



BEATTIE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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January 2015 Newsletter

Principal Message

Let's welcome the birth of a new year full of promise and energy! January is also a month where we stop and reflect upon how our children are doing academically. Because we are half way through the school year, this is a good point to do a bit of a Systems Check, and FSA's and provincial exams will help us in this journey. Let's do our best, then take a breath before we move into the second half of the year.

Barb Hamblett
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY

- 19 – Basketball begins
- 21 & 22 – Harper Ski days
- 29 – Early closure (12:30) Parent Teacher Interview

FEBRUARY

- 9 – Family Day
- 11 – School of Choice Mtg at HGEC 6:30 pm

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

Vice Principal Message

Welcome back and Happy New year to all of the Beattie families! Although there was a bit of a delay to the start of the year, I want to express a BIG thank you to all of our families for their patience as the District dealt with the weather conditions and to keep everyone safe. I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff and students for the amazing Christmas concerts held last month. By the applause and accolades, the performances were well received. We are well into term 2! Reports went home last month and I encourage students to reflect and make a plan for academic success for 2015. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher as there will parent/teacher interviews on January 29th.

Mr. B. Lloyd
Vice-Principal

Update on the Amalgamation of Beattie

Last June the Board of Education announced that both of our campuses will amalgamate in September 2016! This is exciting news and has always been a part of the vision for Beattie since it opened just over 10 years ago.

Your input as parents is really valued, so on Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 pm in the Secondary campus library you will be invited to attend a workshop. Assistant Superintendents Alison Sidow and Dr. John Churchley as well as Secretary Treasurer, Kelvin Stretch will be our special guests that night. Parents will also get a guided tour of the building and a chance to provide input on the needs of our children as we move through the amalgamation process.



Invitations will be sent home with all students for this workshop next week. Parents are asked to RSVP for this event by calling either campus to confirm their attendance. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 29th!

All parents who attend the Parent workshop on the 29th will have their name entered to win a \$50 Gift Certificate. This is sponsored by the PAC

Beattie Staff Go To School in Alberta



On January 22, Dr. Churchley and Ellen M. Millan will join administration and Dr. John Churchley for a visit to Victoria School in Alberta. This Arts school recently underwent the move to a new school so the team is hopeful that they can bring some good ideas back to Beattie for their own amalgamation. These will then be shared at the Parent

Elementary News

Family Literacy Week & Heap the Honda

To celebrate Family Literacy Week, the Family Literacy Week Committee and Kamloops Honda challenge you to load up a Honda Ridgeline with gently used and new children's books.

Beattie is ready to meet that challenge.

So, from January 12 - 23, we will be collecting donated books from students and families. Bring your books into your / your child's classroom and let's make sure needy children get the quality books they deserve.

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.

Jan 20 Basketball Begins

Jan 29 Early Closure McGill Campus

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Feb 2 Groundhog Day

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)

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

A copy of the bell schedule can also be found on the school website under General Information and Schedules.

BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell	8:25 am
Class Starts	8:30 am
Recess Starts	10:15 am
Recess Ends	10:30 am

Lunch Starts	12:00 pm
Lunch Ends	12:46 pm
Class Starts	12:51 pm
Dismissal	2:30 pm

BASKETBALL SEASON



The Basketball season is ready to beginning the week of January 9 will follow. Tier 1 boys (grade 6/7) will play on Tuesdays and girls (grade 6/7) on Thursdays. Tier 3 (grade 4/5) boys and girls will play on Wednesdays. Beattie McGill is still looking for coaches. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mr. McBride.

begin this year. League play will start and ending the week of February 19. Playoffs will play on Tuesdays and girls (grade 6/7) on

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.

Being on time

A reminder that school begins at 8:30 am, and the entrance bell rings at 8:25 am. Teachers have noticed that students who arrive late find it extremely difficult transitioning into the classroom once teaching has begun. Due to the nature of our programming through the Arts, our timetable is structured so that every instructional minute counts. When your child arrives late, it compromises their learning time.

Message to Parents Regarding FSA Tests

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and student performance is measured against provincial performance standards. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in the public and provincially funded private schools. Beattie's students will be writing these exams at the end of January.

Further information can be found through the Ministry of Education Website and or by contacting the school principal. <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

Secondary News

Exam Week for the Secondary Campus: February 2-6

PROVINCIAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

DATE	PROVINCIAL EXAM COURSE CODE AND SUBJECT	TIME	REGULAR CLASSES	TIME
Monday, Feb 2	English 12 (EN 12)	9:00 am – 11:00 am	DABC	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
	Social Studies 11 (SS 11)	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm		
Tuesday, Feb 3	English 10 (ENG 10) Communications 12 (COM 12)	9:00 am – 11:00 am	aBCd	8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb 4	Science 10 (SC 10)	9:00 am – 11:00am	AABB	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, Feb 5	Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 10 (AWM 10) Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10 (FMP 10)	9:00 am – 11:00 am	CCDD	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, Feb 6			Project Completion Day	Throughout the Day

COMMUNITY NEWS



**PARENT WORKSHOP
BEATTIE MC GILL & BEATTIE
SECONDARY
SEPTEMBER 2016 AMALAGAMATION
JANUARY 29
6:30 PM**

BEATTIE SECONDARY LIBRARY



Please join us for an informative parent workshop to learn more about the amalgamation of our 2 campuses.

A tour of the new space and a chance to provide feedback on the needs of our children will be part of the evening.

Special guests: Assistant SuperintendentS, Alison Sidow & Dr. John Churchley ; Secretary-Treasurer, Kelvin Stretch

Please RSVP, by calling either campus.

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From the Board Meeting of: DECEMBER 15, 2014

1. The Board enjoyed a performance from the Parkcrest Children's Choir.
2. The Board received a presentation from Gina Morris and Clare Sladden on Air Awareness in Education.
3. The Board approved the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2014-2015.
4. The Board received an update on the Special Olympics BC Winter Games which will occur in Kamloops in February 2015.
5. The Board approved an out-of-province field trip request for music students from Westsyde Secondary to travel to New Orleans in March 2015.
6. The Board approved the recommendations in the Distance Learning Model Report.
7. The Board approved the Real Property Disposal Bylaw for the disposal of 820 Crestline, Kamloops, BC.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 12, 2015, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Our newsletter for December is now available on our website at <http://beattie.sd73.bc.ca/> Please browse through this month's exciting information about what your children have been up to.

" Please do not respond to this email. If you have any comments or questions you can email them to us at beattie-office@sd73.bc.ca or call our office at either [250-374-0608](tel:250-374-0608) or [250-374-3200](tel:250-374-3200) . Thank you!"



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.



WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A
CHILDHOOD REMOVED FROM NATURE?

Wednesday, January 28th, 2015

7:00pm

Paramount Theatre

Admission by Donation to Loonies for Literacy

At a time when children spend more time in the virtual world than the natural world, **PLAY AGAIN** unplugs a group of media savvy teens and takes them on their first wilderness adventure, documenting the wonder that comes from time spent in nature and inspiring action for a sustainable future.

This film encourages individuals, families, schools, and communities to examine their relationships with both screen technology and nature, and inspires them to take action to reconnect children to the natural world.



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MUSIC ON THE RIDGE

COFFEE-HOUSE STYLE PAC FUNDRAISING EVENT FEATURING...



DOC AND THE DISORDERLIES

DOORS 5:15 PM
MUSIC 5:45 PM
FEATURE ACT
7:30 PM

ADVANCE: \$4/INDIVIDUAL OVER 17, KIDS \$1 OR \$10/FAMILY*
DOOR: \$5/INDIVIDUAL OVER 17, KIDS \$2 OR \$12/FAMILY*

FAMILY = (2 PARENTS + THEIR KIDS)

JUNIPER RIDGE ELEMENTARY GYM 2540 QU'APPELLE BLVD

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

WITH A SELECTION OF GREAT ARTISTS TO TICKLE YOUR EARS!

QUESTIONS, ADVANCED TICKETS? **CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 250-374-2305**