



Beattie Elementary School

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Welcome Back!

We would like to extend a big welcome back to our Beattie students and families. We hope you all had a fun and enjoyable summer. I'm sure that you and your children are happy to be back into the routines and structures that school provides.

With 50 plus new registrations throughout the month of September we had to reconfigure classes to accommodate these new students. This is a huge undertaking as it takes a lot of reworking to make sure we get students placed accordingly. However, I'm happy to inform you that classes have been set and students are now with their new teacher for the school year. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, classes will remain this way for the entire school year.

Teachers should have reviewed proper procedures to students and communicated to them the appropriate door to enter and exit the building. Communication about your child will for the most part come from their classroom teacher. General information will be posted on our website and provides the most up to date information and important dates we have.

<https://beattie.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>

Beattie's Daily Schedule

8:23 am - Morning Warning Bell - Students line-up to enter the building

8:30 am - Morning classes commence

10:00 am - Recess, students go outside

10:15 am - Recess ends & students return to class

12:15 pm - Lunch hour - Students eat their lunch in their classroom

12:30 pm - Students go outside or to other activities

1:15pm - Afternoon classes commence

2:41 pm - Dismissal for the day



Verification Forms and Permission Forms

The school district requires parents to update Student Verification Records on a yearly basis. Along with this document, a *permission for personal information consent*, an *Outside Media in Schools* and a *walking permission* form have also been sent home. *These forms must be signed and returned to the school no later than September 29th.*

School Supplies and Fees

Parents will receive a school fees form this week. **School Cash Online is the preferred method of payment.** The Province of BC has provided funding to help with the rising cost of living through the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This year some of your child's fees (school supplies, course fees, enhancement fees and academy fees) can be paid through the Provincial Student and Family Affordability Fund. If you would like to use this fund for your child's fees please log on to **School Cash Online** to accept the offer.

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.

Picture Day

Picture day will be on October 4th. If your child is not able to attend the October 4th date, a retake day has

been scheduled for October 17th. Class photos will also be taken on October 17th.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place the afternoon of Wednesday October 18th. Students will be dismissed early that day at 12:41pm. School busses will arrive at the school two hours earlier to accommodate the early dismissal.

Reporting

Three formal report cards will be sent home with students.

2023-2024 Dates:

Dec. 15th, 2023

Mar. 15th, 2023

Jun. 27th, 2024



Parking Lot

Beattie has limited parking and the parking lot is designated for **SCHOOL STAFF ONLY**. It is not to be used for the drop off of students. **Please park on McGill Road. or up at FreshCo.** Your cooperation is appreciated. We also kindly ask that you are mindful of no parking zones around the school. Parking in these zones creates a hazard to traffic and pedestrians.

How to Support Your Student

- Inside Shoes
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Healthy snack/lunch
- Water bottle
- Arrive on time
- Gym strip (intermediate students)

English Language Learners

New students who arrive at Beattie from other countries will meet with a district ELL Resource Teacher to assess their language proficiency and receive assistance transitioning to school in a new culture

Aboriginal Education Services

Students with an indigenous background are provided resources and learning opportunities. Please contact our Aboriginal Education Worker – Dianna Baglee – for more information.

Supervision of Students

Students are supervised between 8:30 am and 2:41 pm. Please drop off students after 8:15 am and be sure to have pick up arrangements made for 2:41 pm. Students require permission to leave school grounds during school hours.

Sign in and Sign out

Please ensure your student arrives on time. Arriving late disrupts the class and the students learning routines. If a student is late, they must sign in at the office. They must sign out if leaving early. For safety reasons, parents are to report to the office before going to any classroom.

Lost and Found

Please write your student's name on all articles of clothing and personal belongings. Very small items like jewelry or glasses are taken to the office. All other items are put in the bin by the front door. All items will be displayed before winter and spring break. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Precious/important items should be kept at home.

SCHOOL STAFF

Administration

Mr. Orr – Principal

Mrs. Mangell – Vice Principal

Teaching Staff

Ms. Simpson Grade - 7

Mrs. Greer Grade – 7

Ms. Dunstan Grade - 6

Ms. Langford Grade - 5/6

Mr. Bush Grade - 5

Mrs. Kinsky Grade - 4

Ms. Chretien Grade - 4

Mrs. Fabbro-Smith Grade - 3/4

Ms. de Jardin Grade - 2/3

Mrs. Bymoen Grade - 3

Ms. Hunter Grade - 2

Ms. Bouchard Grade - 1/2

Ms. Turner Grade 1

Mrs. Ratuski Grade - K/1

Mrs. Neigel Grade - K

Ms. Carlson - K

Ms. Bailey – Music/French Teacher

Mrs. Wilkinson – LART

Mrs. Harper – LART

Mrs. Gartrell – Teacher Librarian

Support Staff

Mrs. Gilbert – Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Lord– Library Assistant

Mr. Brown – Custodian

Mrs. Khara - Custodian

Mrs. Warner - CEA

Mrs. Djelmo – CEA

Ms. Milne – CEA

Mrs. Benoit – CEA

Ms. Rosa – CEA

Ms. Ross – CEA

Mrs. Baglee – AEW

Mrs. Laroche – StrongStart

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon, Sep 25th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, Oct 2nd – National Day for Truth and Rec
- Wed, Oct 4th – Picture Day
- Mon, Oct 9th – Thanksgiving Day
- Tues, Oct 17th – Picture Re-take and Class Photo Day
- Wed, Oct 18th – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri, Oct 20th – District Non-Instructional Day
- Mon, Nov 13th – Remembrance Day
- 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