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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”

April 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! I hope you all had a chance to spend some quality time with your family and enjoy the sunshine! We are now in the 3rd term of the 2016-2017 school year and there are many exciting activities and events during the last 3 months here at Beattie Elementary. The PAC is organizing our Spring Carnival- this is the biggest event of the year and we hope to see everyone out having fun on Thursday, May 25th.

These past few weeks, I have sent out surveys to parents, students and staff members to see where our school is and where we need grow. I would like to thank everybody who provided me with feedback. These comments guided our process to come up with a new school vision and two focus areas to work on. With the help of the staff, we have sifted through all the data and created 2 new goals for our school for the next 5 years. These goals will guide us to become the best school we can be.

One goal is to improve student achievement focusing on the core competencies and foundational skills. Our second goal is to build a positive learning environment for our students and community. Our staff members will look at different strategies to achieve these goals over the next 5 years. Thank you again for sharing your comments with us and helping us become a S.T.A.R. school!

Goal 1 –To build resilient students by promoting a growth mindset, focused on the core competencies and acquired foundational skills.

Goal 2 – To build a positive, social, caring culture that is conducive to learning.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

After School Sports Programs for Grade 4-7 students

1. Swagger Sports Program on Thursdays: April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25.

Overview: 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 get the opportunity to learn and practice sports skills, socialize and make friends and of course have a lot of fun!

Swagger: To strut or swell with pride.

2. Art4Fun Program on Wednesdays: April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24.

Overview: Art4Fun is an 8 week after school program that will facilitate techniques for a variety of art mediums, including painting with a grid, creating bowls from recycled paper, and breaking down earth pigments to create crayons. Participants will learn basic sculpting, painting, and printmaking skills, collage methods, and sketching techniques as they explore their creativity. They will become experienced at working with paint and porcelain clay, and have a blast as they explore their creativity and share their stories with their masterpieces!

Day of Suwentwecw April 7th

On April 7, schools across School District No. 73 focused on storytelling memories that were so special. Schools across the district held assemblies and activities to honour and recognize the Secwepemc and Nlaka'Pamux territory as well as other First Nations and Aboriginal groups. In the Kamloops Thompson School District this is now known as the "Day of Suwentwecw." Suwentwecw means to acknowledge one another.

Cultural Awareness Days

As part of the Day of Recognition, Beattie will be hosting 2 Aboriginal cultural awareness days. Students will be going through dance, lahal, KIB museum and storytelling stations on April 10th and April 19th.

A HUGE thank you to Ms. Baglee for arranging such a deep cultural experience for our students.

Parent Input Request for Student Placements for 2017-2018

Each May and June teachers meet to organize classes with considerations given to gender balance, learning needs, teaching styles, social dynamics, academic groupings, class size limits and where possible, parental requests. Moreover, tentative class lists are made through staff conversations first before parental requests are looked at. However, for those families who have significant concerns about their child's educational placement, we invite you to come to the school and pick up a PINK PARENT INPUT form and return it by Friday, May 19, 2017 indicating the educational reasons for your request. While this simply gives parents a chance to advocate for their child and their educational needs, it by no means guarantees that your request will be honoured so please keep this in mind. Ultimately, the SCHOOL ACT, gives the principal the final say on any child's placement in their school. Mrs. Wourms will have these in the office for pick up- please fill out one per child and please note that name requesting a particular teacher you want or do not want is not the intent of this process.

School Photos

Lifetouch Photographers will be here Thursday, April 13th to take class photos and capture our whole school in its annual panorama shot! Please try to have your child in attendance on this day!

Dress Code Reminder

Spring weather is here! Therefore, I am reminding students and their parents about the expectations for appropriate attire.

- Just a reminder that flip-flops should not be worn to school. Running around at recess and lunch in flip-flops can be very dangerous as they are not supportive. Staff would prefer flip-flops stayed at home and saved for the beach or the pool deck. Running shoes are always needed for DPA and gym class as well as break time games.

- Another reminder that tank tops and shorts must be appropriate for the classroom.

Parents I trust you will ensure that school district policy is adhered to with the spring weather upon us.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON) POLICY 612.1

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of an academic environment. Those standards generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting will be the reference. A student's appearance or mode of dress or cleanliness will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process for themselves or others nor will it constitute a threat to health or safety. When in the judgement of a principal or designate, a student's appearance disrupts the educational environment or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student will be required to make modifications.

All schools will establish their own dress code or policy and will publish such policy in a manner that will ensure it is familiar to all parents, students and staff.

The following issues should be addressed when developing school dress codes or policies:

- a) student health and safety;
- b) appropriate dress for participating in specialized programs and events;
- c) the wearing of clothing, insignias, symbols or adornments which may promote the use of controlled substances, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
- d) the wearing of clothing which features offensive or vulgar words, pictures or drawings;
- e) the wearing of clothing which features phrases/pictures of a sexual nature or phrases/pictures that are derogatory regarding a person's ethnic background, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation or disability;
- f) the wearing of clothing or insignia which features a group or philosophy which advocates violence or disruption;
- g) the wearing of clothing or clothing worn in a way which detracts from the teaching-learning process.
- h) the wearing of hats, hoodies or other headwear, other than for religious reasons.

Playground After School Use

After school the playground is a busy place and parental supervision is a must. If you are not able to supervise your children on the playground please have them go straight home and return when you are able to supervise. There is no staff outside after 2:30 and we are seeing an increased amount of children staying, but then causing a disturbance.

Second Term Report Cards

SECOND Term Report Cards came 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 ASAP! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report card and your child's progress. We have set aside the afternoon of April 21st for parent/teacher interviews.

Parent Advisory Council

The PAC is planning events for the final few months here and they invite parents to come out and volunteer to make the events successful! The PAC still needs volunteers to help at the upcoming Spring Carnival- please contact Candace to arrange volunteering "Candace Morrison" <candace.morrison@shaw.ca>. **In order for the carnival to take place, we need to have approximately 40 volunteers who volunteer 1.5 hours of their time.**

The PAC is looking for a few items for the upcoming fair:

-coffee can type of containers, please drop containers off at the office.

-pop up shelters are needed to cover activity areas, please contact Mr. Lloyd at the office

The PAC meets regularly the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the staff room. The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm.

S.T.A.R. Catchers

WE DID IT! 500 S.T.A.R. Catchers! I can't believe we made our goal! The children will receive an extra recess reward on April 21st. Our next goal is to reach as MANY as possible before the end of the school year. There have been 80 referrals to the office since the start of school year. The school is calm and the children are realizing there are expectations for their behaviour and consequences should they make a mistake.

Easter Holidays, Early Closure and Non Instructional Days coming up

A reminder that April 14th is Good Friday, and April 17th is Easter day. There is no school on those days. A reminder that April 24th is a non instructional day. An early closure day is planned for Friday, April 21st. Please contact your child's teacher to set up a time for you to come in and discuss the progress of your child. Dismissal is at 12:30 pm and yellow school busses will be running 2 hours early to accommodate our students.

All Day Cultural Residency

Beattie Elementary is excited to welcome Jacky Essombe to lead students and staff through *African Dance Workshops on April 28th!*

From her website: 'Travel to the depths of Africa with professional dancer Jacky Essombe in this day-long workshop. Accompanied by a live drummer, Jacky celebrates the richness and community spirit of African culture using easy-to-follow African dance steps, traditional songs and storytelling. This social, stimulating, and bonding shared experience allows students to interact in a playful and focused way, building important developmental skills and a love for creativity'.

MEND

April 10th 2017- June 15th, the Kamloops John Tod Community Centre is offering a program called MEND - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it!

MEND is a fun, FREE 10 week program for families with 7-13 year olds. The program supports families to live a healthy lifestyle. Groups of up to 15 children, accompanied by at least one parent or caregiver meet with program leaders twice a week for ten weeks. The first hour is an interactive family session on nutrition and behavior topics, followed by one hour of fun exercise for the children, while parents and caregivers meet for support and discussion on topics such as goals and rewards, label reading and problem solving. The first class will take place Monday April 10, and will be every Monday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm. Participating families will receive a FREE 3 month pass to the Kamloops YMCA! For more information or to register, please contact the Kathryn at ksharples@kamloopsy.org or call 250 571-4136.



Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: April 3, 2017

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Alain Blais from Lloyd George Elementary School on sensory regulation and mindfulness activities in their school.
2. Trustee Cowden presented a 25-year long-term service award to Cecile McVittie from Sa-Hali Secondary School.
3. Trustee Karpuk presented a 25-year long-term service award to Lori Plastina from Kay Bingham Elementary School.
4. District Vice-Principal Collins provided a presentation to the Board on the Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program.
5. The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Schoen for the addition of grade 7 at Sun Peaks Elementary School.
6. The Board received a report on the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Important Dates	
April 13	School Wide Picture
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
April 28	African Drumming- All Day Residency
May 3	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in school library
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