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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”

February 2018

Principal's Message

February is the month known for love, caring and kindness! Students work everyday in these areas and continue to be responsible citizens by following the S.T.A.R. Belief Matrix and solving problems on the playground by using their W.I.T.S. Please take a few moments and discuss these concepts with your child. More information about our social responsibility programs can be found on our school website. February brings many exciting events including Family Day, Pink T-Shirt day, Beattie Pub night, Family Movie Night and Valentine's day! I look forward to seeing you there.

The staff will spend February 22nd and 23rd together learning about the new curriculum designed for K-9. All areas of learning are based on a “Know-Do-Understand” model to support a concept-based competency-driven approach to learning. Three elements, the Content (Know), Curricular Competencies (Do), and Big Ideas (Understand) all work together to support deeper learning.

British Columbia's curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model. At Beattie Elementary, the staff will continue to learn more about the new curriculum and look forward to creating classroom environments that engage our learners.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. B. Lloyd
Proud Principal of 232 Bearcats!

Volunteers

We are still in need of lunchtime supervisors. This is a paid position and is a great way to become more involved with the going ons in the school and your child's classroom. If you are interested in spending some time here at the school, please call Mr. Lloyd at the office (250-374-0608).

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

Head Lice

Head lice continue to cause concern and frustration for parents, teachers, and children. The School District Policy (1006.6) is intended to outline roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the school and community to assist with treating and controlling head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner. Beattie Elementary is committed to support parents/guardians and the broader school community in the management of head lice. We do this by:

1. offering practical advice;
2. educating staff, parents and students about head lice;
3. and, when needed help provide the tools for parents to manage head lice at home. A confidential head lice treatment kit is available for families to sign out at the office.

Bannock Sale - February 8th!

February 8th 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.

Kindergarten Registration Begins this Month!!!

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. You can register your kindergarten student from February 13th to 16th from 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00. Please bring your child's birth certificate, care card and a proof of address (driver's license, rental or purchase agreement, gas or hydro bill). If you have any questions please call the school. 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



Cold and Flu Season

It is that time of year again when instances of cold and flu are on the rise. Here is a helpful guide from Interior health on when it is a good time to keep your child home.

IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Keep children at home if they have...



- a fever of 38° C (100° F) or more—and then keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone
- vomiting or diarrhea—and then keep them home for at least 24 hours after the last episode
- a severe sore throat—particularly if you can see white or red spots at the back of the throat or if your child also has a fever



- a deep, hacking cough—along with a runny nose and headache
- untreated infections of the eye, ear or skin— watch for symptoms such as redness, swelling, or discharge
- different behaviour from normal (acting unwell)

Talk with your family doctor or public health nurse if you have concerns.

Family Day

Just a reminder the Ministry of Education has allotted Monday, February 12th as FAMILY DAY! There is no school for students or teachers. Enjoy time with your families!

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

Swagger Sports is in full swing. Students involved are having a great time learning and playing to improve their physical literacy. The program will continue on the remaining **Tuesdays: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6** from **2:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in the Beattie gymnasium.

Art4Fun (Painting, Printmaking, Sculpting) is also ongoing this term and our artist group is sculpting, painting, and printmaking away! Art4Fun continues on **Mondays: Feb. 5, 19, 26, Mar. 5** (Note: There is no program Feb. 12) from **2:30 to 4:30 pm**.

Pink Shirt Day for Anti-Bullying - February 28th

Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity to take a stand against bullying. Over 75% of people say they've been bullied. Over 90% of bullying incidents have peer witnesses. But when those peers intervene, most incidents are over within 10 seconds. Bullying could be happening to someone you know and care about – join us in taking a stand against bullying, and letting your peers know that it is not okay. On February 28th students are invited to show their support for anti-bullying by wearing pink. Come on Beattie Elementary this is your chance to show kindness, empathy, and compassion, and speak out!



Don't have a pink shirt for Anti-Bullying Day? Order your child's pink Anti Bullying t-shirt today! Simply fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and return it with payment to the school before FEBRUARY 14th. T-shirts will be delivered to students on February 21st.

Here is a link for Pink Shirt Day resources: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/resources/>

Sports

Basketball

Basketball season is officially on the go. This year Beattie Bearcats have **FOUR** teams competing in game play throughout the district. Tier 3 Boys are being coached by Ms. Tallio and Ms. Fabbro-Smith, Tier 3 Girls are being coached through by team efforts of Mrs. Bymoan, Mrs. Kansky, Mrs. Piva and Mr. Shaw, Tier 1 Girls are being coached by Mr. Whitelaw and Mrs. Morgan, and the Tier 1 boys are being coached by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Lloyd. Way to go Bearcats on the great levels of participation and a special thank you to our volunteer coaches and teacher sponsors.

Safer Schools Together Digital Safety Training - March 8th

Students from grades 5 to 7 will be taking part in a presentation that will cover all things digital, from digital citizenship and how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Topics covered will include: how to practice netiquette (online etiquette), how to recognize and respond to cyberbullying, the criminal and social consequences of cyberbullying behaviour and the possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting), self-peer exploitation, digital media habits and oversharing, digital addiction, piracy and plagiarism.

The illusion of anonymity online will be spoken to in cautioning students from misrepresenting themselves online and creating false profiles. Geo-locational settings will be covered as well the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse. Finally, a discussion of personal media habits will engage the audience and prompt them to reflect on their own digital lives and how it is affecting them.

Please feel free to join us in the Beattie gymnasium at 1 pm on March 8th.

Ministry Satisfaction Survey

Attention parents of grade 4, and 7 students: During the months of January to April, Beattie Elementary and School District #73 is participating in the 2018 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Students will take the online survey at school, while parents will be given the opportunity to complete the survey at home. A notice along with an anonymous access code will be sent home to parents once the survey becomes active. Parents will be able to access the online survey any time before midnight April 27, 2018, providing immediate satisfaction level results to the school and the district.

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!

PAC News

Beattie PAC is hosting their first Pub Night! Monday February 26th at the Fox'N'Hounds. Tickets are \$15.00/per person. Dinner will be both BBQ Ribs & Rosemary Chicken with Caesar Salad. There will be 50/50 Cash Draws and Basket Raffles. Dinner will be served between 5pm & 8pm. Please contact Candace Morrison for tickets to purchase and/or sell @ 778-220-9142.

PAC will also be hosting a movie night on Thursday, February 8th and will be featuring the movie **Coco**. Movie night will start at 5:30pm. Pizza and juice boxes will be available for purchase and admission is by donation.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the PAC St. Patrick's Day family dance to be held on Thursday March 15th. There will be a photo booth available for \$3/per photo and admission is by donation.

And remember, the next **PAC Meeting is February 5th**. Hope to see you there!

Caregiver Corner

10 Reasons to Read to your Child Tonight



1. When you hold them and give them this attention, they know you love them.
2. Reading to them will encourage them to become readers.
3. Children's books are so good that they are fun even for adults.
4. Illustrations in children's books often rank with the best, giving children a lifelong feeling for good art.
5. Books are one way of passing on your values.
6. Books will enable your child's imagination to soar.
7. Until they learn to read themselves, they will think you are magic.
8. Every teacher and librarian they ever encounter will thank you.
9. They might turn off the TV or video games.
10. You'll get a chance to read some great books you missed when you were a kid.

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Important Dates	
February 12	Family Day - School Closed
February 22	Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation Day)
February 23	Non-Instructional Day
February 28	Pink Shirt 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)
Wednesday, May 9, 2018	Zone 1 Track & Field Meet
Thursday, May 17, 2018	District Track & Field Meet
May 18	Non-Instructional Day
June 30	Administrative Day



STOP BULLYING 2018



Pink T-shirt

	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XXLARGE	
adult						\$10.00
youth						\$10.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total: _____
(taxes are included)

Teacher: _____

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 14/18