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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"

December 2017

Principal's Message

December is already upon us! As we approach the end of term 1, I have reflected on all the hard work and commitment to learning at Beattie Elementary. When reports come home later this month (December 18th) I encourage parents to spend time discussing with your child his/her next steps for future growth as well as recognizing and celebrating areas of success.

As the winter break approaches and we come to the end of 2017, I want to thank our parents for supporting their child(ren) and the staff each and every day. I hope that you enjoy the Christmas Concert that the school has worked hard to put together. I wish all our Beattie families a safe and healthy holiday!

Mr. B. Lloyd

Proud Principal of 232 Bearcats!

STUART WOOD ELEMENTARY SHELTER AND BUS PICKUP/DROP OFF ISSUES

Further to my letter from last week, I would like to invite parents/guardians to an informational event Beattie Elementary and SD 73 will host to talk about the City of Kamloops' recently opened Stuart Wood emergency winter shelter for the homeless. The meeting will be held at Beattie Elementary on December 6 starting at 6:30 p.m The shelter opened in the Stuart Wood building on November 1. The former school is the site where some of our students catch the bus to school in the morning. They are also dropped off at the school in the afternoon. As you know, there have been some unfortunate incidents at the shelter. We met with the City and others last week to discuss concerns we had for student safety. The details of that meeting were shared in my last letter. This event is being held in case parents have further concerns. We have invited representatives from the City and the Canadian Mental Health Association to attend the meeting as well. Our hope is to hear your thoughts about what else might be done to lessen the impacts on our children, as well as to provide you tools you might use to help them better understand what is happening at the shelter. We would appreciate an RSVP to the office (250-374-0608) if you plan to attend so that we can better prepare for the meeting.

Shoes and 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

Found 4 Kids

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.

Parking on Frontage Road (roundabout by Domino's)

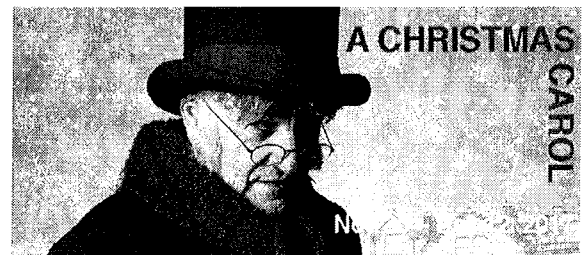
The roundabout by the Domino's is not Beattie property. This property is owned by Domino's and Starbucks. In the past, we have enjoyed using the roundabout for pickup and dropoff of students. A HEADS UP that CML properties will be ticketing vehicles that are parked and not doing business at the Starbuck's or Dominos. It is safe to do drop off and pick up in the roundabout, but you will be ticketed starting January 1st if you are parking in that area long term. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Sherrie at CML Properties 250-372-1232 ext. 123

Beattie Elementary Book Fair Recap

Beattie Elementary's annual book fair was great success! Total sales from this year's book fair was \$1973.65, giving us \$917.75 toward the purchase of new books for our school library. Also during our week of sales, two contests were held for a chance to win \$30 in books. Aurora Shakespeare won for the primaries by guessing the closest number of buttons in a jar and Hanna Edwards won for the intermediates by guessing the closest number of pages in the book stack. Way to go! A big thank you to Mrs. Gartrell for organizing this event and to the parents and students for all their support

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.



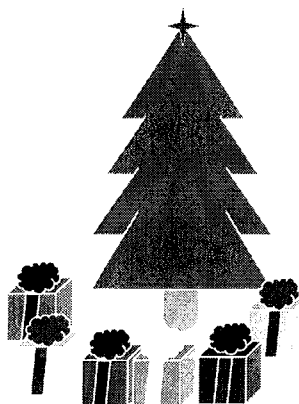
Christmas Concert

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 show beginning at 1:00 pm and an evening performance beginning at 6:00 pm This year's 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.

This year's afternoon concert will be open seating while the evening performance will be entrance by ticket. Each child will be allotted 2 tickets which must be picked up by a parent/caregiver at the office. Tickets will be available for pick up beginning on Friday, December 1st. Extra tickets, if available, will be released on a first come first serve basis on December 11th.

An Evening of Strings

On Monday December 18th, the Strings program will be hosting "An Evening of Strings" in the Beattie music room from 6:30 to 8 pm for all parents and children involved in the strings program.



The Beattie PAC Christmas Store

This year the PAC will run a Christmas Store in the school's Art Studio, allowing the children to shop for Christmas gifts for their family in the comfort of their own school.

Each classroom will have a tour of the store and its items on December 11th and then the store will be open for children to purchase items at recess and lunch on December 12th and 13th. There will also be a wrapping station that can help the children to wrap their gifts for \$1 per gift.

To make this event successful, the PAC is asking for donations of gently used, or new items that you have within your home that you are not needing anymore. Once these items have been donated, they will be

sorted into categories and priced, similar to that of a flea market, with items being priced between \$1 & \$5. The PAC asks that donations be brought into the school by Friday, December 8th to allow time for both sorting and pricing before shopping days occur.

Beattie Giving Back - Christmas Food Hamper Drive

Once again our school will be collecting non-perishable food donations to support the local families and the food bank. Items can be dropped off in classrooms starting Dec 5. Thank you for your support in our endeavour to make a difference in our community.

Bannock Sale - December 21!

December 21st will be the next Bannock sale at Beattie Elementary. 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.

First Term Report Cards - date correction

Elementary first term report cards will come home with your child on Monday, December 18th. 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 as soon as possible. If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, teacher emails are located on our main school website.

Sports

Volleyball

Beattie Bearcats had a fantastic volleyball season. Students from Grade 4 and up had an opportunity to grow and develop in their volleyball skills and 4 teams participated in league play. This year we had 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 had a great time during league play and Tiers 1 and 2 teams participated in playoffs. Thank you coaches, teachers, and parents for supporting our sports programs at Beattie Elementary

Basketball

Basketball season is right around the corner and students have begun participating in skill building during their Physical Education classes. Team play for Basketball will officially begin in January. To

make this happen, we are looking for volunteer coaches. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mr. Lloyd at the office.

Skating

The next set of classes will be heading skating this month and after the winter holidays. We have many smaller size skates for primary students, but we are in desperate need of larger skates for our older students (size 5 and up) and bike and/or hockey helmets. If you have a pair of skates that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

Great Glorious Gift project

Beattie will again be doing a school-wide, project-base learning event called "The Great Glorious Gift," an item that can improve the life of someone or something. 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 great glorious gift.

Beattie Bearcat Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear have arrived. Please check at the office if you have not picked up or received your order.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Just a reminder to all parents/caregivers to call the toll free number or use the Safe Arrival website to report any student absences or late arrivals.

Toll free number to call: 1-844-350-2647

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

Or 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. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

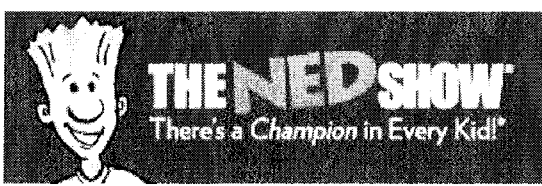
Parent Corner - Common Sense Media (www.common sense media.org)

Media and technology are at the very center of all our lives today -- especially our children's. Kids today spend over 50 hours of screen time every week. The media content they consume and create has a profound impact on their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Learning how to use media and technology wisely is an essential skill for life and learning in the 21st century. But parents, teachers, and policymakers struggle to keep up with the rapidly changing digital world in which our children live and learn. Now more than ever, they need a trusted guide to help them navigate a world where change is the only constant.

Common Sense is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. We empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids' lives.

Multi-Cultural Day in April -Volunteers Needed

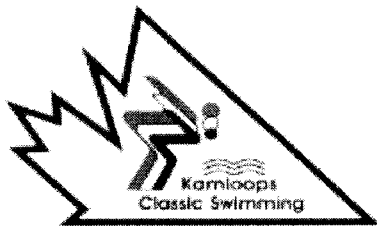
Beattie Elementary has a diverse group of students from around the world! The staff and students would like to host a Multi-cultural day in April to celebrate and honour the diversity of our school's community. We are looking for parent or community volunteers who would be willing to share a cultural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



The NED Show - RECAP

Staff and students enjoyed the NED show with it's dynamic excellent message to **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best. Students who purchased yo-yos after the show received them on November 16th and are now becoming experts as they practice becoming master yo-yoers.

Important Dates	
December 4	Non-Instructional Day
December 5	Christmas Carol play for grades 2-7 students
December 14	Christmas Concert
December 18	Report Cards home
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



Kamloops Classic Swimming Life Saving Sport Group

"The only sport with a humanitarian purpose"

FREE TRIAL: January 9th & 11th @ the TCC Pool, 6:00 – 7:00PM.

The goal of the Lifesaving Sport Group is to introduce swimmers to a sport, which builds community lifesavers. Life saving Sport is recognized by the International Olympic Committee and is extremely popular across the Commonwealth countries and beyond. Many Canadian high performance athletes have traveled to Australia, Singapore and across the globe for National and International Events.

Class Dates:

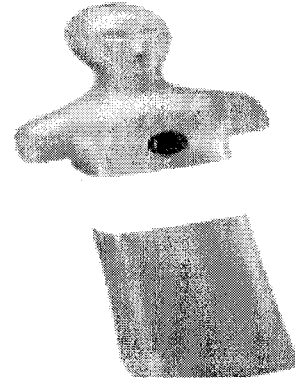
Tuesday / Thursday: 6:00 – 7:30PM

Friday – TBD upon Registration, dependent on Age / Skill LVL.

Saturday: 8:45 – 10:15AM

All Lessons are taught by a Certified Life Saving Instructor.

For more information and to register, contact
admin@swimkamloops.com or visit www.swimkamloops.com.



Happy Holidays

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K. Jendinning

Dana Baga

Meth Morgan

Bobby D. Fin
Junda
Bymoran

J. Burt

Frances
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Gina Fuller Smith

Randerson

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Drew

Briker

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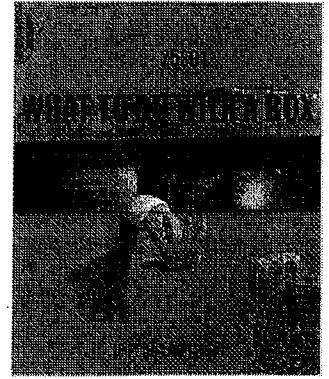
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FROM THE STAFF OF
BEATTIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!



Beattie Elementary School's *Great Glorious Gift* School Project!



December, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beattie Elementary School is now in our second year of implementing the new curriculum in B.C. Here at Beattie, a key focus for this year will be on **Critical Thinking**, one of the core competencies of the new curriculum. Critical thinking skills -- the need to think deeper and differently about a subject -- are important qualities to instill in children to help them navigate through their learning and their lives. Critical thinking skills will help students learn to interpret and understand information, rather than simply memorizing it.

The three phases of critical thinking are:

- **Analyze** – *reflect on and evaluate thinking, products and actions*
- **Question** – *explore materials and actions*
- **Develop** – *design and experiment with different ways of doing things*

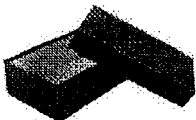
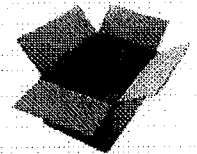
Beginning on **Friday, December 15, 2017**, we will launch our critical thinking focus with a school project called **Beattie's Great Glorious Gift**. Students will be designing a 'glorious gift' aimed to improve the life of someone or something out of empty boxes, practicing the stages of critical thinking along the way.



We need your help in collecting supplies for this project.

1) Please donate **craft supplies** to your child's teacher. Spools, cardboard tubes, small wood pieces, sequins, pom poms, ribbon....the possibilities are endless!

2) Most importantly, **empty BOXES!** These can be ANY shape but no larger than a shoe box. Other examples include: a tissue box, or a match box! Send your child with **at least one empty box with their name on it**. Students are responsible for bringing their own boxes, and they must be at school by **Wednesday, December 13th**.



Thank you for your support!
The Beattie Elementary Staff

