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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”

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Principal's Message

Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the year so successful. Students have settled into their new classrooms and the teachers are providing engaging lessons on a daily basis. Since the beginning of the year we have put an emphasis on our S.T.A.R. matrix- mini lessons have taken place throughout the school to teach students expected behaviours. We want all our students to demonstrate Safety, Teamwork, Accountability and Respect. While at school and at home feel free to use those words at home as your child knows what they mean. Please see the Matrix and other social responsibility programs located on our school website.

I am excited to see all the going ons in our school and classrooms. The school is providing engaging experiences for our students and I encourage them to participate in the many opportunities. Cross country running was provided to our students for the first time this year and student really enjoyed participating in this great opportunity. **Volleyball season is about to begin, practices will begin soon for grade 4-7 students. We still have need for referees- if you can help, please call the office.**

Parent-teacher interviews are arranged for October 12th, therefore students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on that day and busses will be running 2 hours earlier to accommodate students. Teachers will be making arrangements to meet with you on that day. There is no school on Friday, October 20th because it is a professional development day.

I look forward to working with your family and children this year, thank you for your continued support!

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

Foundation Skills Assessments - Grades 4 and 7

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in all public and provincially funded private schools in British Columbia. The assessment provides a snapshot of how well students are achieving in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. Results of the assessment are used at the provincial, district, and school levels to plan for continued improvement in student achievement. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and student performance is measured against provincial performance standards.

All grade 4 and 7 students at Beattie Elementary will write the FSA between October 2nd and November 10th. Parents will receive their child's test booklet and with his/her assessment summary in December. School reports will be ready around the same time frame of early December.

Lunchtime Supervision - PAID position!

We have a few openings for paid positions for interested parents and other community members to come to the school and help with lunchtime supervision and lunches. If you would like to join the team, contact the office.

School Fees

A notice to collect school supply fees has been distributed. These forms and payment are now due. Fees cover the expense of school supplies as well as a concert series for our students. **Please be aware that unpaid fees directly affect programs and resources at the school.**

Terry Fox Run

This year our students participated in the Annual Terry Fox run on the afternoon of September 28. Together we raised **\$293.25** to support the Terry Fox Foundation in their efforts to fight cancer. Students had a wonderful run with our local TRU Wolfpack celebrities. Congratulations to **Sophia D'Amore** and **Larsen Dunn** on out running the Wolfpack celebrities and a huge honorable mention to Hudson Black, Hanna Edwards, Luca D'Amore, Caleb Kroad, Anglin Macintosh, Mason Dunn, Drayton Billyboy, and Omar Abuelazm who were close on the Wolfpack's heels. Way to go Bearcats!

Sports

Cross Country Running

Cross country is off to a great start with the students having competed at MacArthur Island and Barnhartvale. For most students this is the first taste of cross country. Already we have had a number of students who placed in the top 30. A special recognition to Sophia D'Amore who finished first and second in the two runs so far. I also wanted to take the time to thank Matt Shaw as co-coach and the parent volunteer drivers who make these events possible for our students. Mr. Bush

Volleyball

The volleyball season is almost upon us and students are getting excited for their opportunity to represent the Beattie Bearcats on the court. Currently we have 4 teams eager to participate in the Tier 1, Tier 2, and the mixed league but currently we have only a coach for the Tier 3 mixed grades 4 and 5 team. **In order to have all teams play, we are seeking coaches to run practices and support our students at the games. Please contact Mr. Lloyd at the office if you are willing to be involved in coaching. Practices will run during lunch hours and games are Tuesday (Boys Tier 1), Wednesday (Mixed Tier 3) and Thursday (Girl's Tier 1 and 2).**

Additionally, if there are any families with volleyball knee pads, that are in good shape, that you would be willing to donate to our volleyball team program it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.

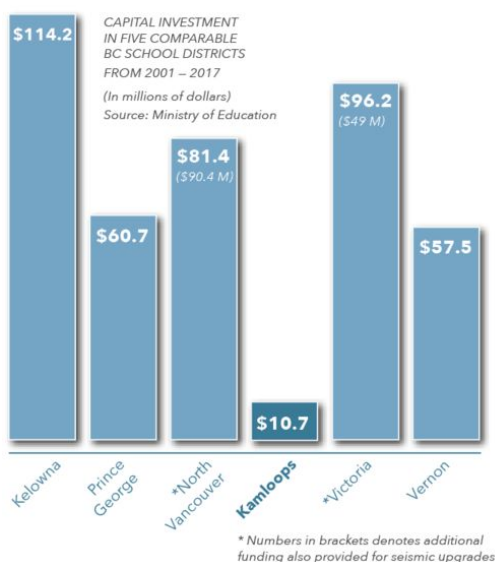
After School Sports Programs for Grade 4-7 students is in full swing!

Swagger Sports Program on Tuesdays: September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 31, November 7, 14.

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.

Beattie Bearcat Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is back at Beattie Elementary! Attached to the newsletter are order forms- Orders are due October 30 and items will be delivered to the school before Christmas break. Please consider ordering an item - not only do they look great, they make great Christmas presents and support programs here at the school. Sample sizes are available in the office. Please see attached order form.



Our Schools our Future SD73

There have been no new schools built in School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) for more than 16 years. Our school district needs new capital investment to ensure children get the education they deserve. Investing in education is investing in our future.

Go to: <https://www.ourschoolsourfuturesd73.com/> for more information and to sign the petition.

District Strings Program for Grade 4-7 students

This will be the second year that District Strings program will be offered here at Beattie Elementary. Students from grades 4-7 are welcome to join. Classes are held Mondays and Fridays after school in the Beattie music room. Instruction for the program is free though there is a small fee for the purchase of the methods book (approximately \$12) and the rental of a violin or cello (usually between \$25 - \$45 per month depending on the instrument). Instruments can be rented from Long and mcQuade Music located at 955 Lorne Street.

The first strings class will be on **Monday, October 2. Beginner classes will run on Mondays and Fridays from 3:00 - 3:45 and advanced classes will run from 3:45 - 4:30 on Mondays and Fridays.** Please note classes are not in session on Statutory holidays and Pro D Days. Please see the office for a sign up sheet if your child is interested in participating in the Strings program.

Lates and Absences

The staff has noticed an increase to students being late or absent from school. I understand that it can be challenging to keep up morning routines but I encourage parents and students to be extra diligent getting to school on time. Students arriving late or being absent miss out on vital learning opportunities and/or disrupt classroom morning routines. A reminder that 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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Early Closure - October 12

Parents are reminded that Thursday, October 12th is an Early Closure Day. Please arrange to have your child picked up at 12:30pm. Should parents want a Parent/Teacher Interview on this day, please contact your child's teacher directly to set up a time on this afternoon.

Norman Foote Fine Arts Workshops - October 23

Norman Foote is a celebrated performer from Vancouver, BC and has created a special niche in the music world and amassed a cross-generational following. His musicality is like no other, mixing clever hooks, witty wordplay and comedy all to great effect. His accolades include SOCAN's Best Songwriter Award, US Parents' Choice Awards, and National Publications Parenting Awards' Gold Award, and most recently a JUNO for his cd "Love my new Shirt." Norman has written and recorded songs for Disney Records, Shari Lewis, CBC, Max and Ruby musical and many others. He has performed and worked with millions of people throughout North America, inspiring creativity through his songs, stories and innovative props.

Norman Foote will be at Beattie to workshop with all participating classes (K-5). These students will then be invited to participate in an evening performance at the Sagebrush theatre with Mr. Foote. Parents who wish to attend the performance at the Sagebrush can do so at a reduced cost of \$10. More information will follow.

Kenthen Thomas- Aboriginal Story Teller Coming to Beattie!

Beattie Elementary is proud to be welcoming Kenthen Thomas to our school. As a First Nations Performer, Kenthen Thomas captivates audiences with his fascinating retellings of the legends of the Shuswap, his ancestral land for more than 10,000 years. This is where his late grandmother, respected Secwepemc elder, Mary Thomas, taught him the traditional art of storytelling. Storytelling for the Shuswap people brought entertainment to the families during the long winter nights. It was also a way to keep history alive, teach important lessons, and share amusing anecdotes about all the creatures found on the land. These legends have been passed down through Kenthen's family for generations and feature the animals, birds and fish that were once integral to the lives of the original residents of the region. Caregivers, please feel free to join us in the gymnasium for this dynamic presentation on October 27th at 1:15 p.m.

Bannock Sale - October 18

On October 18th our school will be having our first Bannock sale. Bannock will be \$1.00 a piece and orders will be taken on the morning of the sale by the classroom teachers. Mrs. Baglee is in need of volunteers to help make the bannock in the morning. Please email dbaglee@sd73.bc.ca or call her at school if you are able to help! Thank you in advance for supporting our kids.



A Christmas Carol

This December intermediate students will have the privilege of attending a matinee performance of the Western Canada Theatre production of A Christmas

Carol. Watch for the upcoming permission form coming home in November!

Important Dates	
October 9	Thanksgiving
October 12	Early Closure at 12:30 for Parent Teacher Interviews
October 20	Non Instructional Day (Provincial Day)
October 23	Guest Musician Norman Foote Workshops
October 27	Kenthen Thomas - Aboriginal Storyteller presentation
October 30	Spirit Wear Forms due
November 1	Photo Retakes
November 6-10	School Wide Book Fair
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	School Closed in lieu of Remembrance Day
November 17	STAR Awards
December 4	Non-Instructional Day
December 5	Christmas Carol play for Intermediate students
December 8	Report Cards home
December 14	Christmas Concert
December 22	Last day before Winter break
December 22 - January 5	Winter break
January 8	School re-opens
January 19	Non Instructional Day
February 12	Family Day - School Closed
February 22	Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation Day)
February 23	Non-Instructional Day
March 16	Reports Cards home
March 19 - March 23	Spring Break
March 26	School re-opens
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday
April 23	Non-Instructional Day (KTTA day)
May 18	Non-Instructional Day
June 30	Administrative Day