

BEATTIE ELEMENTARY

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September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to another exciting school year! The staff has been working hard to get our new school ready and it looks great! Students will enjoy our newer and bigger facilities. The following newsletter provides information about the upcoming school year- Please do not hesitate, however, to give the office a call if you have further queries or check out our website at: <http://beattie.sd73.bc.ca/>. I look forward to seeing everyone at 10:30 am on Tuesday, September 6th.

Blair Lloyd, Principal

First Week of School

Any families new to our area (or from the former Beattie School of the Arts) should ensure they come to register at the school starting August 29th. Please bring two pieces of identification to show your address (BC hydro bill and driver's license for example) and please bring your child's care card and birth certificate. Please come anytime after 10:30 am.

The first day of school is TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th. Doors will open at 10:20 and school will begin at 10:30. All children should report to the gym. On WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7th, all children will report back to their last year's teacher's classroom again and then we will spend Wednesday reviewing school beliefs and reminding children about our school Code of Conduct.

Our hope as a staff is to finalize class placements as soon as we can. Enrolment dictates whether we can go ahead and post the classes or we need to wait for more staffing if enrolment has increased over the summer months and we can no longer accommodate the demand with the present number of classrooms. **Attendance on Tuesday Sept. 6 and Wednesday Sept. 7 is very important for us.** I will be in touch via synervoice so all will know when the new class lists will be posted and when we can start in our new divisions.

Class Placement

We would like you to know that placing students in the most appropriate class is a complex process for the school and is handled carefully and thoughtfully. During the first week, students will be placed with temporary classes until decisions have been made by the staff on class placements.

School Fees

A notice to collect school supply fees will be distributed during the first week of school. These forms need to be returned by **September 30th**. Fees cover the expense of school supplies as well as a concert series for our students.

Transportation

There will be 3 school buses travelling to Beattie Elementary: Stuart Wood (Battle street pick-up), Prince Charles Park (11th avenue pick-up), and Lloyd George Elementary (9th avenue pick-up). Students are asked to arrive to the bus location 10 minutes before departure time. Students will be given a registration paper from the bus driver for parents to sign and send back to the bus driver. Within the first week, a students list will be generated for each bus. At the end of the school day, a CEA will monitor loading of the buses.

Bus Location	Bus Number	Pick Up-Morning	Drop Off at Beattie	Pick Up from Beattie	Drop Off-Afternoon
Stuart Wood	A0730	8:11	8:22	2:40	2:50
Prince Charles Park	A7730	8:14	8:25	2:35	2:45
Lloyd George Elem.	A5738	8:09	8:22	2:35	2:45

Verification Reports and other Permission Forms

The school district requires parents to update Student Verification Records on a yearly basis. Along with this document, a *permission for personal information consent*, an *Outside Media in Schools*, and a *Student Use of District Technology resources* form will be sent home by the second week of school and needs to be signed. **These forms must be returned to the school no later than September 30th.**

Lunchtime Supervision-PAID position!

We have a few openings for paid positions for interested parents and other community members to come to the school and help with lunchtime supervision and lunches. If you would like to join the team, contact the office.

Parent Involvement and Parent Advisory Council

There are several ways in which you can be an active parent at Beattie Elementary. Our Parent Advisory Council meets at the school on a regular basis, and the meeting dates are published in the school newsletters. **The first PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm in the school library.**

Many people volunteer in our school. Their involvement is greatly appreciated and allows us to expand our programs and to support children in ways that we otherwise would not be able to do. Whenever parents are in the school, we emphasize the importance of confidentiality. Records and personal information are confidential and we expect our parents to respect that. Regular volunteers are required to sign a volunteer agreement, and all visitors to the school must sign in at the office.

One to One Reading

Do you love reading with children? Or someone who may enjoy teaching a child how to read? Kamloops One To One Literacy Program is looking for volunteers to read with students at Beattie Elementary. Volunteers spend 1 1/2 hours per week reading with students. If you are interested in this very worthwhile program, or would like more information, please contact Linda Marston at l.marston@shaw.ca after September 13th.

After School Programs

Beattie Elementary will be offering a variety of after school programs for students in grade 4-7. These programs will begin in early October. More information will be sent home soon.

Strings program

Students from Grades 4 and up are welcome to join. Classes begin late September and continue until the final concert in June. Beginners (no previous violin or cello experience) will be rehearsing on Mondays and Fridays in the "dance studio" from 3:00-3:45 and any advanced kids will rehearse from 3:45-4:30 (advanced kids need to have had previous experience playing the violin or cello for at least one year). Students can choose either the violin or cello. For more information, please contact Kate Zahir: szahir@sd73.bc.ca

Attendance

At Beattie Elementary the provincial curriculum is taught through an integrated program. Consistent attendance is a vital component of the program and absolutely necessary in order for a child to succeed. Significant student absences and lateness will impact your child's ability to do well and achieve success in the educational program we offer at Beattie Elementary. However, on occasion it is necessary for your child to be away due to illness or other factors. If you know your child will be absent from school please call the school office (250-374-0608). If you need to pick up your child from school for an appointment you need to sign your child in and out at the office.

Parking and Traffic

We believe strongly in the safety of our children, therefore, please make sure you are aware of parking and traffic routines at our school. Students are reminded to follow road safety at all times. Students are required to use the crosswalk and look both ways before crossing the street. Beattie parking lot is not available for parent parking. Parents are asked to park on McGill, Frontage or the Safeway parking lot in order to pick up and drop off children. **Please be advised that u-turns are not allowed on McGill- Bylaw and RCMP regularly monitor the area for infractions.**

Bell Schedule: 2016-2017

Warning Bell	8:20 am
Class Starts	8:30 am
Recess Starts	10:10 am
Recess Ends	10:25am
Lunch Starts	12:05 pm
Lunch Ends	12:54 pm
Dismissal	2:30 pm

Photo Day

PHOTO DAY - OCTOBER 11th. Prior to photo day, a brochure will be sent home with students advertising the photo date and other important details. After photo day each student photographed will receive a proof to place their order. No payment is due at the camera.

Medical Policy

Please contact the school if your child has any health issues or potentially life-threatening conditions that we need to be made aware of. No medications (prescription or non-prescription) are to be

administered by school district employees without prior written consent of the parent/guardian and doctors must sign a ***Request for Administration of Medication at School*** form which includes written medical advice from a physician. This form must be renewed/resigned each school year. For more information, please see *District policies 1006.1 and 1006.2* at www.sd73.bc.ca.

Gym Strip for P.E. Class

On days when Intermediate students have P.E., they are required to wear a T-shirt, shorts (or other flexible clothing like yoga pants), and non-marking running shoes. Primary class clothing requirements will vary with individual teachers. Parents should check with their child’s teacher for details.

Meals Program

Beattie Meal program will begin September 19th. A notice with further details will be sent home to parents.

Who is teaching at Beattie Elementary this year?	
Teaching Staff	Assignment
LLOYD, Blair	Principal
BROOKES, Lorraine	Literacy Resource Teacher
BYMOEN, Linda	Primary
CHARRON, Kelly	Intermediate
DE JARDIN, Lisa	Primary
FABBRO-SMITH, Gina	Primary/Intermediate
HUNTER, Judy	LART
LEWIS, Janet	Primary
MACLAUGHLIN, Caitlin	Library/Prep/Music
MCDANIEL, Susan	Primary
MORGAN, Beth	Intermediate
PIVA, Cathy	Intermediate
Support Staff	Assignment
ADAMCZYK, Jadwiga	Library Assistant
BAGLEE, Diana	FNEW
BALYX, Linda	CEA
DE FRIAS, Robert	Custodian
DJELMO, Indira	CEA
FIRLOTTE, Nick	Custodian
GLENDINNING, Kimberly	CEA
GUNTON, Sophia	Sec In Charge
NIELSEN, Cara Lee	CEA

Indoor Shoes

Students NEED “indoor” shoes at school. For gym classes, athletic shoes are required (Please, no flip flop or open toe shoes). These can also serve as indoor shoes for your child. In the wet weather, the floors get slippery and dangerous, especially on the stairs! Please ensure that your child has shoes here at school for inside wear. Thank you!

Guidelines for Personal Electronic Devices at Beattie Elementary:

- Students who bring devices such as cell phones, ipods, MP3 players, Nintendo DS's or similar will be instructed to keep these items in their backpacks or lockers for the duration of the school day until dismissal.
- As per the *District's Policy 406.1*, the safe keeping of these devices are solely the responsibility of the owners.
- Students needing or wanting to use cell phones to contact parents while at school must use the same procedure currently in place for using the school phone – ask a staff member for permission first - and return device to backpack or locker when finished.
- Students may use e-type readers for quiet reading times upon permission of the teacher (safekeeping is the responsibility of the student).
- School equipment such as digital cameras and movie cameras may be used for school activities with the permission of the teacher.

Communication

If you have any questions that come up during the year, there are a number of ways to get in touch:

- Call the school
- Send an email. Most of the staff and administration can be reached using the first letter of the staff member's first name's initial, followed by the last name @sd73.bc.ca. (Example: John Smith: jsmith@sd73.bc.ca) There are a few exceptions but staff email addresses are also listed on our website.
- Check out our website! it is located at www.beattie.sd73.bc.ca.

After School Plans

If you have made after school arrangements and the plans have changed please notify the school, directly. The secretary cannot let students leave for home, if they are not feeling well - unless they are accompanied by a supervising adult. This adult must be a relative or an approved representative of the family. Our secretary-in-charge, or the principal, must speak directly to the child's parent or legal guardian before they will be permitted to leave.

School Clothing

Our school is considered a 'place of work' for students. It is expected that our students will respectfully represent Beattie both in and outside of school. At school, and at all school functions, students are expected to dress in a manner and style appropriate for school. For safety purposes, flip flops are not worn because we have had serious falls and the stairs. In addition, students may not be able to keep their feet safe on the field wearing flip flops.

School Calendar 2016-2017

Date	Activity
Monday, September 5	Labour Day, No classes
Tuesday, September 6	First Day of Classes, 10:30-12:00 pm
Wednesday, September 14	First Full Day of Kindergarten
Wednesday, September 14	PAC Meeting
Friday, September 23	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Thursday, October 6	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Closure)
Friday, October 7	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Closure)
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, October 11	PHOTO DAY
Friday, October 21	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, November 2	RETAKE PHOTO DAY
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Monday, December 5	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, December 9	Term 1 reports home
Thursday, December 15	CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Friday, December 16	Last day of school before winter vacation
Tuesday, January 3, 2017	First day of school after winter vacation
Friday, January 20	District Non-Instructional Day- No classes
Monday, February 13	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, February 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Closure)
Friday, February 24	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, March 17	Term 2 Report Cards – Last day before Spring Break
Monday, April 3	First Day back after Spring Break
Friday, April 14	Good Friday- No classes
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday- No classes
Friday, April 21	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Closure)
Monday, April 24	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, May 15	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed
Thursday, June 29	Last day for students – report cards home
Friday, June 30	Administrative Day