



BEATTIE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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February 2015 Newsletter

Web site: <http://beattie.sd73.bc.ca/>

Principal Message

Believe it or not, we are starting to gear up for next year. Our grade 7's will be visiting the secondary campus for A Day in the Arts on February 19 and I have been busy interviewing new registrants for September, 2015! As always we focus on the present while keeping one eye on the future. Discussions with staff and most recently with parents on our upcoming amalgamation have provided the district with a lot of information regarding what our children will need when we are in one building in September, 2016. Stay tuned for the link on our website to that collated input from our stakeholders!

Barb Hamblett
Principal

Vice Principal Message

February is the month known for love, caring and kindness! Beattie students excel in these areas and can continue to be responsible citizens by following the A.R.T.S. Matrix- Accountability, Respect, Teamwork, and Safety. February brings many exciting events including Family day, dinner and movie night, and Valentine's day- I am particularly looking forward to the upcoming 2 day Art Starts residency happening on February 16 and 17th.

Mr. B. Lloyd
Vice-Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY

- 9 – Family Day
- 11 – School of Choice Mtg at HGEC 6:30 pm
- 12 – PAC dinner and movie
- 20 – Professional Development Day

MARCH

- 12 – Valentines dance at McGill 7 PM

Please visit our website beattie.sd73.bc.ca for a list of calendar dates for 2014-15 year.

Elementary News



Lates and Absences

The staff has noticed an increase to students being late or absent from school. I understand that it can be challenging to keep up morning routines but I encourage parents and students to be extra diligent getting to school on time. Students arriving late or being absent miss out on vital learning opportunities and/or disrupt classroom morning routines.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child born in **2010** it is time to register them at your home school for the September 2015 Kindergarten Class. Even if a sibling already attends Beattie School of the Arts, this does not mean that your kindergarten child automatically has a spot for September 2015. All parents are asked to register their kindergarten child on a first come, first served basis starting on February 23rd. Applications forms will be available in the school office. Please bring your child's birth certificate, BC Care Card, proof of residence (rental/ lease agreement or property tax/home ownership papers) and Immunization records with you when you register. The child must be 5 years of age prior to December 31st, 2015.

Art-4-Fun

Four years ago, the Student Leadership Team, known as the Connection Crew, came up with the idea of offering an after school arts program to elementary students. The costs and organization involved were somewhat daunting, so it was an incredible stroke of good luck when Sherry Stade, the School District's Healthy Schools Coordinator found out what Beattie students were trying to accomplish. Through the 2010 Legacy Fund, and DASH BC, Sherry was able to secure funding to pay adults to supervise transportation of the younger students, provide support to the student leaders, and funding for materials such as guitars and art supplies. With this in place, more than twenty Beattie students signed on to plan lessons in June, attend High Five Child Development Training, and roll out the Art-4-Fun program starting October 2, 2013.

During the month of October, 16 student leaders offered Guitar and Drama lessons to 32 elementary students. The pay offs were apparent immediately. It was hard to tell which group was more excited and keen. Nervous excitement turned into eager anticipation as the younger students relaxed and demonstrated their adoration for their leaders. The secondary leaders, meanwhile, gained confidence as they saw how much they had to offer to the younger students. Teacher sponsor, Jody Oetter, is convinced that many of the leaders will consider teaching as a career as a result of this experience. She has been impressed with the collaboration and sensitivity the leaders have demonstrated in responding to the lessons that have worked well, and those that have not.

The student leaders have this to say about Art-4-Fun:

Haley, Grade 12 Leader: *Teaching younger generations art really brightens my day.*

Tania, Grade 10 Leader: *My nickname, Turkey, brought us closer. When the kids see me, they run up and give me big hugs and high fives!*

Jesse, Grade 11 Leader: *We don't just teach them, they teach us!*

Kiana, Grade 10 Leader: *It's been a lot of work, but an incredible journey.*

Marcus, Grade 11 Leader: *Beyond this being a story of older students working successfully with younger students, is that this is an opportunity to instil artistic passion into young people. We get to plant the seed.*

Garrett, Grade 11 Leader: *The kids are very energetic, but at the same time focused and creative.*

And the elementary participants say this:

Amber, Grade 5: *It is funtastic and I can't wait for the next session!*

Rory, Grade 5: *It's a fun, wonderful experience.*

Amber, Grade 5: *It is awesome!*

During the 2015 second term, Art-4-Fun is offered to students from Beattie McGill.

Thought Exchange

Parents, you should have received an email from Mrs. Hamblett with the topic THOUGHT EXCHANGE at the end of January. If you did it was because your email address was on your school verification form you returned in September. The District is hoping to gain consultation with parents via this new method and hope you will participate as soon as possible. We hope you did not think it was spam. Please consider sharing your views- both to ways to improve and items you are satisfied within our school.

Ministry Satisfaction Survey

Attention parents of grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 students: During the months of January to April, Beattie School of the Arts and School District #73 is participating in the 2015 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Students will take the online survey at school, while parents will be given the opportunity to complete the survey at home. A notice along with an anonymous access code will be sent home to parents. Parents will be able to access the online survey **any time before midnight April 30th, 2014**, providing immediate satisfaction level results to the school and the district.

Road Safety

POD 1 enjoyed having Constable Lisa Mackenzie come and talk about road safety at the school. She reminded students about the importance of road safety on McGill Road. In particular, she



talked to students about the importance of using one of the two crosswalks to cross the street, making sure they refrain from U-turns on the street, and parking in designated areas along the road.

Morning drop off and after school pick-up is a particularly busy time of day and the staff encourage parents to help students stay safe by following road safety rules.

Report Cards - A New Look!

Beattie along with many other schools in the district and province are taking part in the implementation of a new Ministry approved student data system, MyEdBC. This means that report cards will look significantly different. The same quality information will appear on this new document, however, it will be broken up in a different way. Be assured, though, assessment and grading have not changed. Secondary campus report cards are scheduled to go home on February 26th and reports for McGill campus are due to go home on March 13. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or administration if you have any questions about this.

2014/2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please note that the school calendar is also posted on the Beattie Website

The website calendar will be updated on a regular basis.

Feb 9 Holiday (BC Family Day)

Feb 11 School of Choice Meeting for Prospective Parents and Students

Feb 14 Valentines Day

Feb 20 NI Day* (No school for students)

Mar 8 Daylight Savings

Mar 13 Last day before Spring Break

March 14 – March 29 SPRING BREAK

Mar 30 School Reopens

Apr 3 Holiday (Good Friday)

Apr 6 Holiday (Easter Monday)

Apr 7 Day of Suwentwecw

Apr 20 NI Day* (No school for students)

May 10 Mother's Day

May 11 NI Day* (No school for students)

May 18 Holiday (Victoria Day)

May 20 Zone Track Meet

May 26 District 1500m Race

May 27 District Track Meet

Jun 21 Father's Day

Jun 25 Last Day for Students

*NI Day = Non-Instructional Day (Staff Professional Development)

BASKETBALL SEASON

Basketball is back at Beattie and we have three very competitive teams this year. The Tier 1 Boys and Girls teams have had some very close games and each player has put forth a great effort. The Tier 3 team is undefeated at the moment and look to keep the ball rolling. Check out the sports schedule at the bottom of Beattie's website to see when each team plays next and come cheer on your Beattie basketball teams.



BEATTIE MCGILL-SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

“**Parents**” – The Safe Arrival Program is for the safety of your child(ren). It is your duty as a parent to call the school if your child will be late or absent. We ask you to email early in the morning or on the weekend if your child will be away from school for sickness, late for appointments etc. or call the school (250) 374-0608. The email address to safe arrival program is: beattie-mcgill-sap@sd73.bc.ca

Students arriving at any time after class attendance is taken must check in at the office. Please have your child SIGN IN at the office when they arrive late or are leaving early for an appointment.

Synervoice!

Synervoice is an automated call out system that the school uses as a communication tool. We use it for important announcements, but it is also used daily to inform parents if their child has been away and we have not had it excused from home. Until now, this function has only been used in conjunction with Secondary attendance. Very shortly, however, elementary parents will also be contacted if there is an absence and the office has not heard from the child's home. Again, the purpose of this is to ensure we have good communication with our parent community. If your child is away from the McGill campus, please email us at : beattie-mcgill-sap@sd73.bc.ca, and if your child is away from the secondary campus, call [250-374-3200](tel:250-374-3200).



Heap the Honda

Thank you to all teachers, parents, and students who took part in Heap the Honda this year. Together, we collected nearly 1100 new and gently used books for needy kids in Kamloops. Way to go, Beattie!

Secondary News

Chem 11 students made ice cream as their final lab of the semester! What does that have to do with Chemistry??? A lot!! How do we get the ice to be even colder? Is there an endothermic or exothermic reaction? Why do we use salt? What kind of salt? What effect do those ions have on the freezing point? How do we disrupt the crystal formation? After all, who wants lumpy, icy ice cream? As well as answering these questions, the students enjoyed fresh, handmade ice cream. Not a bad day in Chem class!



SOME DATES TO REMEMBER AT JP CAMPUS



Course Selection begins **February 12** - Deadline to ensure first choice of electives is Monday, **February 23**.

Academic Advising - Tuesday, **February 17** - TRU rep here to meet with Grade 11 and 12 students looking to attend TRU

Day in the Arts – Thursday, **February 19** - Grade 7s will be here from McGill – Leadership students will accompany them to 4 major classes during the morning, and help them with course selection.

Trades-n-Transitions:

Thursday, **February 19** - Economics for Success - Grade 10s will be going to TRU and back in time for early dismissal.

February 25 – All Grade 11s and as many Grade 12 and 10 students as we have room for on the bus, to the Education & Career Fair at TRU. The morning will include a campus tour of TRU and an opportunity to meet with representatives from a large number of post secondary institutions.

Leadership:

Art-4-Fun – **February 11, 18, 25 and March 4** – will be using the Dance and Drama studios – students offering International Dance and Drumming. This session is for Beattie McGill students in grades 4-7.

Formal Fridays – every month – all (students and staff) will be encouraged to dress up and look GOOD!

COMMUNITY NEWS



From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 12, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the “Unplug and Play” Family Literacy Week from Fiona Clare, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, and Patricia Persad, SD73 Literacy Coordinator. Family Literacy Week occurs from January 24-31, 2015, and provides a host of activities for family involvement.
2. The Board received a presentation on the School Completion Project from Allisson Badger, SD73 School Completion Coordinator.
3. The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from NorKam Secondary for French students to participate in a reciprocal Quebec Exchange.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 26, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 26, 2015

1. The Board recognized the leadership Development Program Graduates.
2. The Board received an update on the MyEducationBC Student Information System from District Principal Brar.
3. The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from Valleyview Secondary for students to travel to Drumheller, Alberta.
4. The Board received *Notice of Motion* on Policy 900.1 Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights.
5. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



From the Board Meeting of: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

1. The Board received an update on the Trades and Career Development Programs from District Principal Lindquist and District Vice-Principal Collins.
2. The Board received information on the upcoming Parent Meeting for Schools of Choice and French Immersion, as well as an upcoming Information Night for Secondary Programs of Choice (Specialty Academies and the NorKam Trades and Technology Centre).
3. The Board approved Board Authority Authorized (BAA) course Creativity 11/12.
4. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with information on the Ministry of Education’s Quality Review of Twin Rivers Education Centre and our alternate and continuing education program.
5. The Board approved Policy 900.1 Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights.
6. The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 16th, 2015 at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

A Night with Four Poets

Special Guest

Katherena Vermette: Governor General Literary Award Winning Poet

Monday, February 9, 2014, St. Andrews on the Square

159 Seymour St. Kamloops. Doors open 6:30 Reading at 7:00

Light Refreshments

For more information call 250-682-4081

Katherena Vermette



Katherena Vermette is a Métis write of poetry, fiction and children's literature. Her first book, *North End Love Songs* (The Muses' Company) won the 2013 Governor General Literary Award for Poetry. Her works have appeared in several literary magazines and anthologies, including *Manitowapow: Aboriginal Writings from the Land of Water*. She holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of BC and is a proud member of the Indigenous Writers Collective since 2004. She helped organize the Manitoba Indigenous Writers Festivals in 2012 and 2014 and is a sought-after instructor and arts workshop leader teaching creative development, indigenous culture and literature, and writing to groups big and small, and of all ages. She also coordinates arts programs in Winnipeg. She is currently working on a new collection of poetry and a novel. Her newest project, *The Seven Teachings Stories* is a seven volume children's picture book series (Highwater Press). The first four books are now available. The last three will be launched in early 2015.

Garry Gottfriedson is of the Secwepemc nation. He was born, raised and lives in Kamloops, BC.

He is a self-employed rancher with a Master's Degree in Education from Simon Fraser University. He was awarded the Gerald Red Elk Creative Writing

Scholarship by the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado, where he studied under Allen Ginsberg, Anne Waldman, Marianne Faithful and others. His published works include *In Honor of Our Grandmothers: Imprints of Cultural Survival* (Theytus Books, 1994), *100 Years of Contact* (Secwepemc Cultural Education Society, 1990), *Glass Tepee* (ThistleDown Press, 2002), nominated for First People's Publishing Award 2004,

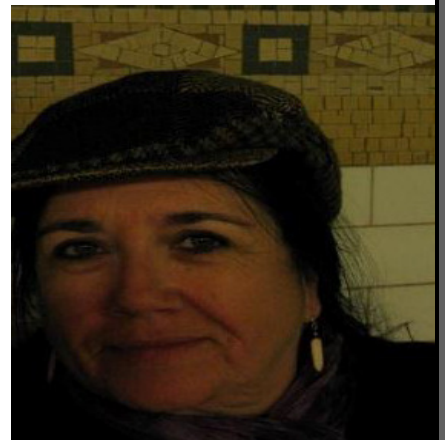
the children's story *Painted Pony* (Partners in Publishing, 2005), *WHISKEY BULLETS* (Ronsdale Press, 2006), *SKIN LIKE MINE* (Ronsdale, 2010; shortlisted for the CAA Award for Poetry), *Jimmy Tames Horses* (KegeDonce Press, 2012), and *Chaos Inside Thunderstorms* (Ronsdale Press, 2014).



Chris Bose is a writer, multi-disciplinary artist, musician, and filmmaker, who has read and performed at universities, theatres, and coffeehouses at all points from Victoria to Montreal. He is of the N'laka'pamux and Secwepemc Nations and currently resides in Kamloops. His collections of poetry include *Stone the Crow* (KegeDonce Press, 2010) and *A Moon Made of Copper* (KegeDonce Press, 2014)

Michelle Good is of Cree ancestry, a writer of poetry and fiction, a lawyer and activist.

She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from UBC and her poetry has been published in the literary journals *Gatherings*, Vol VII *Gathering Strength* and *Standing Ground* (Theytus books, 1996;) and *West 49th* (Langara College).





SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 [KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON]
Programs of Choice Information Night

If you are interested in enrolling your child in a **Program of Choice** for September 2015,
you are invited to attend

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

for

FRENCH IMMERSION

And
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Beattie School of the Arts

Bert Edwards Science & Technology

Montessori @ Aberdeen Elementary

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

6:30 pm, Room 1A/1B, Henry Grube Education Centre

Come and hear about:

Learning in a French language environment at Lloyd George and South Sa-Hali

Learning in an arts-integrated environment at Beattie School of the Arts

Learning through inquiry at Bert Edwards Science and Technology School

Learning through the Montessori philosophy at Aberdeen Elementary

French Immersion schools accept new students entering kindergarten and grade 1 only.

Beattie School of the Arts accepts students entering kindergarten to grade 12.

Bert Edwards Science and Technology School accepts entering
kindergarten to grade 6.

Montessori accepts students entering kindergarten to grade 6.

Registration in French Immersion and Schools of Choice is dependent upon available space.

The Henry Grube Education Centre is located at 245 Kitchener Crescent.

Registration for these sessions is not required.



Join the Beattie Swim Team

to compete in the

2015 Elementary School Swim Meet – April 22nd



**Information Session: Wednesday, February 11th
@ Lunch in the Art Studio**

Grades 4-7

You only need to swim 25 meters!

All Abilities Welcome!

Free Swim Cap!

Practices will be held Wednesdays 7-8am @TCC

Web sobcgameskamloops.ca
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Twitter [@sobcsociety](https://twitter.com/sobcsociety)



Help change lives through sport. Get involved with the 2015 Special Olympics BC Winter Games!

Make a difference as a volunteer with this inspiring event
coming to Canada's Tournament Capital February 19 to 21.

School District #73 students are invited to help support the more than 600 athletes who will go for gold in seven sports. Students can play a very important part of the Games experience, so tell us your skills and interests and we'll match you with an opportunity to be part of the joy!

Roles include:

- food services and accommodations, where you'll experience the athletes' joy first-hand
- hosts and guides, providing critical support to athletes and teams so they will feel welcome and get everywhere they need to be
- sport roles, where you'll see the inspiring athletes in action

No experience is required! Please contact us to find out more.



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