



Beattie Elementary School

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Happy New Year to everyone!

We are now into our fifth month of the school year and we are all looking forward to what is in store for the next six months. We will continue to promote risk-taking and embracing of challenges - a greater sense of direction and clarity –and students saying confidently, “I know what I do well, and what I need to improve on in the future”. In addition to this, we believe that students will grow in their capacity to problem solve independently and to judge their own learning. This is a lofty goal for us, to be sure, and one that is worthwhile to pursue!

Kindergarten Registration

This year kindergarten registration will take place between February 6th and 10th. Registration will be open to children turning five by December 31, 2023.

- Registration process:
 - Pick up registration package from neighbourhood school. Return completed forms to school by 3 PM on February 10, 2023.
 - Parents will be required to provide a copy of both sides 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. Return completed forms to school with sibling.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for Kindergarten on these dates.
- Registration for your neighbourhood school is based on catchment boundaries.

Parents are invited to learn more at the on-line Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday February 2nd beginning at 6:30 pm. Registration for this session is required. Please use the link below to register for this information session.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kindergarten-roundup-2023-tickets-476665929627>



School Clothing

Winter conditions **require indoor shoes** to wear throughout the day. Students should not wear winter boots during school time. Barefeet or just socks are not suitable for school due to safety and hygiene requirements. Students are expected to bring **warm** winter clothing to wear outside at recess and lunch.

Basketball

Basketball season begins soon. League play starts on January 23rd and ends March 3rd. The coaches for this season are:

Tier 1 Girls: Community Coaches (Cuthbertson, Simpson, Mercuri and Benoit) and Ms. Mulhern (teacher sponsor)

Tier 1 Boys: Mr. Orr

Tier 3 Boys: Community Coaches (Cuthbertson, Simpson, Mercuri and Benoit) and Mr. Bush (teacher sponsor)

Spirit Wear Coming

Sometime in the next few days I will be posting some information on our school webpage page and via email regarding Beattie Bearcat spirit wear, which will be available for ordering over the month of February. Included will be hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants, etc. These items will be available in a variety of sizes and colours.

Student Transfers for 2023/2024:

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted starting on March 1, 2023, and ending at 12:00 noon on August 31, 2023. 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 Requests.

After School Programs

Some of our intermediate students are once again participating in after school programs.

Art Club with Adriana: an 8-week program that aims to inspire young artists in a safe, warm and welcoming environment. Participants will develop their art skills while having fun and socializing, and developing real-world skills such as communication, confidence, and discipline. The program will include a variety of activities such as watercolour painting, sculpting, acrylic painting (focusing on themes such as depth, under painting, blocking in and building up texture), mask-making, and learning from other artists' lives and works.

Knitting Crafts: an 8-week after-school program that introduces students to the art of knitting. Students will learn how to cast on and off and how to knit basic stitch patterns, working towards knitting their own teddy bears. The program emphasizes fun, positivity, self-confidence, self-regulation and aims to create a sense of camaraderie amongst participants.

Christmas Food Hampers

A big thank you to our Beattie families for your generous donations of non-perishable food items. Your donations allowed us to distribute twelve Christmas Hampers to families in need in our community.

Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week

Beattie Elementary will be participating in the Unplug & Play School Challenge for Family Literacy Week from January 23rd to 30th. Each teacher will receive Unplug and Play forms to get students to unplug a little more during the week. The goal is to help promote a healthy balance between active family time and recreational screen time.

One way to motivate school aged children to unplug is to offer them the **student challenge**. They pledge to reduce recreational screen time for the week and then reflect on the experience.

School events this year include:

- **Monday, Jan 23** – Move: Playing Card Fitness
- **Tuesday, Jan 24** – Create: a kids excuse Mad Lib Hall Pass
- **Wednesday, Jan 25** – Read: School-wide drop everything and read for 20 min.
- **Thursday, Jan 26** – Learn: to play a dice game, a card game, and/or draw
- **Friday, Jan 27** – Reflect: write/draw about why it is important to have a good balance between being active and screen time



Report Cards:

Report cards will go home to parents on Thursday, February 2nd.

A four-point provincial proficiency scale will be used to communicate student progress in all areas of learning. It describes levels of proficiency in relation to the learning standards of the BC curriculum.

EMERGING: The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

DEVELOPING: The student demonstrates partial

understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

PROFICIENT: The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

EXTENDING: The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Please be sure to sign the brown Report Card envelope and return it back to the school.

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, 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.

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.

At this point, all students should know which door is for their designated use. If your child is late please use

Lost and Found Items

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!

Important Dates!

- Friday, Feb 3rd ~ District – Non-Instructional Day
- Friday, Feb 17th ~ Strings Concert 6:30pm
- Monday, Feb 20th ~ Family Day
- March 20th-31st ~ Spring Vacation
- Friday, April 7th ~ Good Friday
- Monday, April 10th ~ Easter Monday
- Monday, April 24th ~ District -Non-Instructional Day
- Friday, May 19th ~ District -Non-Instructional Day
- Monday, May 22nd ~ Victoria Day
- Friday, June 30th ~ Administrative Day

Become a One to One Children's Literacy Program Volunteer Tutor

Do you have **2 HOURS
A WEEK** during school
hours to read one-on-one
with young students?

- No experience is necessary, but you must have good English language skills
- We provide free training and ongoing support
- Tutors read with 3 elementary students for 30 minutes each, once a week for 12 weeks

ONE TO ONE Volunteer Training

*Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent*



PLEASE REGISTER BY CONTACTING CAMI AT
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