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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”

January 2018

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all the Beattie families! I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff and students for the amazing Christmas concert held last month, over 500 parents and family members attended the afternoon and evening show. Thank you for your support! By the applause and accolades, the performances were well received. The school enjoyed participating in the *Great Glorious Gift* project based learning activity the last week of December.

We are well into term 2 now, I encourage students to reflect on your report cards that went home last month and make a plan for academic success. There are many exciting things happening inside and outside the classrooms such as skating, gymnastics, basketball, cross country skiing, and after school sports/arts programs just to name a few!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. B. Lloyd
Proud Principal of 232 Bearcats!

Professional development Day (Non Instructional Day)

A reminder that February 22nd and 23rd, 2018 are non instructional days. Teachers will be focusing on the new curriculum during those 2 days. There was an error on some older calendars that stated that January 19th was a non instructional day - **there will be school on January 19th.**

FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

January is LITERACY MONTH! This month we celebrate literacy, reading, less screen time, and more enjoyment of books.

This month take time to read to your children, have them read to you, turn gadgets off and pick up a book and model for your children the importance of reading for pleasure. Discuss with your child what books you loved as a child, take a visit to the public library and find a special book for you and your child to share. Across the district and the city, Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) invites you to participate in Family Literacy Week January 22nd-26th.

Family Literacy Week is about learning together as a family in fun and different ways. There are many ways to practice literacy together as a family - following a recipe, singing a song, or playing a game are just a few ways to engage in literacy activities. For more ideas, please go to the national website:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/celebrate-family-literacy-day>

Thanks for your ongoing support with home reading initiatives and encouraging your children to read with fluency and grow in their comprehension and their love of being inquisitive. Some of the activities we will be doing at Beattie Elementary are as follows:

January 22nd-26th Book Drive Kick-Off

Kick-start a book-drive to collect books from the community. Announcements will be made to collect books, and promote the rest of the week's initiatives.

Monday, January 22nd Unplug and Play

Teachers hand out brochures in classes to interested students. Fill in each day from Jan 25th-29th. Return for draw prizes. Dress the classroom door in your favourite book cover!

Tuesday January 23rd Poem in your Pocket

Students create a poem in their pocket!

Wednesday, January 24th Beach Reading

Beach blanket reading in gym (whole school) - sunglasses, hats, BYO beach towel and book, wave sounds for 15-20 minute whole-school read.

Thursday, January 25th Book Exchange Day

Starting with youngest students, children each select a book each to take home (while supplies last).

Bookmark creation: Each student will create their own bookmark!

Friday, January 26th Dress up as a Character Day

Dress up as your favourite book character!

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 (leftover 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 - many students are still 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 Reminder (roundabout by Domino's)

As a reminder, 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 Starbucks 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

After School Sports and After School Arts Programs for Grade 4-7

Swagger Sports will once again be running for this term. Instructor, Ursula Zawadska, will be leading the group through 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, baseball, and frisbee. Throughout the program participants will also play a number of fun games and team-building activities emphasizing the ability to work together.. All participants will get the opportunity to learn and practice sports skills, socialize and make friends and of course have a lot of fun!!

Swagger sports will be held on the following days: **Tuesdays: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in the Beattie gymnasium.

Art4Fun (Painting, Printmaking, Sculpting) will also be taking place this term. Instructor, Kelly Perry, will be taking the group through a 7-week program that will facilitate techniques for a variety of art mediums, including painting with a grid, creating bowls from recycled paper, and breaking down earth pigments to create crayons. Participants will learn basic sculpting, painting, and printmaking skills, collage methods, and sketching techniques as they explore their creativity. They will become experienced at working with paint and porcelain clay, and have a blast as they explore their creativity and share their stories with their masterpieces! Art4Fun will happen on the following days: **Mondays: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 19, 26, Mar. 5 (Note: There is no program Feb. 12) from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.**

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child ready to enter kindergarten? It is that time of year again when the school district begins to look at Kindergarten registration. Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- Elementary Parent Information Night for Schools of Choice - January 17 - 6:30 at the Henry Grube Education Center
- Schools of Choice K registration - January 29 - Feb 2 (Please note registration ends at noon on February 2)
- District Wide K Registration - February 13-16
- Secondary Parent Information Night for Programs of Choice - February 13 - 6:30 NorKam Secondary School
- Kindergarten Round Up Parent Information Night - March 1 - 6:30 at the Henry Grube Education Center
- Supported K Transitions for Families of Students with Diverse Needs - May 15 - 6:30 at the Henry Grube Education Center



Strings Concert

The strings program will be holding a concert in the Beattie Elementary gym at 7 pm on January 26th. Please feel free to come and celebrate the learning of your child. Strings students will need to arrive at 6:30 for tuning.

Bannock Sale - January 17th!

January 17th 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.

Sports

Basketball

Basketball season is officially on the go. This year Beattie Bearcats will have **FOUR** teams competing in game play throughout the district. Way to go Bearcats on the great levels of participation and a special thank you to our volunteer coaches and teacher sponsors.

Skating

Some classes will be heading skating again this month. Please look for information from your child's teacher if his or her class is participating. Additionally, we are still on the lookout for larger sized helmets (bike or hockey style) for our older students as well as skates. If you have either of these items to donate please drop them at the office.

Place	Date	Start Time	End Time	Classes (Teachers)
Sandman Centre	23 Jan 2018	9:15 am	10:15 am	BYMOEN/HUNTER/FABBRO-SMITH
Sandman Centre	30 Jan 2018	9:15 am	10:15 am	BYMOEN/HUNTER/FABBRO-SMITH
Sandman Centre	06 Feb 2018	9:15 am	10:15 am	BYMOEN/HUNTER/FABBRO-SMITH
Sandman Centre	20 Feb 2018	9:15 am	10:15 am	BUSH/DEJARDIN/PIVA
Sandman Centre	27 Feb 2018	9:15 am	10:15 am	BUSH/DEJARDIN/PIVA
Sandman Centre	13 Mar 2018	9:15 am	10:15 am	DEJARDIN/PIVA

Gymnastics

Beattie students will have the opportunity to go to T.C.C. over the next few months to participate in the KGTC gymnastics program. Please see the schedule below - students are asked to wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move easily. Shorts and t-shirts are great – just ensure that clothes are not too baggy as it may become a danger or too tight to be restrictive. Long hair should be tied back and sock and shoes removed. Jewellery or other items that might cause scratching or become caught in materials should be removed.

Beattie Elementary School

Gymnastics Schedule 2017-2018
KGTC- 910 McGill Road
250-374-6424

Classes (Teachers)	Time	Date
Bymoan/deJardin	1pm-2pm	March 28, April 18, 25
Ratuski/Neigel	1pm-2pm	March 29, April 11, 17
Mulhern/Hunter	9am-10am	April 19, 26, May 3
Morgan/Charron	1pm-2pm	Feb 15, 28, March 7
Kansky/Piva	9am-10pm	March 29
Kansky/Piva	10am-11pm	April 12
Kansky/Piva	1pm-2pm	April 19
Bush/F.S.	1pm-2pm	March 27, April 24, 26

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!

Multicultural 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.

Important Dates	
February 12th	Family Day - School Closed
February 22nd	Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation Day)
February 23rd	Non-Instructional Day
March 16th	Reports Cards home
March 19th - March 23rd	Spring Break
March 26th	School re-opens
March 30th	Good Friday
April 2nd	Easter Monday
April 23rd	Non-Instructional Day (KTTA day)
May 18th	Non-Instructional Day
June 30th	Administrative Day