



Beattie Elementary School

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February 2022



Kindergarten registration is taking place this week between February 7th and 11th. Registration will be open to children turning five by December 31, 2022.

***Due to restrictions limiting visitors in schools, we are asking parents to pick up Kindergarten registration packages. Once the registration package is complete, please call the school to book a drop off time 250-374-0608. If you require any assistance or have questions, please contact the school directly and arrangements will be made.**

- Registration process:
 - Pick up registration package from neighbourhood school. Return completed forms to school by 3 PM on February 11, 2022.
 - Parents will be required to provide a copy 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.

Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week

Beattie Elementary participated in the Unplug & Play School Challenge for Family Literacy Week from January 23rd to 30th. A big thank you to Mrs. Gartrell for organizing the events.



Grade 7 Fundraisers

Our grade 7 students are fundraising for their year-end fired trip.

Bottle Drive: The grade 7's have an account open at the Sa-hali and downtown General Grants Bottle depot. Any donations would be appreciated. The account is under Beattie Elementary Grade 7's and is accepting bottle donations until the end of May.

Easter Purdy's order: Purdy's Easter catalogs have been sent home with students. Orders will be excepted until **midnight on Monday, March 28th**. Please type in your **child's first and last name and teacher name** in the **additional info box** at the top right-hand side of the order sheet. Orders will be sent home **with students** on April 12th or 13th.

The account number is **61548**. Please order online by entering the account number or by entering the following link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1497366-92373>

Bannock Days

Bannock Days will be on the following dates:

- February 23rd
- April 20th
- May 25th

Bannock will be a \$1.00 a piece and orders will be taken the morning of the sale by classroom teachers. Thank you in advance for supporting our students

Pink Shirt Day

On February 23rd students are invited to show their support for anti-bullying by wearing pink. School is a place where all students should feel safe and accepted. At Beattie, we are working hard on inclusion, tolerance and respect of all people.



including in gym classes. It would also be helpful for them to have layers that they can add or remove according to inside and outside temperatures. When/if the weather becomes really extreme, we will judge on a day by day basis as to a day is an inside or an outside day. Thanks for helping!

Indoor Shoes

As the weather changes, it is important to note that students are required to wear indoor footwear for health and safety purposes. Please have your son or daughter bring and leave a pair of inside shoes at school as the weather is certainly wetter and outside shoes are tracking in a lot of mud and water. On our linoleum stairs this can be a serious slipping hazard for our students and staff and we would be sorry to see anyone injured in a fall.

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.

Lost and Found Items

Our Lost and Found bins (located just past the front entry way are ALWAYS full!!). At the end of the school day on Fridays lost and found bins are put outside the main front doors for parents to go through. 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 on Fridays 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!

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.

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.

Cooler Weather Reminders

Please work with your child to help

them be prepared for spending their break times outdoors. Students are outside in the mornings before school, during recess, and during lunch. Hats, gloves or mittens are definitely musts! We would ask that all children also have boots to wear outside, and appropriate shoes to change into for wear inside,



Important Dates!

Monday, Feb 21 st	Family Day
March 21st-April 1st	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



Parent Engagement Sessions 2021-2022

Monday, March 14th, 2022 6:00 – 7:00pm
Register [HERE](#)

Your Child and the New Competency Based IEP... Coming Soon!
Presented by Pam Gurney, Inclusive Education Services Coordinator

Does your child have an Inclusive Education Plan (IEP)? If so, then this session is for you! School District No.73 is rolling out competency-based IEPs in September 2022. Learn how competency-based IEPs are similar and yet different from the current IEP being used. You will also learn more about how you, the parent/guardian, will be a significant stakeholder in the development of the new competency-based IEP process.

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 6:30 – 8:30pm
Register [HERE](#)

Trauma, Resilience, and Navigating Reconciliation

Presented by Kevin Lamoureux, University of Winnipeg and former Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Co-Author of 'Ensouling Our Schools'

Dr. Kevin Lamoureux is a renowned Indigenous author and former Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Dr. Lamoureux will be addressing the concept and understanding of reconciliation and what that looks in the Canadian landscape. As well, he will be touching on the role of trauma and resiliency for children and families in the current public school system.

Thursday, April 28th, 2022 6:30 – 8:30pm
Register [HERE](#)

Parent Involvement Strategies

Presented by SD73 Indigenous Family Voices for Education Parent Group - Roxane Letterlough (Facilitator)

Research has shown that student engagement is directly impacted by parent engagement. This session will provide parents with ideas and tips on simple ways Indigenous parents can get involved with their school that will make big differences and how the SD73 Indigenous Family Voices for Education can support them.



Session dates and times are listed under each event.

Where do you want to go? | We'll get you there!

*Once registered for a session, a Zoom link will be sent directly to each participant.



Parent Engagement Sessions 2021-2022

Thursday, May 5th, 2022 7:00 – 8:00pm

Register [HERE](#)

Ignite! Scientific Curiosity with Discovery Education

Presented by Isha Seth - Morgan Whitehouse (Moderator)

All intermediate students in School District No. 73 have unlimited access to Discovery Education, a world-renowned, immersive, digital experience. Are your children inspired to make a difference in the world? In Discovery Education's [Young Scientist Lab](#) channel, find Virtual Field Trips, hear from young change makers, and find experiments that can be done at home.

Access Discovery Education's featured videos and activities in the [curated collection of Science channels](#).

Did you know that you can simulate science experiments using [Discovery Education interactives](#)?

These resources provide engaging ways for children to explore their curiosity and investigate real-world science topics.

Discovery Education's Social-Emotional Learning Center presents a curated collection of hundreds of resources designed to help all students develop social and emotional competencies, cultivate self-confidence, manage stress, look at situations and issues from a variety of perspectives, and maintain their well-being so everyone can thrive.

Discovery Education offers multimodal digital content, and immersive, differentiated learning experiences that is inclusive of all learners.

Thursday, May 19th, 2022 6:30 – 8:30pm

Register [HERE](#)

Understanding Indigenous Principles of Learning Series 3

Presented by the District Aboriginal Resource Team

With the increased inclusion of First People's content in the changing BC curriculum, there is a need to incorporate these perspectives in the classroom at all levels. This series will look at how this might look in your child's classroom in the areas of understanding local land, title, governance, math, science, and careers. Also, the vision for local Secwépemc language in schools moving forward. It will also provide parents with tips on how to advocate and support these curricular changes at home and in the community.



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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
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 fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
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