home, as they become garbage at school. Of course, the preferred option is to send lunch items in reusable containers with good fitting lids. We now have to have our large waste bin emptied less often which is a savings and good for the environment!

REYNOLDS FAMILY FLOOR HOCKEY JAMBOREE

Our Grade Five floor hockey players will be participating in a jamboree involving schools from our family (Quadra, Cloverdale, Rogers, Doncaster, Lake Hill and Braefoot) on Thursday afternoon, February 9th. We will be playing in the CEGAR HILL gym between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. Parent spectators are always welcome.

BRAEFOOT DROP-OFF AREA

**A REMINDER THAT THE RIGHT HAND LANE OF THE FRONT PARKING LOT IS A
DROP OFF LANE ONLY**

PARENTS SHOULD NOT LEAVE THEIR VEHICLE UNATTENDED OR PARKED IN THIS LANE. ADHERING TO THE DROP OFF ONLY RULE ALLOWS VEHICLE TRAFFIC TO MOVE SMOOTHLY AND SAFELY. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IF WAITING CARS WOULD TURN OFF THEIR ENGINES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



STUDENTS WHO RIDE THEIR BIKES TO SCHOOL ARE REMINDED TO FOLLOW ALL TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES, WEAR A HELMET AND BRING A BIKE LOCK!!!!!!

STUDENT TRANSFER/MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

For your information, students wishing to attend a Secondary School, or Middle School other than their "pathway" school, will need to apply using the Student Transfer process.

This means that all of our Grade Five students are expected to, and have a right to, attend Cedar Hill Middle School.

Moving to any other school will need a Student Transfer Form, regardless of catchment area. Forms will be available from our school office and the school district website (www.sd61.bc.ca) beginning on

Thursday, February 16.

Forms must be completed and returned to **School Board office by Friday, February 24th**. Parent/Student orientation evenings that you may be interesting in attending are:

Cedar Hill Middle School	Tuesday, January 31 st , 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Gordon Head Middle School	Monday, February 6 th , 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Other Middle School orientation dates can be found on the Greater Victoria School District web page. Or, you may contact the Braefoot School Office.

January 2012 Healthy Eating During Cold and Flu Season

As the weather becomes colder and we stay indoors more, people often catch colds or other viruses. While there is no way to cure the common cold or the flu, following are some immune-boosting foods that may ward off those nasty viruses!

Yogurt contains probiotics, beneficial bacterial with immune-boosting benefits. Look for the "live active culture" seal, which indicates that probiotics have been added.

Check milk product labels for vitamin D. Early research suggests low levels of vitamin D may be linked to an increase in colds and flu.

Vitamin C, found in citrus fruits and juices, may also help the body's immune system.

Zinc, found in meat, chicken, peanuts and peanut butter, plays an important role in the proper functioning of the immune system in the body.

If you do catch a cold or flu virus chicken soup and warm beverages increase the flow of nasal secretions, helping relieve cold symptoms. Of course, the taste and wonderful smell of chicken soup may be an important part of the positive effects!

REGISTRATION FOR LAKEHILL BALL

At Lakehill Ball, boys and girls can start as early as 3 years old
Boys age 3 – 12 + Girls age 3 – 16

Registration starts ONLINE: January 20, 2012

Go to www.lakehillball.com for instructions and registration costs

*Financial assistance from "KIDSPORT™" provides a child for a season of sport. KidSport™ pays the registration fee so that a child may participate in their favourite recognized sport.

(www.kidsportvictoria.ca/index.shtml)

For the first time at Lakehill, "Bring a Friend!" If you bring a new player to our park and they complete registration, you will be provided with a New Lakehill Ball Spirit T-Shirt, with your name on the back!

Go to www.lakehillball.com for complete information.



LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S PRO-D DAY SOCCER CAMP for 7 – 11 year old Boys & Girls FEBRUARY 17, 2012



HALF DAY - 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. - \$35.00 FULL DAY – 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. - \$60.00

LOCATION: Tyndall Field and Clubhouse

Here is a great opportunity for your soccer enthusiast to spend the Pro-D day or half/day improving their soccer skills, learning fitness, playing games and having fun with great coaches from the Lower Island Soccer Association. Head Coach, Andrew Latham will lead the clinics with other highly qualified L.I.S.A. coaches. There will be a break for a supervised lunch (bring your own) from 12:00 – 12:45 for full day participants. For more information and on-line registration, go to the link below. Don't be left out, register now!

Tyndall Full Day:

http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?fuseaction=league.form&league=Tyndall_fullday&season=2012

Tyndall Half Day:

http://lisa.soccerregistrar.com/index.php?fuseaction=league.form&league=Tyndall_halfday&season=2012