

<h1>Beattie Elementary</h1>	Beattie Elementary 492 McGill Road Kamloops. B.C. (250) 374-0608	<b>“Working together as a school community in an atmosphere of success and belonging, we have as our goal the development of each student's fullest potential as a lifelong learner in a changing world”</b>
	Principal: Mr. Blair Lloyd <a href="http://www.besttie.sd73.bc.ca">www.besttie.sd73.bc.ca</a>	

October 2016

Greetings Beattie Parents,

Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the year so successful. Students have settled into their new classrooms and the teachers are providing engaging lessons on a daily basis. Since the beginning of the year we have put an emphasis on our S.T.A.R. matrix by having assemblies. Mini lessons have taken place throughout the school to teach students expected behaviours. We want all our students to demonstrate Safety, Teamwork, Accountability and Respect. while at school and at home. Feel free to use those words at home as your child knows what they mean. Please see the Matrix which is on our school website. Also parents, please check out the website for important Parent Advisory regarding “Clown” Related Threats.

I am excited to see all the going ons in our school and classrooms. The school is providing engaging experiences for our students and I encourage them to participate in the many opportunities. Volleyball season is about to begin, practices will begin this week for grade 4-7 students. A big thanks to the teachers and TRU students who are volunteering to coach and/or sponsor teams.

There is no school on Friday, October 21st because it is a professional development day.

Please visit our Beattie Website to see the PAC newsletter which has **very important information regarding fundraiser and upcoming events**. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. B. Lloyd  
Principal

### **INTERNET SAFETY AND W.I.T.S.**

Cst. Sophie Winkels was present at our school last week providing information to our students on the W.I.T.S. Anti-bullying program and Internet Safety and Responsibility. The Beattie PAC will be hosting an information session on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm. Please call the school to confirm your attendance (250-374-0608).

*'Learn more about internet safety presented by School Resource Officer Cst. Winkels. Covering; current trends in social media for youth, conversations to have with your children regarding appropriate social media use, what to do if your child (or yourself) is being harassed online. Questions following the presentation.'*

### **VERIFICATION FORMS**

Verification forms along with other various permission forms have now been sent home and are due to the office as soon as possible. It is extremely important for all information to be checked carefully so that we have emergency contact phone numbers and other current information readily available. This information ensures that your child will have appropriate care in the event of injury or illness. A number of synvoices and mass emails have been sent out to families- if you are not receiving these important pieces of communication, please contact the school to update your contact information.



### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

Please contact the school before 8:00 am at 250-374-0608 if your child is going to be absent or late. A phone call will be made to your home if there is not an unexplained absence. Students who are late (after 8:30 am) must report to the office to sign in.

## **BUSING**

3 buses run each day to and from Beattie elementary. In order to make sure buses run smoothly, we ask parents to make after school arrangements before child comes to school. Please ensure that your child understands if they are taking the bus or making alternative arrangements after school. Last minute changes/phone calls to the office create confusion for students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Mark December 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendars- in the past we have had an intermediate and primary Christmas concert. With our new and bigger gym we will have one Christmas concert this year. A matinee and evening show will be planned.

## **PARKING AND STUDENT SAFETY**

Parents are reminded that the school parking lot is limited to to **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. To help ensure the safety of our students, parents should not be driving through this lot at any time to drop off or pick up students. Parents are encouraged to park in the designated areas on McGill road or in the Safeway parking lot in order to come into the school. We appreciate your understanding in this regards.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our Lost and Found is starting to get to the top of the box! Please stop by at anytime to have a look if your child is missing an item (or two!) of clothing. The Lost and Found bin is located in the front entrance of the school. Also, we have a little box on the office counter which has glasses and jewelry.

## **COME READ WITH ME- GRADE 1 PARENTS**

Come Read with Me workshop is an interactive session for parents of grade one students. The session will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> in the library. Parents will get some strategies for reading to use with their child at home- if you have not already received an information letter, please contact Ms. Lewis. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Brookes and Ms. Lewis for making this day happen!

## **HALLOWEEN IS ON A MONDAY**

Halloween falls on a Monday this year- teachers will communicate expectations for individual classes. The school asks parents that on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> that parents ensure that **MINIMAL** candy comes to school the following school day and beyond. Large quantities of candy affect the learning environment and tone of the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **REPORT CARDS**

A reminder that report cards for first term will be issued on December 2<sup>nd</sup>-

## **DEAR**

The 2016 Drop Everything and Read challenge will be held on Monday, October 24. Every year, schools across BC participate in this event in celebration of National School Library Day. Last year, over 11500 students in our District participated in DEAR.

## **TERRY FOX RUN**

We had a beautiful day for the Terry Fox Run! Our school collected almost \$200. Thank you for all of the donations!

## **PARENTING CORNER**

### **PEER CONFLICT vs. MEAN BEHAVIOUR vs. BULLYING BEHAVIOUR**

When a child is having a problem with her or his peers, it can be hard for parents to know what is really happening – is it bullying? Or is it something else? Each type of behaviour must be handled differently, to keep children safe and help them learn how to get along with others. I encourage parents to think about the differences when children come home and have an issue with another peer at school.

### **PEER CONFLICT**

Conflict between and among peers is a natural part of growing up. Children will have times when they disagree and can't solve their own problems. They may even become so frustrated

that they say mean things or act out physically by hitting, kicking or trying to hurt.

If it's peer conflict, you will be aware that these children:

- usually choose to play or hang out together;
- have equal power (similar age, size, social status, etc);
- are equally upset;
- are both interested in the outcome; and
- will be able to work things out with adult help (after calming down).

Adults can respond by helping the children talk it out, and see each others perspective. This is often referred to as conflict resolution.

### **MEAN BEHAVIOUR**

Children may try out behaviours to assert themselves – sometimes saying or doing mean things – such as making fun of others, using a hurtful name, taking something without permission, leaving a child out, or 'budging' in line.

If it is mean behaviour, usually:

- it is not planned and seems to happen spontaneously or in the moment;
- it may be aimed at any child nearby;
- the child being mean may feel badly when an adult points out the harm they've caused.

When adults see mean behaviour they should not ignore it. Adults should respond quickly, firmly and respectfully to stop the behaviour, to let kids know their actions are hurtful and to re-direct children toward more positive behaviour.

This quick response stops children from developing a patter of mean behaviour as their way of interacting with peers, and prevents mean behaviour from escalating into bullying. It is a lot easier to correct a child for one nasty comment than to change a pattern of cruelty that grows over time.

### **BULLYING BEHAVIOUR**

Bullying is serious behaviour that has three key features – ALL THREE must be present for the situation to be considered bullying:

- **Power imbalance** – One child clearly has power of the other(s), which may be due to age, size, social status, and so on.
- **Intention to harm** – The purpose of the bullying behaviour is to harm or hurt other(s) – it's intended to be mean and is clearly not accidental.
- **Repeated over time** – bullying behaviour continues over time, and gets worse with repetition. There is a real or implied threat that the behaviour will not stop, and in fact will become even more serious.

The effect on the child who is being bullied is increased fear, apprehension, and distress. Often by the time adults find out about what is happening, the child has tried many ways to stop the bullying but can not do so on their own.

Adults must address the bullying behaviour and ensure the safety of the student who has been targeted. They also need to reassure the children who may have witnessed the behaviour that adults are taking care of it.

When schools respond to bullying, staff will also help the child who has been bullying others to take responsibility for their actions, and change their behaviour. They will monitor the situation to ensure the bullying stops, and will support the child who has been bullied to regain confidence and a sense of safety. Staff may follow-up with the students who observed the behaviour to help them learn what to do when they see bullying.

The 'conflict resolution' style of bringing the children together is not recommended in bullying situations until considerable time has gone by and all children are feeling safe enough to talk about what happened so that relationships can be healed.

### **PHOTO DAY**

Photo Day is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> with retakes taking place on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## **BELL SCHEDULE**

Warning Bell	8:20 am
Class Starts	8:30 am
Recess	10:15 am
Recess Ends	10:30am
All Students eat lunch	12:05 pm
All Students Outside	12:20 pm
End of lunch	12:49 pm
Instruction begins	12:54 pm
Dismissal	2:30 pm

## **NUT AWARE**



Within our Beattie school community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (Anaphylaxis) to foods. This is predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts although some are at risk for insect stings and latex as well. We feel that the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to AVOID sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients or other tree nut items. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter is appreciated. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

## **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The PAC meets regularly every month and encourages new members to come out to meet at the school to plan fundraising and other type of events to support our children. The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

October 6th and 7th were Early Closure days at Beattie. Students were dismissed at 12:30 on both Thursday and Friday. Classroom teachers were communicating with families to arrange parent teacher interviews. If you could not make any of the times available, please let your child's teacher know so that an alternate arrangement can be made. This first informal meeting was a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how your child has transitioned back into the school culture.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Volleyball has spiked back into action. Official league games start on the week of Oct. 19th. This year, we will have 4 teams, Tier 2 Boys, Tier 3 Mixed and 2 Tier 2 girls team. A BIG shout out to the teachers and other volunteers making this season happen for our students.

## **LOCKDOWN DRILL**

Safety of the children is paramount at Beattie Elementary. Along with planned fire drills throughout the year, students will also go through lock down procedures. Our first lock down will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Fire Drills will take place on October 18, 25, and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

Autumn is upon us and with that comes cooler temperatures. On supervision each day we are still seeing some students dressed for summer weather. Students will need to remember a hoodie or a coat as they are expect4ed to be outside for recess and lunch breaks. Doors open at 8:20 am each morning and students need to wait outside in the morning until the bell goes.

## **S.T.A.R. Catchers and Recognition Assemblies**

As a PBIS school we are working hard to practice and honour positive behaviour we see in our school each and every day! Please find a copy of our STAR matrix, Personal Best and the W.I.T.S. on our school website. Please go over the expectations with your child. Copies can also be found on our school website. Our first Recognition Assembly will be at November 18th. If your child is being recognized you will be notified by the teacher well in advance so that you can organize to attend.



## **MEALS PROGRAM**

Beattie Meals program has begun! Each month a form will come home for parents to sign and send back with their child. Forms/payment are collected at the office each month. Subsidized meals are available for families in need- please contact the office to set up an appointment with Mr. Lloyd.

## **FOUND 4 KIDS**

This is a program for recycled clothing (left over in District school lost & found bins) that one of the parents in our District has coordinated for all students in School District #73. You can visit the store by contacting [found4kids@gmail.com](mailto:found4kids@gmail.com) and take along a coupon you can pick up from the office. If you need a coupon for the Found4Kids store for admittance at any time, please see Mr. Lloyd the office.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note: sports schedules located on the school website\*\*\*\*\***

### **School Calendar 2016-2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Friday, October 14	Booster Juice Day
Thursday, October 20	Come Read with Me
Friday, October 21	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, October 24	DEAR
Wednesday, November 2	RETAKE PHOTO DAY
Wednesday, November 2	Booster Juice forms due
Thursday, November 10	Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:30 am
Thursday, November 10	Booster Juice delivered
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, November 18	PURDY orders due
Friday, November 18	STAR Awards
Saturday, November 26	PAC craft Fair
Thursday, December 1	Booster Juice orders due
Friday, December 2	PURDY orders go home
Monday, December 5	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Wednesday, December 7	PAC meeting at 6:30
Friday, December 9	Booster Juice delivered
Friday, December 9	Term 1 reports home
Thursday, December 15	CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 1 pm and 6 pm
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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **School district seeking nominations for Owl Award of Excellence**

**KAMLOOPS – School District 73 invites nominations for its annual Owl Award of Excellence in Public Education, which acknowledges an individual, group or organization that has provided outstanding service to support public education in the region.**

**The prestigious award was created through the board’s long-term plan to recognize outstanding, system-wide contributions to education over an extended period of time, which impact students, parents, teachers, support staff and educational leaders across the school district.**

**Last year, the Kamloops North Rotary Club won the Owl Award of Excellence for its more than 40-years of support and hard work at the McQueen Lake Environmental Education Centre, which has created an educational legacy for many generations to enjoy.**

**This year’s winner will be announced in early 2017 and will be presented with a statuette of a burrowing owl sculpted by local artist Terry Norlander, which symbolizes wisdom, hope and vision.**

**Nominations will be accepted until October 31, 2016, and forms can be found on the school district website at [www.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.sd73.bc.ca). A committee of five, made up of the district superintendent, a board representative and three members of the community are responsible for selecting the winner.**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Alison Sidow, Superintendent,  
School District 73  
Office: 250-374-0679**

### ***From the Board Meeting of: October 3, 2016***

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Whitney of Vavenby Elementary: “Why Salmon Make a Good Inquiry-Based Learning Project.”
2. The Board received information regarding Ministry funding grant opportunities in the areas of Computational Thinking and Coding Support, Skills Training and Access Grants, and Skills Training Support Agreements.
3. The Board received a report on the District’s School Immunization Program.
4. The Board received information regarding a new District Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) District Coordinator position.
5. The Board received a report on the Youth Homelessness Count surveys to be administered in our District.
6. The Board received information regarding the District’s preliminary 1701 Enrolment Report.
7. The Board approved the Rotary Club of Kamloops’ request to continue with the Family Dinner Program at NorKam Senior Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. The Board recognized the School District’s receipt of the United Way Quantum Leap Award in recognition of the District doubling its fundraising contributions in 2016.
9. The Board adopted the following revised policies:
  - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
  - Policy 203.1 Trustee Remuneration
  - Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults: Course Fees
  - Policy 912.1 Principals and Vice-Principals: Mobility
  - Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals: Process for Appointment
  - Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance

**The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 24, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.**

***From the Board Meeting of: September 12, 2016***

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Edison Robotics from Principal Jake Schmidt, Teacher Jason Sandhu, and two grade seven students from Pacific Way Elementary.
2. The Board received an update on this year's school start-up.
3. The Board approved the Early Closure Dates for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. The Board received a Projected Enrollment Snapshot Report.
5. The Board received a report on the New Reporting Order and Guidelines, presented by Director Robinson.
6. The Board adopted the Revised Schedule of Board Meetings for 2016 and 2017 for rural communities.
7. The Board approved the addition of 7.72 FTE elementary teaching positions for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. The Board received, reviewed, and approved the 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements.
9. The Board approved a request from BC Special Olympics to support, in principle, the City of Kamloops hosting the 2017 Summer Games.

**The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, September 26, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.**