



WELCOME BACK TO BRAEFoot!

We trust that each Braefoot Family had a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. The staff of Braefoot Elementary School is looking forward to a brand new and exciting school year. We continue to feel fortunate to be able to work with such a wonderful group of students! Our school population arrived on Tuesday, (244 students) exactly as expected. This has allowed us to move into our 2011-2012 classrooms this morning!

Braefoot School is fortunate to have terrific students, wonderful parents and dedicated staff members.

BRAEFoot PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Please feel free to join us on in the Braefoot Library for our very first PAC meeting of the year. Our PAC meetings represent a wonderful opportunity to meet new parents and to become involved in the school at the "grassroots level".

Items on agenda will include: planning for our Welcome Back BBQ (scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd), an overview by Mr. Mann and Mrs. Taylor, of the school organization and startup (which will also include a discussion of the current job action by BCTF members), a short presentation by Ken Marchtaler on "Verbal Judo" and a discussion regarding PAC plans for the school year.

Drop in visitors are welcome, attending the meeting does not mean you will automatically be given a job 😊

INFORMATION REGARDING THE CURRENT JOB ACTION

As you may be aware, negotiations between the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA) are ongoing. Unfortunately, the parties have not yet been able to negotiate a collective agreement and the BCTF has served notice of job action. Under Phase 1 of the BCTF job action, teachers will continue to teach their classes but will not perform certain specific duties, including:

- Participating in certain meetings with Principals/Vice-Principals
- Preparing or distributing report cards
- Collecting money from students or participate in fundraising
- Participating in any school photo organization
- Attending staff meetings
- Participating in meet the teacher activities that are outside of instructional time.

Teachers may still voluntarily choose to continue providing voluntary extra-curricular activities. We are focused on the education and safety of our students. Schools will remain open, subject to essential services designations. Students will attend classes as they would normally do. Our priority remains that of providing the best possible learning environment for our students.

For more information about bargaining, you may wish to access the BCPSEA website at www.bcpsea.bc.ca or the Greater Victoria School District website www.sd61.bc.ca

As always, Mr. Mann (tmann@sd61.bc.ca) and Mrs. Taylor (btaylor@sd61.bc.ca) or 250-477-6948 are available to answer your questions or address your concerns.

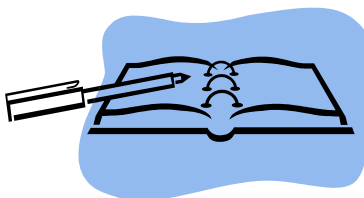
In order to assist with the collection of money and student information, we will be sending home on Monday a package with each student. This package will contain:

- Student Verification forms
- Consent forms
- Student Planners
- Welcome BBQ information
- Braefoot School Calendars
- Hot Lunch Order Forms



As teachers will not be collecting the money or the returned forms, we would ask that parents, or students, return the envelope directly to the office. Exact change or cheques would be appreciated. Each envelope will be personalized for the student and will have a handy “checklist” to ensure that all information has been completed. We would appreciate returns by Friday, September 16th. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL PLANNERS: Every student from grade 1 to 5 has the opportunity to purchase a personalized Braefoot Planner for \$8.00 each. These planners have been placed in the information envelope that will be sent home on Monday, and are a great source of communication between home and school. Classroom teachers will encourage daily use of the planners as they can help build a sense of personal organization for each of the students.



School Organization for 2011-2012

Principal Mr. Tarjeet Mann	Library Mrs. Barbara Taylor
Vice Principal Ms. Barbara Taylor	Mrs. Tanya Litton
Classrooms	Computer Lab Mr. Darryl Beck
Division 1 Ms. Susan Theim & Ms. Barbara Taylor	School Technology Assistant Mr. Dave Wardle
Division 2 Mr. Darryl Beck & Ms. Barbara Taylor	ESL, LA
Division 3 Ms Debbie Linnell	Resource Room Mrs. Lynn Heslup
Division 4 Mr. Scott Samuelson	Educational Assistants
Division 5 Ms Bev Bacon	Ms. Kathy Bell Mrs. Tina Williams
Division 6 Mrs. Janelle Hunt, & Ms Korry Elliott	Mrs. Shari Griffin Mrs. Kim Lapshinoff
Division 7 Mr. Sean Reynolds	Ms. Vicki Waterman Mrs. Lily Pascuzzi
Division 8 Mrs. Deirdre Potter	Mrs. Kim Lapshinoff Ms. Sarah Duvall-Hannay
Division 9 Mrs. Dale Fletcher	Ms. Lindsay Macfarlane
Division 10 Mrs. Claire Birch/Ms. Erica Thomas-Booth	Counsellor Ms. Sunny Myles
Division 11 Mr. Jeff Carson	Nurse Shylah Hamilton
Division 12 Mrs. Kim Smart	District Speech & Language Ms. Jennifer Ellwood
Music Ms. Korry Elliott	District Vision Impaired Ms. Daphne Hitchcock
School Secretary Mrs. Blanche Philip	District Hearing Impaired Pam Guilbault
Office Assistant Mrs. Tanya Litton	Linda Haynes
Student Teachers September – November, 2011:	Occupational Therapist Teresa Mulligan
Division 8 Ms. Evelyn Crossley	Physiotherapist TBA
Division 9 Ms. Alana Schober	Police Liaison Cst. Drew Hildred
	Custodians
	Daytime Mr. Chris Jackson
	Director of Instruction Ms. Sherri Bell
	sbell@sd61.bc.ca
	Superintendent of Schools Mr. J. Gaiptman
	jgaiptman@sd61.bc.ca

The 2011-12 Bell Schedule at Braefoot School will be: 8:45 – 2:42 P.M. DAILY



8:30 a.m. Playground supervision begins, Library is open for students

8:45 a.m. Classes begin for the day, attendance is taken

10:05 a.m. Recess begins

10:24 a.m. Recess ends

11:55 noon Lunch begins

12:10 p.m. Students who have **finished their lunch may go** outside to play

12:40 p.m. Afternoon classes begin

2:42 p.m. Classes end for the day

2:57 p.m. Playground supervision ends

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.**

