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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"

January 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all the Beattie families! I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff and students for the amazing Christmas concert held last month, over 500 parents and family members attended the afternoon and evening show. Thank you for your support! By the applause and accolades, the performances were well received. We are well into term 2 now, I encourage students to reflect on your report cards that went home last month and make a plan for academic success. There are many exciting things happening inside and outside the classrooms such as skating, gymnastics, Most Magnificent Thing project, the painting of the school and a new school logo to name just a few!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

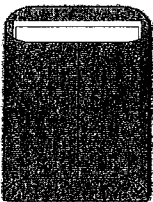
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES

February 14 - 17

9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for Kindergarten on these dates. Please bring your child's birth certificate and care card to the office with proof of address and out Enrollment Form. If you have a child that has significant social, cognitive or medical difficulties, please also complete the District Form as well. Only students from our catchment area may be accepted at this time and parents need to prove that they live in our catchment area to attend. Students from another neighborhood must register at their catchment area school, complete an "APPLICATION FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL" form and bring that to Beattie Elementary during the official Kindergarten registration times. Out of catchment students would be put on a waitlist and notified in September if there is room at our school.



REPORT CARDS

First Term Report Cards came home December 2nd. Report Cards came 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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you have questions about the report card please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Appointments can be set up directly with classroom teachers.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON REPORT CARDS

British Columbia's new school curriculum is making sure students are ready to succeed in our changing world. The Ministry of Education wants parents to share how they want to learn about their child's progress from kindergarten to grade 9. Everyone is Welcome!

Attend a Community Meeting to Learn More

**Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops BC**

**Monday, January 30th, 2017
5-8pm**

FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

January is LITERACY MONTH! This month we celebrate literacy, reading, less screen time, and more enjoyment of books.

This month take time to read to your children, have them read to you, turn gadgets off and pick up a book and model for your children the importance of reading for pleasure. Discuss with your child what books you loved as a child, take a visit to the public library and find a special book for you and your child to share. Across the district and the city, Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) invites you to participate in Family Literacy Week January 21-28th, 2017.

Family Literacy Week is about learning together as a family in fun and different ways. There are many ways to practice literacy together as a family- following a recipe, singing a song, or playing a game are just a few ways to engage in literacy activities. For more ideas, please go to the national website

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/celebrate-family-literacy-day>

Thanks for your ongoing support with home reading initiatives and encouraging your children to read with fluency and grow in their comprehension and their love of being inquisitive.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESMENTS

Our Grade 4 and 7 students will be taking part in the FSA's between January 16th and February 3rd 2017. There are specific schedules for administering FSA's for each class. This is a ministry initiative and we ask that our students be well rested and in a state of mind to try their best on the assessments. There are three parts to the assessment: Numeracy, Writing, and Reading. The Student Learning Assessment Order (School Act Section 81 and 168) provides the legislative authority to mandate the administration of the FSA to all Gr.4 and 7 students. As such, all students are expected to write the exams. With the redesigned curriculum, our district is certain we will see changes to this assessment moving forward. Principals and teachers do not have the authority to excuse students from participation unless the students meets specific criteria(modified IEP, medical disability). The FSA's take approximately 270 minutes to complete and the students will write in both written booklets and electronic exams in the computer lab. Once the booklets have been marked, parents will receive them back with a snapshot of your child's performance. Parents can expect to know the results in early March. While students cannot "study" for these exams, parents are encouraged to have their child visit the Ministry of Education website to familiarize themselves with the types of questions on the exams. The exam results are also used as a snapshot to see how students are doing in our school and in our district compared to the rest of the province. The results are not used in any way for teachers to use for classroom data for reporting; however, the ITEM TEST ANALYSIS is a very useful document in seeing what strands of the curriculum our students need support with. It would be most appreciated by myself, as the principal, if you could send your children to school **ON TIME** each day. Making up the exams if students have been absent will be a huge undertaking and I need parents' cooperation to ensure all grade 4 and 7 students are at school during the writing sessions. Parents can visit the Ministry Website themselves to see sample questions and have their child practice some of the online sample questions at: <https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessments/fsa.htm>
Thank you to the parents of grade 4 and 7 students. If parents have questions or queries they should be directed to Mr.Lloyd as administrator at the school.

SPORTS

Basketball

We have 4 Basketball teams this season. 1 Tier 2 Girls, 1 Tier 2 Boys and a 2 mixed Tier 3 Boys/Girls team. A BIG thank you to coaches, teacher sponsors, referees and score keepers who make this opportunity available to our students

Good luck for a successful season!

Gymnastics

Beattie students and staff are looking forward to gymnastics over the next few months! See schedule below for your class time.

Skating

The next set of classes will be heading skating later this month. We have many smaller size skates for primary students, but we are in **desperate** need of larger skates for our older students (size 5 and up). If you have a pair of skates that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

Beattie Elementary School Gymnastics Schedule 2016-2017 KGTC- 910 McGill Road 250-374-6424			Beattie Elementary Skating Schedule 2017 Sandman Centre		
Date	Time	Teacher (s)	Date	Time	Teacher (s)
Fri., Jan 27	12-1	Morgan	Tues., Jan 24	9:15-10:15 am	Fabbro-Smith, Petty
Wed., Feb 1	1-2	Fabbro-Smith, Bymoan	Tues., Jan 31	9:15-10:15 am	Bymoan, Fabbro-Smith, Lewis, McDaniel
Fri., Feb 3	12-1	Morgan	Tues., Feb 7	9:15-10:15 am	Bymoan, Fabbro-smith, Lewis, McDaniel
Fri., Feb 10	12-1	Piva	Tues., Feb 14	9:15-10:15 am	Bymoan, Petty, Lewis, McDaniel
Fri., March 3	12-1	Piva	Tues., Feb 28	9:15-10:15 am	Morgan, Charron, Petty
Fri., March 10	12-1	Charron	Tues., March 7	9:15-10:15 am	Morgan, Charron, Petty
Fri., April 7	12-1	Charron			
Tues., April 11	12-1	Fabbro-Smith, Bymoan			
Thurs., April 13	9-10	McDaniel, Lewis			
Tues., April 18	12-1	Petty, deJardin			
Thurs., April 20	9-10	Fabbro-Smith, Bymoan			
Tues., April 25	12-1	McDaniel, Lewis			
Tues., April 25	1-2	Petty, deJardin			
Thurs., April 27	9-10	Petty, deJardin			
Thurs., April 27	10-11	McDaniel, Lewis			

SLEDDING AT BEATTIE ELEMENTARY

We want to enjoy our fantastic sledding hill this winter. Please review the school expectations with your children.

Be Prepared for Sledding

1. Sledding in designated areas only.
2. The school will supply crazy carpets for children- do not bring sleds from home.
3. Students must dress appropriately: jackets, snow pants, mitts/gloves, boots.
4. Be respectful: don't interfere with others.
5. Listen to the student leaders and the supervisors.
6. Encourage others.



Expectations/Rules

1. Feet first or sit on knees.
2. One on a sled at a time.
3. One sled goes down when you are given permission.
4. Move quickly away at the bottom and walk up the designated path.
5. Wait for the previous sledder to clear from the bottom before you take your turn.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Beattie is now using an automated SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM. The new system handles parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected, and will allow parents to interact directly with the system in a variety of ways:

- by phone either when the system calls, or when a parent initiates a call to notify of upcoming absence.
- by internet through login controlled webpage interface
- by smartphone app (IOS and android versions available for free)

Toll free number to call: 1-844-350-2647

Website for parent access: <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com/>

Parents use the above methods to report student absences rather than phoning the school. **We ask that parents please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence**, although the system also allows for reporting of student absences long in advance for holiday, trips etc. For tech-savvy parents, we encourage you to download the IOS or Android free app from their respective app store. To find the app, search for "Safe Arrival School Connects" (without the quotes) and install the free app.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1. Monday Swagger Sports (max of 30): Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 20, 27, March 6, 13 (Note: No program on Feb. 13)

Swagger Sports is an 8 week after school sports program that aims to increase physical literacy in participants. The program will include a variety of activities and games related to team building, fundamental movement skills, soccer, hockey, basketball, and much more. Throughout the program participants will also play a number of fun games and team-building activities emphasizing the ability to work together. All participants will get the opportunity to learn and practice sports skills, socialize and make friends and of course have a lot of fun!!

2. Tuesday Dance & Art (In the Dance studio & Art room, max of 20): Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7

Art4Fun is an 8-week program that will include mixed visual arts, drama/theatre games, and Dance Play! Participants will learn basic sketching, painting, and sculpting skills as they explore their creativity. They will draw self-portraits, design copper wire pieces, paint on canvasses, and have lots of fun as they decorate their creations with glitter, beads, and much more. In Dance Play, participants will have endless fun as they learn to dance in a program that incorporates fundamental movement skills into actions and storytelling. The program emphasizes fun, positivity, self-confidence and aims to create a sense of camaraderie amongst participants.

BEATTIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MOST MAGNIFICENT THING SCHOOL PROJECT!

As you may be aware, this is the first year Beattie Elementary School will be implementing the new curriculum in B.C. While there are many new aspects of this curriculum, in this first year schools are 'starting small' and focusing on one or two areas. Here at Beattie a key focus for this year will be on Critical Thinking, one of the core competencies of the new curriculum. Critical thinking skills -- the need to think deeper and differently about a subject -- are important qualities to instill in children to help them navigate through their learning and their lives. Critical thinking skills will help students learn to interpret and understand information, rather than simply memorizing it.

The three phases of critical thinking are:

- Analyze – reflect on and evaluate thinking, products and actions
- Question – explore materials and actions
- Develop – design and experiment with different ways of doing things



Beginning on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, we will launch our critical thinking focus with a school project called Beattie's Most Magnificent Thing. Students will be designing 'magnificent things' out of empty boxes, practicing the stages of critical thinking along the way.

We need your help in collecting supplies for this project.

1. Please donate craft supplies to any of the Magnificent Thing boxes around the school or to your child's teacher. Spools, cardboard tubes, small wood pieces, sequins, pom poms, ribbon....the possibilities are endless!

Most importantly, empty BOXES! These can be ANY shape or size - from shoebox, to tissue box, to match box to TV box! You may wish to set aside some boxes from Christmas for this purpose. Send your child with at least one empty box with their name on it. Students are responsible for bringing their own boxes, and



they must be at school by Tuesday, January 10th.

W.I.T.S PROGRAM

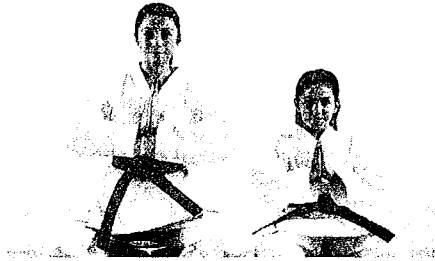
Our school participates in the W.I.T.S. program, a program that is designed to help children develop skills for getting along and settling their disagreements fairly. We focus on ways to deal with angry situations with peers in ways that solve the problem instead of making things worse. To help them solve their conflicts in positive ways, the children will be learning an approach for expressing frustration that does not blame or insult the other person. The children will discuss ways to respond when someone has a disagreement with them. I encourage you to discuss these strategies with your child at home. These responses include:

- W-Walk Away
- I-Ignore
- T- Talk it Out
- S-Seek Help

Students are encouraged to keep calm by:

- asking questions to find out what is wrong
- listening to understand the other person's point of view
- apologizing if a mistake has been made
- asking an adult for help if the situation seems threatening and unsafe.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

School Calendar 2016-2017

Date	Activity
Tuesday, January 3	First day of school after winter vacation
Friday, January 13	Booster Juice Orders Due
Thursday, January 19	Hot Meals Order Forms for February Due
Thursday, January 19	Booster Juice Delivered
Thursday, January 19	Bannock Day
Friday, January 20	District Non-Instructional Day- No classes
Thursday, January 26	Free Range Kids- Lenore Skenazy
Monday, January 30	Community Meeting- Have your say on Report Cards
Monday, February 13	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, February 14-17	2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration Begins
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

Free Range Kids
With Lenore Skenazy

Save the Date!

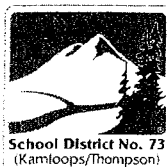
Lenore Skenazy is an author, comedian and speaker with a hilarious take on the insanity of modern parenting.

Lenore will encourage the community to provide our children the opportunities to take important 'baby steps' toward independence and responsibility to become safe and self-reliant adults.

Find out more about free play, risky play, and the downside of 'helicopter parenting.'

January 28th at 6:30pm
Venue to be announced

One of the many new events in the new Savings, Unplug and Play Week.

Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: December 12, 2016

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Adoption of Regular Public Board Minutes of November 21, 2016;
 - b. Revised Implementation Schedule of the Graduation Years;
 - c. Naloxone Guidelines;
 - d. District Parent Advisory Council Report;
 - e. Parks and Recreation Committee Report.
2. The Board received a beautiful Strings presentation, introduced by Principal Griffith.
3. The Board approved two Out-of-Province Field Trip Requests from Westsyde Secondary School and NorKam Senior Secondary School.
4. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from the International Student Program.
5. The Board received a presentation from Manager Pinette on the *Discover the World of Information Technology* conference.
6. The Board received information on the Kindergarten enrolment schedule for 2017/2018 from Director Smillie.
7. The Board received the School Completion Report, presented by District Principal Brar and Teacher Mr. Lowe.
8. The Board approved the Creativity, Innovation and Curriculum Grants presented by Director Robinson.
9. The Board adopted a revised Board Meeting schedule for 2016-2017.
10. The Board approved revisions to Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct and Policy 612.1 Student Dress Code.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday January 16, 2017 at the Henry Grube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops, BC.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – INAUGURAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Please be advised that the Board of Education conducted its Inaugural Board Meeting and election of Board Officers on Monday, December 12, 2016. The newly elected Board Officers are as follows:

Meghan Wade - Chairperson

Gerald Watson - Vice-Chairperson

Kathleen Karpuk - Board Representative to BC School Trustees Association

Gerald Watson - Board Representative to BC Public School Employers Association