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Safe Arrival
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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”

October 2018

Principal's Message

We have had an excellent beginning to our year welcoming over 40 new students to our school - the staff is excited to work together with parents and students to make Beattie Elementary an awesome school. Our students, while just starting this year, have already begun to experience great learning experiences of fall. Classrooms and hallways are teeming with students exploring new concepts, stories, and activities.

The school is providing engaging experiences for our students and I encourage them to participate in many opportunities. Cross country running is currently happening for grades 3-7 and volleyball season is about to begin, practices will begin soon for grade 4-7 students. We still have need for referees - if you can help, please call the office. Parent-teacher interviews are arranged for October 11th, therefore students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm on that day and busses will be running 2 1/2 hours earlier to accommodate students. Teachers will be making arrangements to meet with you on that day. There is no school on Friday, October 19th because it is a professional development day. Please review our updated school calendar that is being sent home in this newsletter for important upcoming dates.

As we begin the school year, we like to try to have our school community and parent community use similar language when working with behaviour and expectations. Please take a moment to go through the parent/student handbook at the front of each student agenda and on our website to familiarize yourself with the expectations of our school. At Beattie Elementary we aspire to follow S.T.A.R.S.: Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, and Respect. It is these four words that we have chosen to embody our school. We make sure that we are acting in a SAFE manner at all times. We use TEAMWORK to get things done in a cooperative and timely manner. We choose each day to be ACCOUNTABLE to ourselves and those around us. We RESPECT ourselves, each other, and our environment.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. We really appreciate your continued support and look forward to a productive educational year.

Mr. B. Lloyd
Proud Principal of 238 Bearcats!

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.

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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!

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.**

HALLOWEEN- BLACK AND ORANGE DAY!

As Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year we have decided to host a “Black and Orange” Day. Students have the opportunity to dress up at the PAC hosted Halloween Dance on the evening of October 26th. Please

remember that scary makeup, masks, and weapons should not come to this event as it may scare some of the little ones who will be attending.

Additionally, the school asks that on Thursday, November 1st, and the days following, that parents ensure that MINIMAL candy comes to school. Large quantities of candy affect the learning environment and tone of the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - EARLY CLOSURE - OCTOBER 11

Parents are reminded that Thursday, October 11th is an Early Closure Day. Please arrange to have your child picked up at 12:00pm. Should parents want a Parent/Teacher Interview on this day, please contact your child's teacher directly to set up a time on this afternoon.

Foundation Skills Assessments - Grades 4 and 7

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in all public and provincially funded private schools in British Columbia. The assessment provides a snapshot of how well students are achieving in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. Results of the assessment are used at the provincial, district, and school levels to plan for continued improvement in student achievement. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and student performance is measured against provincial performance standards.

All grade 4 and 7 students at Beattie Elementary will write the FSA between October 1st and November 9th. 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.

FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM

Beattie Elementary will again be participating in the Fruit and Vegetable program. If you would like more information about the program, please check out <https://www.bcaitc.ca/>.

Please note: If you do not want your child receiving fruit and vegetables and/or milk program please call the office.

BEATTIE BEARCAT SPIRIT WEAR

Have you been Christmas shopping for your child yet? Beattie Elementary has the perfect gift- Spirit Wear is back at Beattie Elementary! Attached to the newsletter are order forms- Orders are **due October 30** and items will be delivered to the school before Christmas break. Please consider ordering an item - not only do they look great, they make great Christmas presents and support programs here at the school. Sample sizes are available in the office. Please see attached order form.

SALUTE TO THE SOCKEYE

The Salute to the Sockeye takes place on the dominant year of a four-year cycle. The salute to the sockeye is the largest Sockeye Salmon run in North America. This year students in grades 2-5 from Beattie will have an opportunity to visit and learn from this majestic event on October 3rd.

KIDS PLUS™ ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

Over the years, Kids Plus™ has helped many families, providing much needed reimbursements for out-of-pocket costs. We appreciate your support and we are truly grateful for the part you have played.

We have big news: the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!

The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment. Effective this **September 1st**, there will be some changes to our Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact our Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes allow us to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eyewear, with no increase in premiums.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at **1-800-556-7411** or email kidsplus@ia.ca.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

The PAC would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Beattie Bearcat families and welcome back to those returning. While it is hard to believe that the summer passed so quickly, the feeling of a fresh, new start is exciting.

Everything we do is based on volunteers and we are always looking for those of you to help make a difference in the lives of our children. Every positive imprint we make on our children can go a long, long way. If you are able to give some time, day or evenings, please join us. Many hands make the job easier. Our group meets once a month to discuss events, plan fundraisers to enhance all programs, and share ideas.

Halloween Dance - October 26th Volunteers are needed at this event to make it successful! There will be a cake walk and the photo booth done by Shannon, and a D.J. Volunteers needed for the cake walk, selling tickets, concession, set-up and tear down etc. to make this event successful.

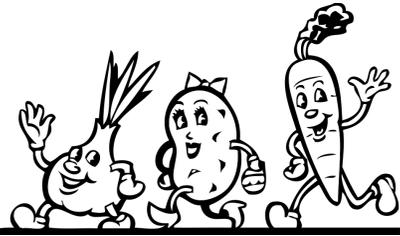
Hope to see you at our next **PAC meeting which is October 3rd** in the library starting at 6:30 pm!

SOUP AND BANNOCK PARENT ENGAGEMENT AFTERNOON

Please join us on October 17th from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the gymnasium for soup and bannock. This free parent engagement opportunity will give you a chance to mingle with the school staff and listen to a First Nations Storyteller. We look forward to seeing you there!

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS: GRADE 4-7'S

Swagger Sports This 8-week program includes a variety of activities and games related to team building, fundamental movement skills, soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, and frisbee. Throughout the program participants also play a number of fun games and team-building activities emphasizing the ability to work together. All participants get the opportunity to learn and practice sports skills, socialize, make friends and of course have a lot of fun!! Swagger sports will be held on the following days: **Wednesday: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21** in the Beattie gymnasium from 2:30 to 4:30 pm..



BEATTIE'S GARDEN

Mrs. Fabbro-smith's class from 2017-2018 planted carrots in our school garden in June. This past September they harvested over 100 delicious carrots! They used some to make delicious carrot muffins with the help of Mrs. Djelmo. Special thanks to Aurora and her mom for weeding our garden during the summer.

BANNOCK SALE

Our **FIRST** Bannock Sale of the year will be on **Wednesday, October 17th**. Bannock will be \$1.00 a piece and orders will be taken on the morning of the sale by 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.

BEATTIE DOES THE BEATLES - October 24th

The students of Beattie will be taking part in an exciting performance on October 24th in our school gym. The concert will begin at 6 pm. We will be singing 10 of the most famous Beatles songs written. Each class or a pair of classes will be performing their own song. Please see below for a listing of each class's song and shirt colour they will be required to wear for the performance. Please spend some time over the next few weeks reviewing and singing along to the song with your child. Lyric sheets have been given to each student. Mr. Cuzzetto and the staff at Beattie look forward to seeing you all on the 24th!

<u>Class</u>	<u>Shirt Colour</u>	<u>Song</u>
Mulhern	Light Blue	Twist & Shout
Ratuski	Yellow	Yellow Submarine
Neigel	Yellow	Yellow Submarine
Hunter	Ocean Blue	Octopus' Garden
Bymoan	Red	When I'm Sixty Four
de Jardin	Red	When I'm Sixty Four
Bush	Green	Ob La Di Ob La Da
Fabbro Smith	Orange	Here Comes The Sun
Piva/Kansky	Purple	Eight Days A Week
Morgan	Black	Revolution
Charron/Kennedy	Black	Blackbird

TERRY FOX RUN

This year our students participated in the Annual Terry Fox run on the afternoon of September 20th. Together we raised **\$357.45** to support the Terry Fox Foundation in their efforts to fight cancer. Students had a wonderful run with our local TRU Wolfpack celebrities. Congratulations to **Luca D'Amore, Caleb Kroad, and Isla Dickie** on out running the TRU Men's Basketball Wolfpack celebrities and a huge honorable mention to Hudson Black, Beckett Reid, Anglin Macintosh, Ryann McGinley, Lakeesha Pringle, Mattias Holte, Quinlan

Bremner, Seth Holte, Robbie Cooper, and Andie Morrison who were close on the Wolfpack's heels. Way to go Bearcats!

SPORTS

Cross Country Running

We are halfway through the cross country season and I have been impressed with the effort all the athletes are putting in. Just two more competitions left on October second and tenth. About twenty runners have participated at each competition so far this year. A special congratulation to Caleb for placing 9th and Isla for placing 8th at McArthur Island. Beattie also did well at RLC with Mattias placing 2nd, Isla placing 6th and Hudson placing 8th. The stairs at the end seemed to be a real killer at the end. Just finishing that race was an accomplishment in itself. Keep up the great work athletes and don't worry the next one is much flatter.

Volleyball

The volleyball season will be starting in October and students are getting excited for their opportunity to represent the Beattie Bearcats on the court. Currently we have a number of students ready to participate in the Tier 1, Tier 2, and the mixed league. **Practices will run during lunch hours and games are Tuesday (Boys Tier 1), Wednesday (Mixed Tier 3) and Thursday (Girl's Tier 1).**

Additionally, if there are any families with volleyball knee pads, that are in good shape, that you would be willing to donate to our volleyball team program it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.

DISTRICT STRINGS PROGRAM FOR GRADE 4-7 STUDENTS

This will be the third year that District Strings program will be offered here at Beattie Elementary. Students from grades 4-7 are welcome to join. Classes are held Mondays and Fridays after school in the Beattie music room. Instruction for the program is free though there is a small fee for the purchase of the methods book (approximately \$12) and the rental of a violin or cello (usually between \$25 - \$45 per month depending on the instrument). Instruments can be rented from Long and mcQuade Music located at 955 Lorne Street.

The first strings class was held on Monday, September 24th. **Beginner classes will run on Mondays and Fridays from 3:00 - 3:45 and advanced classes will run from 3:45 - 4:30 on Mondays and Fridays.** Please note classes are not in session on Statutory holidays and Pro D Days. Please see the office for a sign up sheet if your child is interested in participating in the Strings program.

Important Dates (Popcorn every Tuesday at recess except 3rd week of every month for Bannock day)	
October 1	Orange Shirt Day
October 3	PAC Meeting - 6:30 pm in the library
October 8	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
October 11	Parent-teacher Interviews - Early Closure 12:00
October 17	Soup and Bannock 2:30-3:30 pm
October 19	Professional Development Day
October 24	Beattie Beatles Show (1pm and 6pm)
October 26	Halloween Dance
October 30	Spirit Wear orders due
October 31	Black and Orange Day
November 1	Photo Retakes
November 9	Remembrance Day ceremony
November 12	Remembrance Day holiday - No school
November 15	Blazer Players visit
December 3	Professional Development Day
December 12	Christmas Concert (1pm and 6pm)
December 22 - Jan 6	Winter Break
January 7	School Returns
February 8	Professional Development Day

February 18	BC Family Day holiday - No school
March 1	Professional Development Day
March 16 - March 24	Spring Break
April 1	Professional Development Day
April 5	Day of Recognition
April 19	Good Friday holiday - No school
April 22	Easter monday - No school
May 17	Professional Development Day
May 20	Victoria Day holiday - No school
June 27	Last Day of Classes - Dismissal at 12:00
June 28	Administration Day