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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”

November 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome to November! Thank you to all our families for making October a great one here at Beattie Elementary. Students have been working very hard and all of you should be proud of the achievements your children have had this term. I have noticed students busy in various capacities: academics, field trips, sporting events, assemblies, and after school programs to name a few! The PAC Halloween dance was an amazing success. Special thanks to the parents and staff who helped out with it this year.

As we roll into November, the weather has started to cool and we have already seen the first snowfall of the year! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather every day. All students and visitors are asked to please remove wet boots at the door.

School District #73 has recently launched its 5 year strategic plan - I encourage you to take a few minutes and click [here](#) to watch the following video that explains the Strategic Plan in more detail.

'School District 73 connects students to their future. We provide public education to students in the City of Kamloops, and municipalities of Chase, Barriere, Logan Lake, and Clearwater, a region of about 103,000 people. Our commitment is to support all students in achieving'

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. B. Lloyd
Proud Principal of 232 Bearcats!

SHOES & BOOTS

Students are required to wear indoor footwear for health and safety purposes. Please have your son or daughter bring and leave a pair of inside shoes at school as the weather is certainly wetter and outside shoes are tracking in a lot of mud and water. On our linoleum stairs this can be a serious slipping hazard for our students and staff and we would be sorry to see anyone injured in a fall. If this is a financial burden for your family, please contact Mr. Lloyd at the school and we will make the necessary confidential arrangements.

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.

Beattie Elementary Book Fair November 7th - 9th 2017

Beattie Elementary's annual book fair will run from Tuesday, November 7th until Thursday, November 9th this year in the school library. Come out and support this worthwhile cause. 100% of the profits are used to buy books for the library at Beattie, benefiting all students at the school. There will be books available for all ages and also many gift items or the upcoming holidays. The book fair will run during the following hours:

- Tuesday, Nov 7th: 12-4
- Wednesday, Nov 8th: 8-4
- Thursday, Nov 9th: 8-4

If any parents/guardians are available to volunteer with any part of the book fair (set up, cashier, take down) please contact Mrs. Gartrell at the school (250) 374-0608 or send me an email rgartrell@sd73.bc.ca. Hope to see you there!

Foundation Skills Assessments - Grades 4 and 7

All grade 4 and 7 students have completed the writing of the Foundation Skills Assessments. 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.

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.**



The NED Show - November 6th

The NED show will be coming to Beattie Elementary! NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best. This assembly includes fun and exciting yo-yo tricks while promoting a culture of kindness and excellence. Order forms for yo-yos will be sent home after the show.

Remembrance Day Assembly - November 9th at 10:30

Our school will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly at 10:30 on November 9th. Students from Mrs. Morgan's, Mrs. Charron's, and Mrs. Ratuski's class will be performing. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us for this solemn event.

Bannock Sale - November 16th!

November 16th our school will be having a 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.

Justice Theatre - November 21st

Students from Mrs. Morgan's and Mrs. Charron's class will be attending a mock trial drama at Rayleigh Elementary on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 21st. This presentation by Three People's Law School Dramas will allow the students to witness and participate in a mock court trial for allegations of online bullying and uttering threats. This dynamic presentation gives students the opportunity to see what happens to individuals who are involved in these types activities and gives them the opportunity to learn from others' about the possible legal consequences of bullying.

First Term Report Cards

Elementary first term report cards will come home with your child on Friday, December 2nd. 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. If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, teacher emails are located on our main school website.

FOUND 4 KIDS and Clothing Donations

This is a program for recycled clothing (left over in District school lost & found bins) that one of our industrious school district parents has coordinated for all students in School Dist. #73. There is an abundance of clean clothing available in all sizes for both elementary and high school students. You can visit the store by contacting found4kids@gmail.com and take along a coupon. If you need a coupon for the Found4Kids store for admittance at any time, please see Mr. Lloyd the office.

Parents and Guardians - with the sudden onset of winter and colder temperatures, many students are coming to school without proper winter clothing. Beattie needs your help! If you have extra winter clothing of all sizes - boots, jackets, snow pants or gloves, etc. please bring them to school so we can distribute the clothing to some of our students in need.

Sports

Volleyball

The volleyball season is full swing. This year we have four teams: a Tier 3 mixed team coached by Mr. Bush, a Tier 2 girls and a Tier 1 girls team coached by Mrs. Charron and Mrs. Morgan, and a Tier 1 boys team coached by Ms. Shaw. All four teams have been having a fantastic run of their league play with lots of fun and sportsmanship being had. Please remember to come out to the games to cheer on your Beattie Bearcats! Thank you teachers and parents for supporting our sports programs at Beattie Elementary

Most Magnificent Thing project

Beattie will again be doing a school-wide, project-base learning event called "The Most Magnificent Thing." This year we will be doing this event the week of December 18th through 22nd. In preparation for this event, Beattie will be collecting recycling and crafting materials. Please start making a collection of any crafting odds and ends, paper towel tubes and the like and have your child bring them to their teacher. In addition, for this project each student will need a manageable sized box so be on the watch for shoe boxes or other such great sized boxes that could become your child's most magnificent thing.

Beattie Bearcat Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders have now been placed. Expect your orders before Winter break!

Lates and Absences

The staff has noticed an increase in 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.

Norman Foote Fine Arts Workshops Recap

Norman Foote was a big hit at the Sagebrush Theatre. Students from Beattie Elementary and Bert Edwards Elementary did a fantastic job of singing and swinging to his many classics. Thank you to all students and parents who were able to join us for that fun-filled evening.

Dynamic visit from Kenthen Thomas - Aboriginal Story Teller Recap

Beattie Elementary had a wonderful visit from dynamic First Nations Performer, Kenthen Thomas. He captivated us with his fascinating retellings of the legends of the Shuswap and made us laugh, think, and reflect as we learned about Coyote, Bear and Turtle. It was a very special performance which included drumming along with the sharing of stories.

Multi-Cultural Day in April - Volunteers Needed

Beattie Elementary has a diverse group of students from around the world! The staff and students would like to host a Multi-cultural day in April to celebrate and honour the diversity of our school's community. We are looking for parent or community volunteers who would be willing to share a cultural skill, dance, or art with our students. Please contact Mr. Lloyd at the office to express your interest.

A Christmas Carol

Students from grades 3 to grade 7 will be attending a matinee performance of the Western Canada Theatre production of A Christmas Carol on December 5th. This fantastic performance will include Beattie's very own Cohen Chow in the role of Tiny Tim. Congratulations to Cohen on his debut theatre performance.



Christmas Concert

The season is almost upon us and the students at Beattie Elementary are beginning to get prepared for the annual Christmas Concert. This years concert will take place **December 14th**. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance. This years theme is "Santa's On-Line Adventure." This performance is an Around-the-World, multi-cultural experience of the many winter celebrations that take place across the globe.

Important Dates	
November 6-10	School Wide Book Fair
November 6	The NED show
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