



Beattie Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring is in the air! We are getting more daylight hours and the sun has been shining a little brighter. A reminder that this year Spring Break will be two weeks from March 20th to March 31st. Classes will resume on April 3rd. We hope you all have a fun and restful spring break and enjoyed some family time.

Winter Activities

Our students have not only been working hard learning in the classroom they have also been active in many winter activities including snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, skating and curling.

Our intermediate students had the opportunity to see professional curlers in action here at our school from Team BC, Team Canada, Team New Brunswick and Team North West Territories.



Welcome Back and Goodbye

We are happy to welcome back our grade 6/7 teacher Ms. Lee who is returning from maternity leave. Thank you and goodbye to Ms. Bailey who taught our 6/7 class over the last six months. We will miss you and wish you all the best at your new school.

Young Artist Conference

The Young Artist Conference is an annual event for elementary students in grades 4-7. The conference is an opportunity for aspiring artists to showcase their artwork and take part in a series of workshops.

Representing Beattie Elementary this year are:

- Keyra Cortes
- Louise Placente
- Naomi Lee
- Ameyaa Kroad

Kindergarten Registration

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 birth certificate, care card, proof of address (driver's license, lease/Rental Agreement/purchase agreement, Gas or Hydro Bill), and custody agreement if applicable.

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

Day of Suwəntwécw

The First People's Principles of Learning are incorporated into the content of the BC Curriculum, as are the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action which call us to "integrate Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods into classrooms."

The Day of Suwəntwécw (Acknowledging One Another) is an annual initiative. This year it will be held on April 6, to recognize and celebrate the Secwépemc People (Secwepemcúl'ecw) and other Aboriginal people residing within the Secwépemc Territory.

This year's theme, "Courage to Explore and Embrace Your Identity Which Involves Connection to Family, Community, and Culture," is based on the

First Peoples Principles of Learning and Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives. This is an opportunity for all schools to continue to embed the First People's Principles of Learning, and to address the Calls to Action as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The day will be marked with a focus on the concept of gathering and presentations of learning in all district schools.

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

Basketball



Basketball has now wrapped up for the three teams that participated in various leagues this year. Our teams worked hard all season long and represented Beattie with grit, determination and poise. Great strides were

made as the teams learned about all of the different aspects of basketball, how to work together as team, and how to represent our school! Special thanks to Paul Simpson who coached the Tier 3 Team and to Mr. Bush who was the teacher supervisor. As well, to Miranda Cuthbertson, Peter Mercuri and Jay Benoit who coached the girls to a .500 record with Ms. Mulhern as the teacher sponsor. Also, a big shout out to Jayden and Josh from SKSS who helped with some coaching and reffing this season

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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.

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.

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!

- ❖ 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