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October 2014 Newsletter

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Principal Message

Despite the amazing warm weather we have been having, fall has announced its presence with an explosion of red and gold! To celebrate this season, the dance classes at the Secondary campus will be showcasing some of their hard work at Aberdeen Mall in the afternoon of October 15. At the McGill campus, POD 2 took a visit to see the Salmon Run – one of the most incredible displays of nature!

Please take the time next week to stop in to see your children's teachers and hear more about what they have been doing in class. Parent-teacher interviews for the elementary campus is on October 15 and 16 (scheduled by teachers) and the secondary campus is on October 16 from 2 – 6pm. As a staff, we would love to see and get to know you better.

Vice Principal Message

We have had an excellent beginning to our year and the staff is excited to work together with parents and students to make Beattie School of the Arts an awesome school. Our students, while just starting this year, have already begun to experience great learning experiences of fall. Classrooms and hallways are teeming with students exploring new concepts, stories, and activities. Please review our school calendar that is being sent home in this newsletter for important upcoming dates.

As we begin the school year, we like to try to have our school community and parent community use similar language when working with behaviour and expectations. Please take a moment to go through the parent/student handbook to familiarize yourself with the expectations of our school. The handbook is located on our website under parent resources. At Beattie School of the Arts we aspire to follow the **A.R.T.S.: Accountability, Respect, Teamwork and Safety**. It is these four words that we have chosen to embody our school. We choose each day to be **ACCOUNTABLE** to ourselves and those around us. We **RESPECT** ourselves, each other, and our environment. We use **TEAMWORK** to get things done in a cooperative and timely manner. We make sure that we are acting in a **SAFE** manner at all times.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. We really appreciate your continued support and look forward to a productive educational year..

Mr. B. Lloyd
Vice-Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER

Oct 15 – Parent-Teacher Interviews

(Early Closure) 12:30 PM

Oct 16 – Parent-Teacher Interviews

(Early Closure) 12:30 PM

Oct 24 – District Non-Instructional Day

NOVEMBER

Nov 10 – District Non-Instructional Day

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day

DECEMBER

Dec 5 – District Non-Instructional Day

Dec 15 – Term 1 Reports home

Dec 19 – Last day before Winter break

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

Elementary News

Photo Day



Bring your smiles for Photo Day on **October 20th**. If you happen to be away on this day, mark your calendars for **November 14th** which will be **Retakes**.

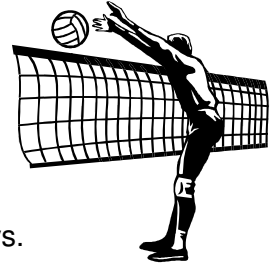
Sports Happenings at McGill Campus

Volleyball has spiked back into action at Beattie. Official league games start on the week of Oct. 20th.

Tier 1 Girls practices are Wed. at 730 am and Thurs. at lunch with Games on Thursdays.

Tier 1 Boys practices are Tues. at lunch and Friday after school with games on Tuesdays.

Tier 3 Co-ed team practices are Wed. at lunch and Mondays after school.



Beattie's One to One Reading Program - Needs you

This program trains volunteers in simple reading strategies so they can help children who are struggling with some aspect of their reading. Volunteer tutors read one to one with children at our school for 90 minutes a week. To learn more about this program visit www.junctionliteracy.ca/one_to_one

If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Rhonda Palmer - tied2kids@yahoo.ca or Venya Brechin venyabrechin@gmail.com

ONE TO ONE
A Children's Literacy Program

Next Training Date is October 27th

Salute to the Salmon

Our Pod 2 students (Ms. Kawa, Mrs. Rempel, Ms. Relling and Ms. Hindle's classes) went to see the salmon run at Adams River on October 6th. They enjoyed seeing all the red salmon in the river and learning about their four year journey.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to the Beattie-McGill library from **Tuesday to Friday, November 4-7.**



Hours of operation during the Book Fair are as follows:

November 4 – 12:20-12:50, 2:35-3:30

November 5 – 12:20-12:50, 2:35-3:30

November 6 – 12:20-12:50, 2:35-3:30

November 7 – 12:20-12:50

There will be a **debit machine** available for your convenience.
Cheques should be made out to **Beattie School of the Arts.**

We are looking for **parent volunteers** to help. Please contact Mr. Staginnus @ dstaginnus@sd73.bc.ca if you are interested.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books meetings will be happening soon. We have many students in Grade 3/4, 5, and 6/7 signing out the Battle books. Please keep encouraging your child to read this year's awesome Battle Books.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

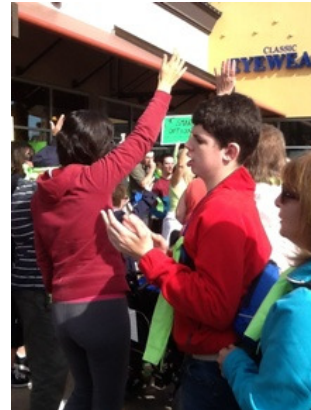
Secondary News



Congratulations go out to both Sam Neilly and Charlotte Ribalkin for participating in the BC Games this past July. Over 2400 athletes, 492 coaches and 242 officials took part in the 2014 BC Summer Games in Nanaimo. Sam and Charlotte are amongst the best in the province in their respective age categories in their sports of athletics and synchronized swimming! Please pass along a warm congratulations to the both of them and lots of encouragement to carry their dreams on to the next level of sport!



"The Personal Achievement Class proudly participated in Community Living's Flash Dance! Over a hundred people were involved in the dance which took place in the square by Coopers. The students in the class are also very happy to have many students from Beattie volunteer over their lunch hour. Thank you to all our new friends!"



COMMUNITY NEWS



1. The Board received a presentation from the District of Clearwater and the Yellowhead Community Services on the renovation of the former Dutch Lake Elementary School. The school is now being used for Municipal Offices and a community centre.
2. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with details on the recently ratified BCTF Teachers Collective Agreement.
3. Superintendent deBruijn reported on the opening of school which occurred on Monday, September 22, 2014.
4. The Board approved the Revised Secondary School Exam Schedule.
5. The Board approved a Secondary School Enhancement Fee Reduction.

6. The Board accepted the 2013/2014 Audited Financial Statements as presented by BDO Canada.
7. The Board received an overview of the recently ratified CUPE Local 3500 Collective Agreement.

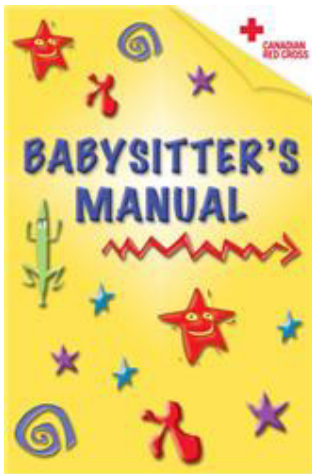
The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 6, 2014, at Clearwater Secondary, 440 Murtle Crescent, Clearwater, BC.



From the Board Meeting of: OCTOBER 6, 2014

1. The Board enjoyed the presentation on the collaborative ventures that are occurring at Clearwater Secondary from Principal Darren Coates. In addition, the James Band performed a song written by the Texas Tornados. Teacher Steve James and Vice Principal Tracy Buck were in attendance at the meeting.
2. Principal Sean McKenna and Vice Principal Bradstock from Raft River were present at the meeting.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation from the PAC Past-Chair of Clearwater Secondary Shelley Sim.
4. The Board received an update on Student Enrollment in the District.
5. The Board received an update on the Education Fund and Support Staff Learning Improvement Fund process.
6. The Board approved the School Calendar revision for the 2014-2015 school year.
7. The Day of Suwewtwecw will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in the District.
8. The Board received *Notice of Motion* on Policy 912.2: Principals and Vice Principals: Process of Appointment.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 20, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.



Just a heads up that Thompson Rivers University is running another Redcross Babysitters course on Saturday, October 18th, 2014. If you wouldn't mind help spreading the word it would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Canadian RedCross Babysitter's Course (XSLF 0600)

October 18, 2014 - Saturday - 8:30am-4:30pm

November 22, 2014 - Saturday - 8:30am-4:30pm

Cost: \$55

Instructor: Rob French

Basic first aid and caregiving skills for youth 11–15 years old. Participants learn how to provide care to younger children in a variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to emergencies. Course also offers youth the training to promote themselves as a babysitter to prospective parents.

***Please register at least 7 days in advance to allow time for the ordering of material as well as to secure your seat!

For questions about this course please contact Christine LeClair at [250-828-5213](tel:250-828-5213).

To register for this course, you can pay with credit card by calling the Community Engagement office at [250-371-5974](tel:250-371-5974) or email communityreg@tru.ca

This is an all-day course which takes place on campus at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops BC. Please, bring a bag-lunch.