



# Beattie Elementary School

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## December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Thank You!

Thank you to each parent who took the time to talk with teachers at our parent/teacher conferences on October 19th. There is tremendous power in teachers and families working together. If you were unable to meet for the conferences please feel free to contact your child's(ren's) teacher directly to schedule an appointment. Thank you as well to all Grade One parents who participated in the "Come Read With Me" program. This session was a great opportunity for parents to learn some positive reading strategies to help with their child's literacy development.

### Winter Concert

We are excited to announce that we will be having an in person Winter Concert this year on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Primary – Grades K-3 – will perform from 5:30 – 6:15 pm

Intermediate – Grades 4-7 – will perform from 6:45 – 7:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you all there!

### No school on Monday, December 5th

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday December 5th. This is a professional learning day for teachers and support staff in our district.

### Winter Vacation

Winter Break this year runs from December 19th to January 2nd. Classes resume January 3rd. The staff at Beattie Elementary wishes you and your family



all the best for this holiday season.

### December School Spirit Days

Friday, Dec. 2nd – **Santa's Ho-Ho-Hoedown** – Western wear (jeans, plaid shirts, cowboy hat, button-up vest)

Friday, Dec. 9th – **Holiday Spirit Day** – red/green/white, Santa or Elf hat, festive accessories (jewelry, antlers, red-nose, Christmas socks, etc. (no face paint)

Monday, Dec. 12th – **Christmas Sweater Day** (or Christmas Shirt)

Friday, Dec. 16th – **Long Winter's Nap Day** – pajamas, slippers, robe

### Christmas Food Hampers

Beattie Elementary will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for Christmas food hampers. Hampers will be delivered to families in need in the community during the last week of school. Your kind donations are appreciated.

### Scholastic Book Fair

A very BIG thank you to all the students and families for supporting this year's Book Fair! Total sales were \$5,228 which means we get \$2,897 worth of new books for our school library!! Your support for this important fundraiser is truly appreciated!



### Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bins (located just past the front entry way) are ALWAYS full!!. PLEASE if you notice that your child has something missing, have your child take a look through the bins or stop by when picking up your child to check for whatever it

is. We would love all items to be returned to their owners but must rely on the students and their parents to make this happen! Thanks for helping us out with this!

### **Cold Weather Reminders**

Please work with your child to help them be prepared for spending their break times outdoors. Students are outside in the mornings before school, during recess, and during lunch. Hats, gloves or mittens are a definite musts! We would ask that all children also have boots to wear outside, and appropriate shoes to change into for wear inside, including in gym classes. It would also be helpful for them to have layers that they can add or remove according to inside and outside temperatures. When/if the weather becomes really extreme, we will judge on a day by day basis as to whether it will be an inside or an outside day. Thanks for helping!



### **School Fees**

School fees are now due to the office and statements have been sent home for students with outstanding balances. There are now three options for payment: cash, cheque or SchoolCash Online. Preferred method of payment is SchoolCash Online. If a payment plan needs to be arranged, please feel free to call the office.

### **Indoor Shoes**

As the weather changes, 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.

### **Safe Arrival**

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must to be reported by calling 1-844-350-2647, by visiting [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca), or download the school messenger app. Please do not call the school directly. All absences or late arrivals that have not been reported before 8:45 am will initiate the School District's safe arrival system to call home and cell phone numbers up to 5 times until a parent is reached and a response is given.

There are now three categories to choose from when notifying the school of your child's absence due to illness. Please choose either respiratory illness, gastrointestinal illness or general illness. By distinguishing between these three categories of illness Interior Health will have more accurate data regarding the illnesses affecting the community.

### **Before and After School Pick Up and Student Safety**

A reminder to parents that the school parking lot is limited to STAFF PARKING ONLY. To help ensure the safety of our students, parents should not be driving through the parking lot at any time to drop off or pick up their children. Please park on the designated spots on McGill or in the Freshco parking lot. We appreciate your understanding.

The City of Kamloops has also asked us to send out a reminder regarding the dropping-off and picking-up of students in the vicinity of bus stops. The cities current traffic bylaw states that **parking and stopping are prohibited within 20 metres on the near side to 7.5 metres on the far side of any bus stop sign**. Please obey the bus zone signage and refrain from stopping within this area. Blocking this space can prevent transit users (including students) from boarding or exiting the bus and presents accessibility issues.

For the safety of our students we also kindly ask that you obey all traffic signs in the vicinity of the school.



### **PAC - Purdys Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser**

The Beattie PAC is now taking online orders for Purdys Chocolates.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1231463-101836>  
Online orders are due by Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to include your child's name with your order!

### **Volleyball News**

Volleyball has now wrapped up for the two teams that participated in the league this year. Teams

progressed nicely this season learning some fundamentals of the game as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thanks to Paul Simpson and Miranda Cuthbertson who donated their time to coach our Girls Tier 1 Team, and Mr. Bush who coached our Tier 3 Co-ed team. Also, to all the parents who were able to drive students to the different venues.



### **Basketball Volunteers**

Basketball season is just around the corner and we have a lot of enthusiastic students interested in playing this season. However, we need some coaches to help put these teams together. Season starts the third week of January and runs to Mid March. For more information please contact the office if this interests you.

### **Boys and Girls Club**

The Boys and Girls Club has after school care spaces available. Please call Kelly at the boys and girls club 250-819-3679 if you are interested.



# Is your child too sick for school?



## **Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision.**

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional.

### **Keep children at home if they have:**

- a fever, and keep them home for **24** hours after the fever is gone away without the help of medication.
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for **24** hours after the last episode.
- a severe sore throat.
- a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like a runny nose and headache.
- redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin, unless treated.
- been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

### **For questions about your child's health you can:**

- 1.** Dial 811 or go to [HealthLinkBC.ca](http://HealthLinkBC.ca) to speak with a:
  - Registered Nurse 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
  - Registered Dietitian every weekday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.
  - Pharmacist every night from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. PST every day of the year.
- 2.** Contact an Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office.
  - See the reverse page on when to go to the emergency department.



### **Seasonal Respiratory Illness**

As we continue through the fall and winter, we can expect to see more respiratory illness. This is an annual occurrence, but there are measures we all can take to prevent illness and manage symptoms while at home. The most important measures are to get vaccinated, staying home when sick and follow general hygiene measures like hand washing. Here is some information that may be helpful: [It's respiratory illness season](#).

**For more information on specific illnesses see:** [A Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases](#)





# Is it an Emergency?

Having a sick child can be stressful, but not all illnesses require a visit to the emergency department. Find the right place to go for care.

## Emergency Department

- Difficulty breathing
- Fever in infants younger than 3 months
- Broken bone
- Serious or severe burn
- Vomiting or diarrhea with dehydration
- Sudden change in mental state
- Complicated or deep cut



 Children's  
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## Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office

- Fever or flu
- Cough, cold, sore throat
- Earache
- Rash
- Pink eye
- Sprain or strain
- Referral to specialist



[Information on when to bring your child to the Emergency Department](#)

