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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”

May 2017

Principal's Message

Spring has now sprung and we are happy to see shoots of green starting to emerge on our fields and our new garden! Beattie Elementary is a busy place this last term of the year as students practice and prepare for track and field events, Jump Rope for Heart, Book Fair, Heritage Fair, Young Author's, Battle of the Books, Flag Football and numerous other activities taking place at school along with their academic pursuits! We look forward to having you join us at the upcoming PAC event, Spring Carnival. This event will certainly be a great way to celebrate Beattie's inaugural year.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

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 requests will be honoured so please keep this in mind. Ultimately, the SCHOOL ACT, gives the principal the final say on any child's placement.

ARE YOU MOVING FOR 2017-2018?

Parents of Beattie Elementary who plan to move their child to another elementary school for September 2017 should contact Mrs. Wourms as soon as possible and let her know your plans to relocate. Our classes are extremely full for 2017-2018 and knowing we potentially have spots in K-7 would be extremely helpful as we plan for the upcoming school year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Ms. Jhaj held our SPRING BOOK FAIR from May 1-4th in the Beattie library. This fundraiser supports the library in receiving new product for our shelves for the children to enjoy. Overall, over \$1700 was raised - THANK YOU to everyone for your support!

TALENT SHOW

Mark your calendars... the Beattie TALENT SHOW is returning! Your children will have a chance to audition with a big show taking place Thursday, June 16th. Children should listen to announcements for when auditions will be held and think about what talent they would like to showcase for the school individually or in a group.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEYS:

Thank you to parents for completing the MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY (formerly the Ministry Satisfaction Survey) this past APRIL. We had a large percentage of our parents participate and for that we thank you.

SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN / PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our school will present our goals and our growth to the team from the Board of Education on Wednesday, May 17th. We will be doing this presentation with our other SKSS schools in what we call our "Family of Schools", but each school must present for 15 minutes about how collaboration has changed teacher practice and student engagement. We also need to present on what skills our school will be focused on moving forward with Re-Designed BC curriculum. My thanks to the teaching staff for embracing the School Learning Plan process.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT BEATTIE

Beattie's School Learning Plan is one that embraces all elements of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement, the First People's Principles of Learning and Aboriginal Worldviews. Our school goals align with the premise of "Making a Difference by Working Together" Me 7 n7ek re Sw7ec-kt e Txwimimentmes. Increasing the success of all students, especially our Aboriginal learners, is paramount in the school learning plan. We will do this by focusing on student success, increasing awareness and understanding of Aboriginal culture. We will ensure sense of place, cultural identity and strive towards fostering a safe, caring inclusive environment. Parent and community engagement is also significant in our goals moving forward. We want to enhance, nurture and show value to relationships with the district, our parents and our community.

At Beattie the evidence of embedding Aboriginal Education will be seen via:

1. Ongoing Professional Development with Aboriginal Worldviews, Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement and the First People's Principles of Learning.
2. Continued in class support and home support from our Aboriginal Education Worker – Diana Baglee
3. Project Based Learning with Aboriginal content K-7
4. Staff Meeting presentations/highlights of First Nations content/resources
5. Aboriginal Education focus in each monthly newsletter
6. Aboriginal Culture Club/Homework Club twice a week
7. First Nations Culture Board in main hallway with First Nations artwork displayed
8. Aboriginal Girls Group with First Nations Counsellor – Barb Dubois-Painter/Diana Baglee

SAFE ARRIVAL

Beattie continues to use an automated SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM. Thanks for calling in before 8:30 am! REMEMBER to use the methods below:

Toll-free number to call: [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647)

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

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 in the BES staff room. The PAC has been very active with fundraising - the yearly carnival will be taking place on May 25th - but can only go ahead with the necessary volunteers. If you haven't already signed up, please email Candace Morrison (candace.morrison@shaw.ca) to let her know you can support this wonderful event. 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

FLAG FOOTBALL

Grade 6 and 7 students have been learning about Flag Football and have played League games on Tuesdays. The Flag Football Jamboree is Thursday, May 11th at McArthur Island.

TRACK AND FIELD UPDATES

Track season is here! Just an update about how things work for Track and Field. Classes are practicing all the events in their PE time and at TCC for Gr. 4 - 7. Some of our grade 4-7 students may qualify for our zone track meet which will happen on May 23rd. Good luck to all of our athletes!

A student's behaviour can positively or negatively affect their chances to attend the Zone Track Meet. Ultimately, your child can be the best runner in a grade; however, should their behaviour, at any time during Track season, not follow the STAR matrix they will not be selected for Zones. Please discuss with your child.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENT

Thursday, May 18th, all of our new Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to our WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENT from 1:00-2:00 p.m. The children and their parents will participate in classroom activities that afternoon and will meet the Principal, Learning Assistance Resource teacher and be given valuable resources to get their child ready for kindergarten.

MAY INSERVICE DAYS

A reminder to parents there is NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, May 15th (Professional Development Day) and Monday, May 22nd (Victoria Day).

MATH CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Hanna Edwards, Avani Sharma, Charles Zhu and Nathan Doherty for representing the school at the Math Challenge hosted by TRU and the School District.

YOUNG ARTISTS

Congratulations to Taylor Siebert, Corynn Hartnell and Kate Liebe for representing the school at the Young Artists conference last month. The students' artwork was displayed along with other artwork from around the school district. **A special congratulations goes to Taylor Siebert who was selected as a top District choice!** Her art will be hung in the School Board Office for the next year.

YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONFERENCE

This year seven students from our school attended the annual Young Authors' Conference at TCC on May 5th. Each student worked hard to create and perfect an original story or series of poems. The students were treated to a full day of workshops lead by award winning British Columbian authors. Congratulations to the following young authors:

Annie Druskee - Grade 7

Taylor Siebert - Grade 7

Finn Newcomen - Grade 6

Selyn Herbert - Grade 6

Jordan Erickson - Grade 6

Zada Anderson - Grade 6

Hanna Edwards - Grade 6

HERITAGE FAIR

What is a Heritage Fair? A Heritage Fair is a multi-media educational program developed to increase awareness and interest in Canadian history, unique community events and/or family culture. Students may choose any combination of media to present their learning, including three-dimensional projects, creative writing, performance and/or audio-visual works.

Participating schools host their own fairs to showcase the hard work and effort that go into these projects. Individual projects are chosen from these fairs to be represented at the Regional Fair in May. Students who are selected to go to the Fair in May will present their project to, and have it evaluated by, community judges. The following day, the students are treated to a whole host of fun-filled learning activities which highlights the historical significance of various aspects of Kamloops and its surrounding areas. This year, our grade e7 class participated in the event and some students have been chosen to attend the district event. Congratulations to Jessica Carleton, Jonas Decker, Annie Druskee, Claire Hartnell, Corynn Hartnell, Sadie Herbert, Cassie Kliewer, Kyla Liebe, Avani Sharma, and Taylor Siebert for being chosen to represent Beattie Elementary.

STAR CATCHERS

The children continue "Reach for the STAR(S)". Our next goal is to reach 700 STAR CATCHERS before the end of the school year. Parents can take great pride in how their children are showing great morals and values even while away from their caregivers.

We will hold our last STAR Assembly on June 9th. All students are eligible to be given the award. Criteria is based on the following:

- Follow the STAR Beliefs
- Have a positive attitude
- Listen and pay attention
- Follow directions and criteria
- Produce quality work
- Complete all homework on time
- Follow classroom routines and expectations
- Treat other students with respect
- Treat teachers and other adults with respect
- Show respect for property
- Put their best effort into all they do!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Congratulations to Brayden Ware, Hanna Edwards, and Sophia D'Amore, our Gr. 6/7 Team who represented Beattie at the District competition on Thursday, April 20th.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT

What an incredible jump at Beattie Elementary – with a fundraising grand total of over \$3,600.⁰⁰ including online and kickstart! Thank you students and staff, especially Mrs. Charron for leading this event for our school!

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 pm and we are seeing an increased amount of children staying, but then causing a disturbance.



BOARD NOTES

From the Public Board Meeting of: May 8, 2017

1. The Board approved a Consent Agenda with the following items:
 - a. Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
 - b. Policy Committee Highlights
 - c. Education Committee of the Whole Highlights
 - d. Safe Grad Activities for 2017
 - e. *Notice of Motion* - Policy 1103.2 Maintenance of Order
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Sun Peaks Elementary School Principal Catherine Gorman and Teacher Tessa Watson on Heritage Fair Stamps and Projects. The Board also heard from a Grade 7 Sun Peaks Elementary School student who spoke on his experiences and the benefits of living in and attending school at Sun Peaks.
3. The Board received a presentation from Disability and Attendance Manager Darlene Doricic relating to Mental Health Week and the "*Not Myself Today*" Campaign.
4. The Board approved the 2017-2018 Annual (Preliminary) Budget Bylaw.
5. The Board received the Summary Capital Facilities' Report for September 2017.
6. The Board received the Long Range Facilities' Process Report.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 29, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May and June Important Dates	
May 12	Booster Juice Orders DUE
May 15	Non-Instructional Day - No School
May 18	Welcome to Kindergarten Event
May 19	Booster Juice Delivered
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 25	Spring Carnival
June 7	PAC Meeting
June 7 & 8	Eureka Science Workshops at Beattie
June 9	STAR Assembly
June 16	Talent Show
June 29	Last Day of School - Term 3 Report Cards sent home Dismissal at 12pm
June 30	Administrative Day