



Beattie Elementary School

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October 2021

The air is getting cooler and the leaves have started to fall. We are now halfway through October and students are settled in their classes and fully engaged in learning.

As you are aware, the provincial health officer has increased the mask mandate to include all students from kindergarten to grade 12. While we have extra masks available if needed, we encourage all students to come to school with their own masks each day. Recently, an updated Daily Health Check for Staff, Students and Visitors was emailed to parents. An additional copy of this information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

For further Covid 19 updates and information please visit the SD73 website.

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 and instructions can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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 and someone will let them in. Upon

entering the building, students should then notify the office that they have arrived.

Terry Fox Run

Beattie Elementary students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 17th. This year our school raised \$971.45 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done Beattie Students!



After School Programs

School District 73 will once again be offering after school programs to some of our intermediate students.

Sportball: A sports program that aims to increase physical literacy in participants. The program will include a variety of activities and games related to fundamental movement skills, soccer, hockey, baseball, and golf. Throughout the program participants will also play a number of fun warm-up games and team-building activities. The program also aims to create a sense of camaraderie amongst participants, to encourage healthy lifestyles, and inspire excitement towards physical fitness in turn boosting participants' self-confidence.

Theatrical Theatre!: Participants will have the opportunity to explore the theatrical arts in a fun, open and creative environment. They will learn the fundamentals of acting while invigorating their senses. Children will participate in warm-up and theatrical games, exploring conversation, movement, environment, creative thinking and team building, at the same time building confidence and stretching their creative muscles.

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 AND VISITORS 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 300 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.

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.

Halloween

In the spirit of Halloween students will have the opportunity to dress in their costumes on October 29th for a day fun.

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However, please
masks and
of any kind are
permitted.

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 honour residential school survivors and children who did not return home.



Important Dates

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| Friday, Oct 22 nd | District – Non-Instructional Day |
| Wednesday, Nov 3 rd | Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm |
| Thursday, Nov 9 th | Picture Re-take Day |
| Thursday, Nov 11 th | Remembrance Day |
| Monday, Dec 6 th | District – Non-Instructional Day |
| Dec 20 th – Jan 3 rd | Winter Vacation |
| Tuesday, Jan 4 th | School Reopens |
| Friday, Feb 4 th | District – Non-Instructional Day |
| Monday, Feb 21 st | Family Day |
| March 21 st -April 1 st | Spring Break |
| Friday, April 15 th | Good Friday |
| Monday, April 18 th | Easter Monday |
| Monday, April 25 th | District – Non-Instructional Day |
| Friday, May 20 th | District – Non-Instructional Day |
| Monday, May 23 rd | Victoria Day |
| Thursday, June 30 th | Administrative Day |



School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
DAILY HEALTH CHECK
Staff, Students and Visitors

Staying home when you are not feeling well is a critical step in communicable disease prevention.

| KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS | WHAT TO DO |
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| Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste | If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps. |
| OTHER SYMPTOMS | WHAT TO DO |
| Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea | If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps. |
| INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: | WHAT TO DO |
| Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days? | If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the <u>fully vaccinated traveller exemption</u> . Students, staff and other adults who are not <u>fully vaccinated</u> and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of <u>federal requirements</u> . |
| CLOSE CONTACT | WHAT TO DO |
| Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19? | If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health. |

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department. Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.

Keep this copy as a reference

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

For safety and efficiency reasons, School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!

It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.



Go to
<https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com>
and click on **Register**.

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications



✓ A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. **Click on the link provided inside the email** to confirm your email and School Cash Online account (check spam).

- ✓ The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to **sign into your account**. Use your email address and password to log in.



✓ **Primary Guardians** (as identified in MyEdBC) will receive a system-generated email from SchoolCash Online advising that you have been granted access to [Student First and Last Name].

- ✓ Please click "Accept" to add this student to your account.
- ✓ You will now be able to pay school and activity fees for your student(s).
- Additional Users:** Contact the Guardian identified as "Primary" in MyEdBC.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com

Letter of Intent

September 10, 2021

Re: KEV Group, *SchoolCash Online* for Student Fees

To: Parents/Guardians

Our School District has engaged the services of KEV Group, a company offering a web-based software solution, *SchoolCash Online* which includes several modules designed to meet the financial needs of K-12 public education schools. With Ministerial mandates for improvement and recommendations from our external auditors, School District No. 73 is looking to using a digital product, to manage our school fees and accounting. The intention is to replace/reduce the use of cash and the use of the historic accounting system in our schools.

As a result, the School District's Finance Department and schools have been working with *SchoolCash Online* to implement a digital system connecting parents and students. This system provides an easy method of paying your child's school fees for courses, field trips, sports teams, clubs and many other student activities anytime, anywhere in a safe and secure web-based environment.

While recognizing the benefits of this payment environment, you must also be aware of the potential impacts and risks of sharing digital information online and of the necessity to protect our students' personal information regardless of where it is stored or accessed. As a public body, we are subject to the *BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. In accordance with this Act, we must at all time protect the privacy of students under our care.

We hope that you will see value in this fee payment tool for you and your child. If you choose to participate please complete the Electronic Registration Process through sd73.SchoolCashOnline.com. Your student's school administration will then provide further instructions on how to access the new system. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information listed below.

Sincerely,



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