



# Beattie Elementary School

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## April 2022

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring is in the air! We hope you all had an enjoyable Spring Break and that students are feeling refreshed and ready to take on the rest of the school year. A reminder that school will be closed on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday and on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> for Easter Monday. School will also be closed on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> as this is a Professional Development Day for school staff.

### Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

On April 5, 2022, Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry explained that we are transitioning from broad societal orders, but it is not "all or nothing." We need to continue our "good habits" developed throughout the pandemic. Therefore, vaccination is still considered to be a necessary protection against severe outcomes if an individual contracts COVID-19. As expected, as of April 7, 2022 at midnight, the Gathering and Events Order that had restricted spectators to capacity limits expired and no further Public Health Order was issued. As detailed in the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#), all school gatherings and events can return to 100% capacity as of April 8, 2022. Schools should continue to be sensitive to those who may be less comfortable in group settings when planning school gatherings and events. Now, there is no limit on spectators except for existing building safety and fire codes that have always determined capacity guidelines for spaces.

### Summary of safety measures that will continue in schools and district facilities:

- Daily health checks
- Stay home when sick
- Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces, including water fountain mouthpieces
- Practice strategies to create space between individuals when gathering or working together while also adhering to preferred educational approaches
- Sign in for visitors, but the additional information (i.e., whether you have done a daily health check) is not collected for Interior Health

- At this time, visitors accessing elementary schools will continue to phone schools prior to entry as the front doors will remain locked. This decision will be reviewed after the Easter Holiday.
- Wearing a mask is a personal choice, which is to be supported and respected
- Going on field trips and avoiding locations that place additional safety measures that could cause some students not to participate

### Implications of changed safety measures

- **Graduation and end-of-the-year events:** can resume face-to-face and school administration will work with staff to communicate anticipated Spring and Summer celebrations to parents.
- **Community use of some locations will resume** based on whether we have enough custodial and clerical staff to clean and manage rental bookings. We are reviewing the plan at the Regular Public Board Meeting on April 11, 2022.

Enjoy the lovely weather and continue to stay well and stay safe.

Rhonda Nixon, PhD

Superintendent

### Student Transfers for 2022/2023

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted starting on March 1, 2022

and ending at 12:00 noon on September 1, 2022. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's principal. All decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with Board Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Request



## **Kindergarten**

Do you have a child that still needs to be registered for Kindergarten? If you do, please stop by the office for a registration package at your earliest convenience. Early registration helps us with classroom placement and planning and ensures your child will have the opportunity to be included in the upcoming SPARK program.

Parents will be required to provide a copy of their child's care card, proof of address (driver's license, lease/Rental Agreement/purchase agreement, Gas or Hydro Bill), child's birth certificate, and custody agreement if applicable.

Registration packages for students with an older sibling may be sent home with that sibling.

## **SPARK – Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten!**

If you have registered your child for Kindergarten we encourage you to register for our SPARK program. This free program includes:

- Time spent with Kindergarten teachers and school staff
- Parent education
- Take away activities

There are four sessions from 4:00pm to 5:00pm:

- Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>

\*We encourage families to attend all four sessions\*

Register at: <https://bit.ly/BeattieSPARK>

See poster at the end of this newsletter!

## **Young Authors' Conference**

Congratulations to Seva Parmer, Aliyah Williams, Meer Abidi, Adalia Horvath, Libbie Benoit who have been selected to attend this year's Young Authors' Conference. These students will have the opportunity to spend the day at TRU and attend three writing workshops taught by authors.

Honorable mention goes to Mohammad Qasim, Morgan Biggs and Jade Neigel.

All of their stories will be on display in the library over the next few weeks.

## **Weather Reminders**

Please work with your child to help them be prepared for spending their break times outdoors. At this time of year weather can quickly change from warm and dry to cold and wet. Students are outside in the mornings before school, during recess, and during lunch. Thanks for helping!



## **Indoor Shoes**

As the weather is still changing, it is important to note that 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.

## **Playground Use After School**

After school the playground is a busy place and parental supervision is a must. If you are unable to supervise your children on the playground, please have them go straight home and return when you are able to supervise. There is no staff outside after 2:41 and we are seeing an increased amount of children staying and this is a safety concern.

## **Important Dates!**

- ❖ Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday
- ❖ Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday
- ❖ Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – District – Non Instructional Day
- ❖ Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – District – Non Instructional Day
- ❖ Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Victoria Day
- ❖ Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Day



# SPARK

Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

**Is your child excited for Kindergarten?**

**Entering kindergarten is a major transition for children and parents.**

**This free program includes:**

- Time spent with Kindergarten teachers and school staff
- Parent education
- Take away activities

**\*You are encouraged to attend ALL sessions\***



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Tuesday

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**May 5th**

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**May 10th**

Welcome to Beattie  
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