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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”

March 2018

Principal's Message

Spring has sprung! With warmer weather on its way, I encourage students to clean out their lockers and take home their winter boots. Our Spring Break this year is a one week break. The last day of school for students is March 16th. We return from the break on Monday, March 26th. I hope your family enjoys some wonderful relaxation and time together.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. B. Lloyd
Proud Principal of 232 Bearcats!

Cell Phones, Cameras, and Personal Electronic Items

Students are discouraged to have cell phones, or personal electronic devices at school. An exception will be made only where parents and students have made arrangements with the classroom teacher and gone over the following conditions:

- Cell phone use is restricted to the student who owns it and has permission to have it at school.
- Cell phones may not be used inside the building except with the expressed permission of a teacher.
- Cameras (including camera phones) may not be used anywhere on the school grounds including recess and lunchtime except with the expressed permission of the principal.
- A student who uses any wireless communication device irresponsibly (as per S. D. 73 Code of Conduct: embarrass, humiliate, or threaten others or to access inappropriate online sites) will forfeit the privilege of bringing it to school. In addition, he/she will face disciplinary consequences.

From time to time parents and guardians may need to contact their child during the day. In this case, parents/guardians are asked to call the office and leave a message that will be given to the child at break times.

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).

Outdoor Clothing, Shoes and Boots

Just a reminder that with the fluctuating cold to warm weather as we near the end winter that students' need to be dressed for being outside in the morning, at recess, and at lunch. Additionally, 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 @ the school and we will make the necessary confidential arrangements

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found box is located across from the front tv screen at the main door. Please take a moment to come check it out, unclaimed clothing will be packaged up at Spring Break and sent to the Salvation Army or Found for Kids organization.

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.

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

Swagger Sports will be wrapping up its winter session very soon. The final date will be **Tuesday, Mar. 6 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in the Beattie gymnasium. Students have had a wonderful time learning and playing to improve their physical literacy.

Art4Fun is also finishing up next week. Their final date will be **Monday, Mar. 5 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm** in the Art room. Students have enjoyed a creative and fun-filled session sculpting, painting, and printmaking!

Bannock Sale - March 15th!

March 15th 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 has officially wrapped up for our students. Our four Beattie Bearcats teams have competed in game play throughout the district and have grown and developed their sportsmanship and skills. A big thank you to all our volunteer coaches and teacher sponsors; Tier 3 Boys - coached by Ms. Tallio and Ms. Fabbro-Smith, Tier 3 Girls - coached by the team efforts of Mrs. Bymoen, Mrs. Kansky, Mrs. Piva and Mr. Shaw, Tier 1 Girls - coached by Mr. Whitelaw and Mrs. Morgan, and the Tier 1 boys - coached by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Lloyd. Without them we would have been unable to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

Flag Football

Flag football season is fast approaching and we are again in need of a coach to help support our amazing Bearcats. Flag football season runs from the beginning of April through to mid May and is a fun and exciting game of mixed league play. If you are interested in coaching please contact Mr. Lloyd at the school as soon as possible.

Safer Schools Together Digital Safety Training - March 8

Students from grade 6 and 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.

Parents/Guardians please feel free to join us in the Beattie gymnasium at 1pm 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.

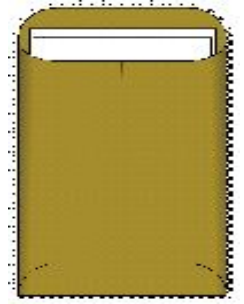
Toll free number to call: 1-844-350-2647

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!

REPORT CARDS

Second Report Cards are coming home March 16th. Report Cards 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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you have questions about the report card please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Appointments can be set up directly with classroom teachers.



Important Dates	
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 9, 2018	Zone 1 Track & Field Meet
May 17, 2018	District Track & Field Meet
May 18	Non-Instructional Day
June 30	Administrative Day