



Beattie Elementary School

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The air is getting cooler and the leaves have been falling. We are almost through October and students are settled in their classes and fully engaged in learning.



Weather Reminders

Students spend time outdoors at recess and lunch each day. It is important that they are dressed for the colder weather and have coats, mitts, toques and appropriate footwear. Indoor shoes are also required at this time.

School Fees

School fees are now due to the office. If you have not done so already, please log on to School Cash Online to either claim the Student and Family Affordability Fund or pay your child's school fees.

The Province of BC has provided funding to help families with the rising cost of living through the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This year some of your child's fees (school supplies, agenda, art start performances) can be paid through the Provincial Student and Family Affordability Fund.

School Cash Online

Have you signed up for School Cash Online? This is a convenient, secure online payment option from the comfort of your own home. School fees and most field trips can be paid through school cash online. For detailed instructions, tips, and tricks please log onto the Beattie Elementary website and click the School Cash link. To have an access granted email re-sent or for any other school cash issues please click on the **HELP REQUEST FORM** and follow the instructions provided. For additional support, click on the **School Cash Online link** and then the **support**

button located on the bottom right-hand side of the page.

Safe Arrival

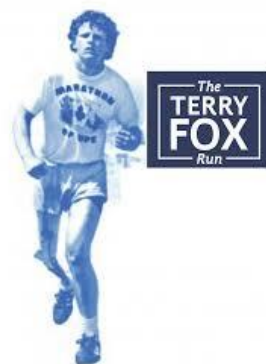
Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must be reported by calling **1-844-350-2647**, by visiting go.schoolmessenger.ca, or download the **school messenger app**. Please do not call the school directly. All absences or late arrivals that have not been reported before 8:45 am will 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.

Entrances & Exits

At this point, all students should know which door is for their designated use. If your child is late please use the main door located at the front of the school. Upon entering the building, late students should then sign in at the office.

Terry Fox Run

Beattie Elementary students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 22nd. This year our school raised \$827.98 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done Beattie Students!



After School Programs

Some of our grade 4 and 5 students have been participating in the SD73 After School Programs

Basketball Club: This is a sports program led by former TRU Basketball player Mrs. Ferguson. The program includes a variety of fun warm-up games, team-building activities, and games related to fundamental movement skills and overall basketball

skill progressions. The program also aims to create a sense of camaraderie amongst participants, to encourage healthy lifestyles, and inspire excitement towards physical literacy in turn boosting participants' self confidence.

Art Club with Adriana: An art 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, mask-making, and learning from other artists' lives and works.

Thank You!

Thank you to each parent who took the time to meet with teachers at our parent/teacher conferences last week. 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(rens) teacher directly to schedule an appointment.

Thank you as well to all Grade One parents who attended the "Come Read With Me" session on October 11th. It was a great opportunity for parents to learn some positive reading strategies to help with their child's literacy development.

Sporting News

Intramural Soccer wrapped up last week with the Brighton Bulldogs capturing the playoff title. Congratulations to all students that participated in a successful season. Next up will be intramural dodgeball.

Volleyball has begun for our three teams. Teams are progressing nicely so far this season as they learn some fundamentals of the game as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thanks to our coaches; Mr. Mercuri and Mr. Benoit (Tier 1 Girls), Mr. Bush (Tier 3 Girls), Mr. Orr (Tier 1 Boys) and Mrs. Benoit and Mrs. Mangell for helping organize and reffing.

Dogs on school grounds

Please encourage your neighbors not to let their dogs run around the field as we have had many surprises on the field lately. Students have a hard time cleaning up the mess and often have to call home to get a change of clothes.

Parking Lot

Beattie has limited parking and the parking lot is designated for **STAFF ONLY**. It is not to be used for the drop off of students. **Please park on McGill Road.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Bikes, Scooters, and other Fun Things

Many of our students make their way to and from school using wheeled forms of transportation. A reminder that students are expected to use and store their bikes scooters appropriately. Students are reminded that these items are not to be used on the school grounds between 8:00am – 4:00pm for safety reasons.

After School Plans

Please ensure that your child knows his/her after school schedule before leaving for school in the morning. We are happy to occasionally deliver messages to the students, however there are approximately 350 students attending Beattie. We do not permit students to use the office phones to make after school plans with classmates. Students may use cell phones to communicate with parents before or after school but no cell phone usage of any kind is permitted during the school day and these devices must be stored away.

Halloween

In the spirit of Halloween students will have the opportunity to dress in their costumes on October 31st for a day of Spooktacular fun. However, please remember masks and weapons of any kind are not permitted. Primary and Intermediate students wearing costumes will have the opportunity to participate in a Halloween Parade!



National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

To reflect the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation students were taught age-appropriate lessons supported by the districts Aboriginal Education Department. On September 29th flags were lowered to half-mast to honor



residential school survivors and children who did not return home.

Important Dates

- Mon, Nov 13th – Remembrance Day Closure
- Mon, Dec 4th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 25th – Jan 7th – Winter Vacation Period
- Mon, Jan 8th – School Reopens
- Fri, Feb 2nd – District Non-Instructional Day

- Mon, Feb 19th – Family Day
- Mar 18th – 29th – Spring Vacation Period
- Fri, Mar 29th – Good Friday Closure
- Mon, Apr 1st – Easter Monday Closure
- Mon, Apr 22nd – District Non-Instructional Day
- Fri, May 17th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, May 20th – Victoria Day
- Fri, Jun 28th – Administrative Day