

	<p>492 McGill Road Kamloops. B.C. (250) 374-0608</p>	<p>“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”</p>
	<p>Principal: Mr. Blair Lloyd www.beattie.sd73.bc.ca</p>	

June 2017

Principal's Message

June is the 'celebration' month! I have so very much enjoyed my year at Beattie Elementary and I look forward to what next year will bring. I am proud to have been a small part in the life of our grade 7 students as they head off to high school. The elementary years are a milestone which is never forgotten. You all are an incredible group of young people and I wish you every success. I hope that you enjoy five happy and rewarding years ahead!

Wishing all of our Beattie students and their families a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer ahead! Thank you for all of your support this year and I look forward to working with you and your children during the 2017-2018 school year!

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS

We are very appreciative of all parents for volunteering and assisting to make your child the best person that they can be! If not for parent support many classroom and school activities would not be possible. We are very fortunate to have such a great community here at Beattie.

The staff of Beattie Elementary is excited to invite parents and volunteers to the Parent Tea on Thursday June **June 22 from 1-2:30 pm**. This is a time to celebrate the fantastic year here at Beattie Elementary and honour the parents and volunteers who help make us such a great school! Some classes will be doing presentations during the celebration, please check with your child's teacher to see if they are part of the entertainment. **Parents are reminded that parking is on McGill St. or Safeway parking lot only and not in the parking lot in front of the school. Please RSVP by contacting the office at 250-374-0608.**

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thank you to our exceptional parent advisory council! The PAC has monthly meetings. Babysitting is provided and all parents are invited to attend. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 6th at 6:30. **ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS** each month.

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/>

*Download the App on your smartphone: Safe Arrival (Owl icon - Please note you have to register on the website before being able to access the App)

GRADE 7 YEAR END

Each year we take time to honor our Grade 7's at our Year End Assembly. Part of our agenda that day is a focus on these leaders that we will be sending off to various high schools. We have arranged for a ceremony to take place on June 28th from 10:30-12, followed by a grade 7 pizza party/dance hosted by the grade 6 class. Parents are welcome to attend the ceremony.

SPINNERS AT SCHOOL

We have noticed an increase of 'fidget spinners' at school. Although spinners can be a tool to help students self regulate and focus, they are often used improperly and are often distracting and take a child's attention off his/her school work. **I encourage students to keep their fidget spinners at home.** Thank you for your support and understanding on this issue.



DRESS CODE POLICY

With the hot weather upon us, I would like to remind parents and students of the School District Dress Code Policy:

In accordance with SD73 School District Policy No. 612.1:

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an academic environment. A student's appearance, clothing, or cleanliness will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process for themselves or others nor can it constitute a threat to health or safety. When the school administration determines that a student's appearance to be disruptive at school, or is considered to be a threat to health or safety, the student will be required to make necessary changes. Students are asked to refrain from wearing spaghetti straps, low cut shirts, backless shirts, hats, and short shorts.

Other examples that are not considered acceptable:

- Clothing with logos and sayings that promote the use of products that are illegal, racially offensive, contain sexual innuendos or profanity, or promote any form of harassment or violence are not permitted.
- Clothing cannot be a distraction to others within the learning environment. Revealing or see-through clothing is not accepted. For safety and health reasons, footwear must be worn at all times (with the exception of gymnastics/dance)
- Appropriate gym strip as outlined by your child's teacher should be at school and available to students at all times.

FUN DAY

On Monday June 26th, staff and students will be taking part in our Fun Day Celebrations!! Grade 7s will be organizing and running stations and Grade 6's will serve as leaders and will take their groups around to participate in all the fun stations. Parents - Please feel free to stop by and see all the fun! Depending on weather, please assist your child in coming prepared for this day. Hat, sunscreen and proper running shoes will be necessary. If pouring rain, we will cancel this event.

YEAR END ASSEMBLY

The last day of school is Thursday June 29th with report cards for term 3 coming home that day as well. Our Year end assembly is at 10:15 on the last day and all parents are welcome to attend. We will have an early recess to ensure we start on time. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 on Thursday.

GOOD-BYES

With each new chapter, another one finishes and we are sad to say goodbye to some of our staff.

A huge congratulations to Susan McDaniel and Janet Lewis on their retirement. You will be missed!

We are also going to say good-bye to Laurel Petty, Sunjum Jhaj, Jenna Denison, Marie Whalen, Linda Balyx, Lori Schill, Jacqueline Ellis, Carmen Wolfe, Jenna Denison and Katharine Pope. Please join me in wishing them the best of luck in their future.

Our school won't be the same without these amazing teachers and staff.

ARE YOU MOVING FOR 2017/2018?

Parents of Beattie that are planning to move their child to a different Elementary School for September should please contact Ms. Wood in the office as soon as possible, Our classes are very full for next year with the new contract language regarding class size and composition and we appreciate knowing potential spots we will have available.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please help us get all books back to the library for year end. Lost books can be paid for at the main office. Bills not paid will stay on the student's record into next school year. Students will not be able to borrow anything until bills are paid.

TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to all the students who attended the zone and/or District Track and Field day held at the Tournament Capital Center. A BIG thank you to all the organizers who made this day possible! Over 40 intermediate students went to the Zone Track Meet while over 25 students represented Beattie Elementary at the District Track Meet! Well done, Bearcats!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We received a message from Katie Forsyth, School Programs Coordinator-Kamloops/Cariboo Region | BC & Yukon Heart and Stroke Foundation, in regards to the recent Jump Rope for Heart Event:

*'I'm pleased to share with you the final results of an OUTSTANDING Jump Rope for Heart event at Beattie Elementary this year. With a goal of \$2000, you had **32 students** participate in the fundraising for a grand total of **\$3782.51!!!***

- \$2802.51 in pledges
- \$940 in online donations
- \$40 in \$5.00 online kick starts

Just, WOW! Can you believe it?!?! Thank you- we are SO grateful!! Sending a big big, BIG thank you to your staff, students and their families for such a successful event!



Well done Beattie Elementary! A BIG thank you to Mrs. Charron for making this event happen.

TALENT SHOW

Mark your calendars... the Beattie TALENT SHOW is returning on June 16th at 1 o'clock in the gym! Parents are welcome to come and watch this great show! Try-outs are finished and names of successful students have been posted on the library door.

SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN / PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our school presented our goals and our growth to the team from the Board of Education on Wednesday, May 17th. We presented with our other SKSS schools in what we call our "Family of Schools", but each school presented 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, parents and students for embracing the School Learning Plan process. A BIG thank you to Candace Morrison and Doug Stanley for representing the PAC at the presentation.



SEPTEMBER FIRST DAY

The first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year is Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 10:30 am. Please expect a synervice/email message for instructions about the first week of school that will come home to families the Labour Day long weekend.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS and THE BRIGHT RED BOOK BUS

Beattie will be one the sites hosting the Summer Reading Program in the month of July. Teaches and LART's make the referrals for who they feel would be worthy candidate for this opportunity.

All families are welcome to come to Beattie to get a new book as the Bright Red Book bus will be parked at our school on **Thursdays from July 6 to 27th from 10am-12 noon.**

Their Park Schedule is:

Fridays 1:00 - 3:00

July 1st - Riverside Park- Canada Day 150 Celebration

July 7th - Full Circle Youth Center-1104 Kamloops Way

July 14th - McGowan Park

July 21st - Prince Charles Park

July 28th - Pineview Valley Park

FUN SUMMER READING

Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain or improve their reading skills. Summer reading helps children feel confident and ready for September!

Parents and children might wish to try these ways to make reading fun:



2017 BC SUMMER READING CLUB

Children are encouraged to join the BC Summer Reading Club at their local **TNRD Library**. This year's theme is **Walk on the Wild Side!** It runs July 3 to August 26. Children try to read every day and record their reading in a booklet. When they visit the library, they can receive stickers for books read and enter draws for prizes. Registration at your public library opens June 12.



BRIGHT RED BOOK BUS

The **Bright Red Book Bus** (BRBB) will be visiting several Kamloops schools and various parks in July and August. Children are invited to tour the cool bus and select a book each time they come. There are many great new titles! They may keep these books or return them another week. Come to hear a story or read with your child. Children can even pick up their TNRD Library Walk on the Wild Side! stickers here. Visit Facebook to learn more and see the schedule: <https://www.facebook.com/brightredbookbus/>



ONLINE BOOKS

Online books work well when children are on the move, and they can be engaging. Here are some resources that share books for free:

Epic!, the popular online digital library of interest books for children ages 5-12, offers three months of summer reading for \$1.00 (usually \$4.99/month):

<https://www.getepic.com/summer-of-reading>. This deal ends June 12th.

Otherwise, parents can sign up for one free month. This digital library is free for educators.

Unite for Literacy is an eBook library for early readers. These books are about real-life experiences and have photograph illustrations. All books are in English, but they can be listened to in many other languages: <http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

Wonderopolis has short, interesting articles about all sorts of scientific wonders older children may have. Each wonder has a brief, engaging video to introduce the topic: <http://wonderopolis.org/>



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.



BOARD NOTES

From the Public Board Meeting of: May 29, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda with the following items:
 - District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights
 - Summer Learning
 - Video Surveillance
2. The Board was pleased to recognize the work of Manager of Health and Safety Michelle Marginet as she moves into retirement.
3. The Board received a presentation on Critical Media Literacies, a BAA course, from Principal Brewer, Teacher Jordan Smith, and five students from Four Directions. Alexis Brown was also recognized for her work with this course.
4. The Board received a presentation from the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association President David Komljenovic and Aboriginal Education Chair Brenda Celesta regarding Aboriginal education, the Secwepemc language program, and First Nations Worldview.
5. Aboriginal Education Council Administrator Judy Dunn, District Principal Cheryl Sebastian, and Aboriginal Friendship Society President Rick Turner presented the 2015-2016 Annual Report on Aboriginal Students. This marks the twenty-first year this report has been prepared.
6. The Board received and approved a report on the Student Learning Grant by Director of Instruction Lisa Carson which outlines the process for the allocation of grant dollars, as well as the base level and rural enhancement allocations.
7. The Board adopted revised Policy 1103.2 Maintenance of Order.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May and June Important Dates	
June 16	Talent Show
June 29	Last Day of School - Term 3 Report Cards sent home Dismissal at 12pm
June 30	Administrative Day
Sept 5	First Day of School

