	492 McGill Road Kamloops, B.C. (250) 374-0608	"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"
	Principal: Mr. Blair Lloyd www.beattie.sd73.bc.ca	

March 2017

Principal's Message

Spring has sprung! With warmer weather on its way, I encourage students to clean out their lockers and take home their winter boots. Our Spring Break this year is a two week break. The last day of school for students is March 17th. We return from the break on Monday, April 3rd. I hope your family enjoys some wonderful relaxation and time together.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

2nd TERM REPORT CARDS

SECOND Term report cards will come home with your child on Friday, March 17th. 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 after Spring Break.

SPRING BREAK

Enjoy your two weeks together as a family! Spring Break is March 18 - April 2, 2017. Have a fantastic time!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – GREEN DAY

On March 17th come to school in your best green outfit! Join in the St. Patrick's Day Spirit!

STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY:

Parents who are not in our catchment area, but would like their child to attend Beattie, must register at their home school. Once registered there, a parent can fill out a STUDENT TRANSFER FORM and have the principal of the home school sign it so that he/she is aware that they would like to be enrolled elsewhere. For September 2017, parents would not find out if their child had been granted a transfer until the Friday of the first week of school. For more information about this policy, parents can go to the school district #73 website and follow the link to our policies. Policy 300.1 SCHOOL BOUNDARIES AND STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS is clearly written and gives detailed explanation.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Beattie continues to use an automated SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM. Thanks for calling before 8:30 am! REMEMBER to use the methods below: Toll-free number to call: 1-844-350-2647 Website for parents to access: <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com/>

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thank you to our AMAZING PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL! The PAC has monthly meetings. Babysitting is provided upon request. Please request at the office. The Next PAC meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, APRIL 4th at 6:30 pm. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS each month. Please see the attached PAC newsletter for further updates and fundraiser information.

Spring Carnival

The Carnival is back by popular demand! It will be held on Thursday, May 25th from 4:30pm - 7:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. We need people for 1 to 2.5 hour shifts for set up, manning the booths and clean up. Please contact the office if you can help out. Contact Candace to volunteer at the carnival. "Candace Morrison"
<candace.morrison@shaw.ca>

Ministry Satisfaction Survey

Along with the school survey mentioned above, during the months of January to April, Beattie Elementary and School District #73 is participating in the 2017 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Students will take the online survey at school, while parents will be given the opportunity to complete the survey at home. Click here to access the survey, no code is required.

Direct Access — no logon number required. Click [here](#) to access the survey. Or type in the following address into your web browser: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/accessParentAuto.asp>

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT BEATTIE

At Beattie we are very proud to let parents know that the Aboriginal enhancement has been signed between SD73 and the Aboriginal Education Council. Please see how Student Success, Language and Culture, and engaging Community involvement is so important to success in our schools.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT: "Making a Difference by Working Together", Me7 n7ek re Sw7ek-kt e Txwimimntmes

STUDENT SUCCESS

GOAL 1:

To increase the educational success of all Aboriginal students.

Objective 1: Continues to improve the literacy, numeracy and graduation rates of all Aboriginal students.

Objective 2: Ensure that all Aboriginal students graduate with dignity, purpose and options.

GOAL 2:

Increase the sense of identity, belonging, and pride in all Aboriginal students.

Objective 1: Ensure the First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) are reflected district wide.

Objective 2: Ensure the Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives (AWP) are reflected district wide.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

GOAL 1:

Increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal culture, traditions, languages, historical and contemporary contributions for all students and staff.

Objective 1: Increase the presence of Aboriginal cultures district wide.

Objective 2: Honour and acknowledge the Secwepemc people on whose territory we live and learn.

Objective 3: To expand and promote the opportunity for all students to learn Secwepemctsin.

DISTRICT SCHOOL AND CULTURE

GOAL:

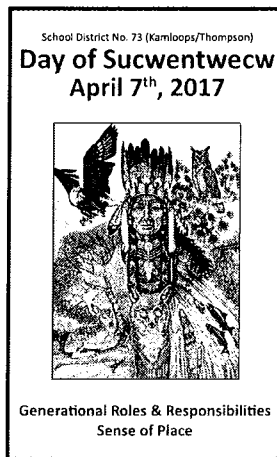
To increase Aboriginal Students' sense of belonging including sense of place, personal and cultural identity and self-esteem in a caring safe inclusive environment.

Objective 1: Building capacity district wide for intercultural understanding, empathy and mutual respect.

Objective 2: Increase the presence of Aboriginal cultural, history and language district wide.

Objective 3: To increase students' sense of belonging, cultural identity and safety district wide.

Objective 4: Build capacity for parents, community and school personnel to work together to ensure the success for all Aboriginal students.



Beattie Elementary is proud to be hosting events throughout April to highlight the importance of the Aboriginal culture. On April 7th at 10:30, we will be having an assembly focusing on the generational roles and responsibilities of the First Peoples.

Parents and community are welcome to attend! On April 10th (grades 4-7) and 19th (grades K-3), students will be participating in our Cultural Awareness Days, focusing on Metis dancing, Lahal games, drumming and storytelling. Parents are welcome to come at 2:10 pm on those days for a celebration of learning in the gym.

Basketball Season

Beattie Elementary had another gritty and successful Basketball season. Thank you to all the coaches, teacher sponsors, and parent drivers that helped make the teams possible! The students had a great time and are already talking about next season!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration continues.....

Parents of children who will turn five years of age before December 31, 2016 are urged to register their children for Kindergarten as soon as possible. This helps us to plan for the upcoming school year. Parents will need to bring in their child's birth certificate, BC care card, and proof of residency.

From the Board Meeting of: February 27, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Ministry of Education Rural Education Engagement
 - b. Projected Enrolment Update
 - c. Student Learning Grant
 - d. Lieutenant Governor of BC Visit
 - e. Notice of Motion - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Leadership Development Program (LDP). Several first-year LDP candidates were introduced to the Board. TRU Professor Tory Handford provided an overview of the educational portion of the program while Principal Walt Kirschner and LDP candidate Domenic Comita from South Kamloops Secondary School shared their own experiences with the program.
3. Superintendent Sidow provided a response to the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association's presentation made at the Public Board Meeting on February 6, 2017.
4. The Board approved the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2016-2017.
5. The Board adopted the use of the Consent Agenda as part of their order of business in the Regular Public School Board Meeting Agenda.
6. The Board adopted the following policies:
 - a. Revised Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident;
 - b. New Policy 543.1 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings;
 - c. Revised Policy 903.1 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Discrimination – Universal;
 - d. Revised Policy 903.2 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Discrimination - Employee Specific.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Important Dates	
March 10	10:40am - 11:45am S.T.A.R. Assembly
March 12	Daylight Savings Starts - Turn clocks ahead 1 hour
March 17	Last day before spring break - Term 2 reports cards go home
March 18 - April 2	Spring Break
April 3	School Reopens
April 5	PAC Meeting
April 7	Day of Suwentwecw
April 14	Good Friday - No School
April 17	Easter Monday - No School
April 21	Parent/Teacher Interviews - Early Closure at 12:30
April 24	Non-Instructional Day - No School
May 3	PAC Meeting
May 15	Non-Instructional Day - No School
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 25	Spring Carnival
June 7	PAC Meeting
June 29	Last Day of School - Term 3 Report Cards sent home
June 30	Administrative Day