

Beattie Elementary

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“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”

November 2016

Principal's Message:

Welcome to November! Thank you to all our families for making October a great one here at Beattie Elementary. Students have been working very hard and all of you should be proud of the achievements your children have had this term. I have noticed students busy in various capacities: academics, field trips, sporting events, assemblies, and after school programs to name a few! The PAC Halloween dance was an amazing success. Special thanks to the parents and staff who helped out with it this year. As we roll into November, the weather has started to cool and our custodian has tracked the weather patterns and it typically snows by November 19th...Brrr. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather every day. All students and visitors are asked to please remove wet boots at the door. The education system in Kamloops and the rest of British Columbia is continually transforming, I encourage you to click on the links in this newsletter to watch the videos that will help explain the changing ways children are taught in our school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal



SHOES & BOOTS

Students are required to wear indoor footwear for health and safety purposes. Please have your son or daughter bring and leave a pair of inside shoes at school as the weather is certainly wetter and outside shoes are tracking in a lot of mud and water. On our linoleum stairs this can be a serious slipping hazard for our students and staff and we would be sorry to see anyone injured in a fall. If this is a financial burden for

your family, please contact Mr. Lloyd @ the school and we will make the necessary confidential arrangements.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

If you have dropped off or picked up your child at school lately, you may have noticed the increase in congestion in the hallways. I would like to encourage parents to drop off and pick up their child **OUTSIDE the school at their designated doorways**. Hallways are very busy at the end of the day as sports teams are getting ready for games, primary students are lined up for buses and having extra people in the hallway can create confusion and congestion. Primary students will be led out to their designated doorway for parents to pick up their child. Thank you for your cooperation!



Also, everyone entering the building is asked to remove outside footwear when the snow starts falling. Students carry their boots down hallways to their exit doors and it is very uncomfortable for them when they step in water left over from wet boots.

TOYS at SCHOOL

To help avoid heartache at school, it is best to leave valuables and toys at home. This will ensure that special items are not lost or stolen. It also helps children to stay focused and on task during our instructional times.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

A reminder that the school will be closed for REMEMBRANCE DAY on Friday, November 11th. We will have our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10th starting at 10:45am. All parents are welcome.

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

Elementary first term report cards will come home with your child on Friday, December 2nd. Report cards always come home in a brown district envelope. Please be sure to SIGN this envelope as acknowledgement that you have seen the report card and then please return it to your child's teacher. If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, teacher emails are located on our main school website.

BEING ON TIME

A reminder that school begins at 8:30 am, and the entrance bell rings at 8:20 am. Teachers have noticed that students who arrive late find it extremely difficult transitioning into the classroom once teaching has begun. Our timetable is structured so that every instructional minute counts. When your child arrives late, it compromises their learning time and others.



Beattie - SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Parents – please call **(250) 374-0608** if your child will be late or absent. This program is for your child's safety! The answering machine will take messages 24 hours a day.

PARKING AND STUDENT SAFETY

Parents are reminded that the school parking lot is limited 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 drop off their children along the front or back of the school in the morning or afternoon. Vehicles entering the parking lot present a danger to our students. Thank you for your help with this.

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, Internet safety and Responsibility. The Beattie PAC will be hosting an information session on November 17th from 7-8 pm. Please call the school at 250-374-0608 to confirm your attendance.

LOST AND FOUND

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

FOUND 4 KIDS

This is a program for recycled clothing (left over in District school lost & found bins) that one of our industrious school district parents has coordinated for all students in School Dist. #73. There is an abundance of clean clothing available in all sizes for both elementary and high school students. You can visit the store by contacting found4kids@gmail.com and take along a coupon. If you need a coupon for the Found4Kids store for admittance at any time, please see Mr. Lloyd the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

We had another successful D.E.A.R event this year with over 11,000 Kamloops/Thompson students dropping everything and reading for pleasure. I hope everyone enjoyed their day. Congratulations to **Beattie McGill Elementary School** and **Barriere Secondary School** for winning this year's library book prizes! A **BIG** thank you to Mrs. Maclaughlin for organizing this popular event.

BOOK FAIR

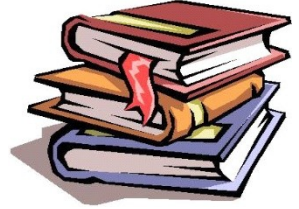
Beattie is excited to host the Scholastic Book Fair. We will be open for sales from Nov.7th to Nov.10th. **Cash and debit/credit cards will be accepted.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Monday, Nov.7th 2:30-3:30

Tuesday, Nov.8th 12:15-12:45 & 2:30-3:30

Wednesday, Nov.9th 12:15-12:45 & 2:30-3:30

Thursday, Nov.10th 2:30-3:00



VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL

The Volleyball regular season is going well and soon it will be time to spike it up a notch for the Playoffs. Good luck to all the teams! We are currently looking for volunteers to coach our basketball teams. If you can help or know someone who can coach our basketball teams, please contact Mr. Lloyd or Mrs. Morgan.

MAMA MIA PERFORMANCE AT SAGEBRUSH THEATRE

On December 6th multiple classes at our school will be travelling to the Sagebrush Theatre to see the performance of MAMA MIA. This is an enhancement to our Arts Education curriculum. Thank you parents for ensuring your child's fee is paid \$5.00



STAR AWARDS

The school will be hosting the first S.T.A.R. Awards on November 18th, 11-12pm for students showing their *Personal Best*. Parents of children nominated will be contacted so that they can join in celebrating their child who has given it their best at the school.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please mark December 15th on your calendar for the Beattie Elementary Christmas Concert. There will be a 1 pm matinee and 6 pm evening show.

SEARCH FOR A NEW LOGO

Beattie Elementary is looking for a new logo/mascot. All Stakeholders of Beattie Elementary, (Parents, Students, and Teachers) are being asked to give the office your vote for your favourite logo. If you would like to cast your vote, please visit our website or drop by the office for a paper ballot. All entries for are due by end of November.

PAC SPOT ON THE WEBSITE

Along with Facebook, email, and newsletters, a spot has been made for PAC to give parents updates. Important dates, newsletters and meeting notes can now be found on our school website.

PAC FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to everyone for supporting the PAC and their efforts in fundraising for our students. Along with weekly popcorn fundraising, below is a list of fundraisers and the due dates. A BIG thank you to parents for supporting our awesome school!

Fundraiser	Date given out	Date due	Delivery Date
Popcorn	Every Wednesday	ongoing	ongoing
Purdy's	November 1	November 18	December 2
Booster Juice		November 2	November 10
PAC Craft Fair	November 26 th in the Beattie gym		

PAID SUPERVISION POSITIONS

Beattie Elementary is actively searching for parent/adult supervisors for lunchtime (12-1pm). If you are available, please consider signing up to help out the school. The position pays \$10 per hour.

REDESIGNED CURRICULUM

Beattie Elementary classrooms continue to move towards embracing the newly redesigned curriculum. Please click on the links below to learn more exciting information about the move towards a curriculum that will engage student learning.

<https://youtu.be/IXyyZql2PZQ?list=PL4A8D9D73BB54AA0A>

<https://youtu.be/tJkR78Gljhl?list=PL4A8D9D73BB54AA0A>

<https://youtu.be/uP4ndQ5ckoY?list=PL4A8D9D73BB54AA0A>

https://youtu.be/RTx_3zjtvA?list=PL4A8D9D73BB54AA0A

IMPORTANT DATES

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

School Calendar 2016-2017

Date	Activity
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