



Beattie Bighorn News

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April 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH/DAY	TIME	EVENT
April 1	3:45 PM	Beattie Action Team (BAT) meeting (virtual)
April 9		Spirit Day: "Twin/Triplet Day"
April 16		NO SCHOOL
April 19		NO SCHOOL: Teacher Workday
April 20-28		CMAS State Assessment (3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Only)
April 21	12:30-2:30 PM	Beattie Track Meet (5 th - Long's Peak) <i>Tentative</i>
April 22	12:30-2:30 PM	Beattie Track Meet (4 th - Mesa Verde) <i>Tentative</i>
April 23		Spirit Day: "Superhero Day"
April 30		May Newsletter is published



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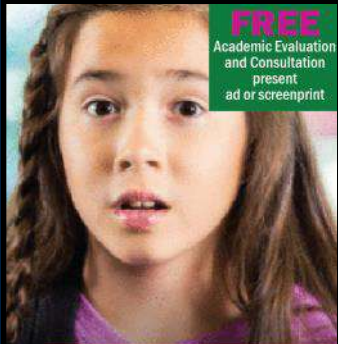
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Principal to Parent

As we left for spring break last month, we all recognized that it had been a full year since we were first asked to stay home because of a pandemic. During that time, we had to figure out online platforms and the best ways in which to reach our students remotely. Teaching and learning was interrupted, and our students, teachers and parents showed tremendous resiliency during an especially challenging time.

We're reminded as April arrives that we have only two months of school remaining this year, and still so much to do because of the interruption. We continue to target student learning and what needs to be taught before the summer break. Teachers are focused on standards that are considered essential or the most important. Because each grade builds on what's learned in the prior grade, it is critical that those standards are addressed and students have mastered the skills contained in them. I have spent time in our classrooms watching this focused teaching and learning occurring. Students are participating and are super engaged in the learning process. I appreciate the fact that they see themselves as learners and that their confidence for learning continues to grow. Our students will continue to progress in the weeks that remain in this school year, and we are excited to see what they have achieved as end-of-the-year testing concludes next month.

Mr. Patterson

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Summer Learning Opportunities

There are a number of summer opportunities for Fort Collins students. Many are academic in nature and have been created to provide continued learning opportunities in reading and math. Some summer programming requires an invitation, so contact your child’s teacher if interested or if you want more information about what is available.



Spring Events

So many student events are typically scheduled in the spring. Those events range from Field Day to music performances to informational meetings for next year’s kindergarten families. Included are traditions like the Talent Showcase and 5th Grade Picnic & Celebration. We continue to have conversations at the district level regarding these events and what can occur this spring. Consideration includes adjustments that will ensure health and safety protocols. We’ll communicate in the weeks to come what events we believe we can do safely as decisions are made.

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Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Communication between teachers and parents occurs all year and parents are encouraged to connect with their child’s teacher at any point they would like to talk about their child’s performance. We have scheduled two dates to allow teachers to meet with parents and share end-of-the-year testing data, sign required literacy plans, or discuss other topics. These conferences are optional, so not every parent will need to meet.



There are two possible scenarios for Spring conferences:

- 1) Your child’s teacher will contact you to invite you in for a conference
- 2) Parents are welcome to contact your child’s teacher to request a conference

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 13, 3:30-7:30 pm. Please contact your child’s teacher directly if you wish to schedule a time to meet.



Meet Superintendent Finalists

Search firm Hazard Young Attea & Associates, or HYA, will host a virtual forum from 5-8:30 p.m. April 2 during which PSD students, families and community members can meet the three superintendent finalists selected by the Board of Education. There will be time for attendees to ask questions. Information about the finalists will be posted on the [PSD Superintendent web page](#) when it is available, prior to the forums. Spanish interpretation will be available. [Get the online meeting link and call-in option information here >>](#)

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Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)



The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) are statewide tests of how well students have learned the skills outlined in the Colorado Academic Standards in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Each student in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will complete the testing. Which tests they'll take this year has changed compared to past years. A

waiver was submitted and approved through the US Dept of Education that reduces the number of tests we'll give. Third and 5th grade will take the English Language Art (ELA) test, and 4th grade will complete Math. There are three sessions within each test. More information will come about a process to opt-in if you want your child to complete the other assessment for that grade level.

Here are the new days and times in which our students are being tested:

- 3rd Grade (ELA): April 22, 27, 28 (testing begins at 9:00)
- 4th Grade: (Math) April 22, 27, 28 (testing begins at 9:00)
- 5th Grade: (ELA): April 22, 27, 28 (testing begins at 9:50)

Attendance is important every day. On testing days, be sure your child is in school so that they can complete this state requirement. Make up sessions will be scheduled for any test missed. Please schedule doctor's visits and other appointments around the times your child will be testing. Call the school if you have questions.

Read Across America Day

Representatives from cabinet and the Board of Education give Kindergartners the gift of a new book in honor of Read Across America Day.





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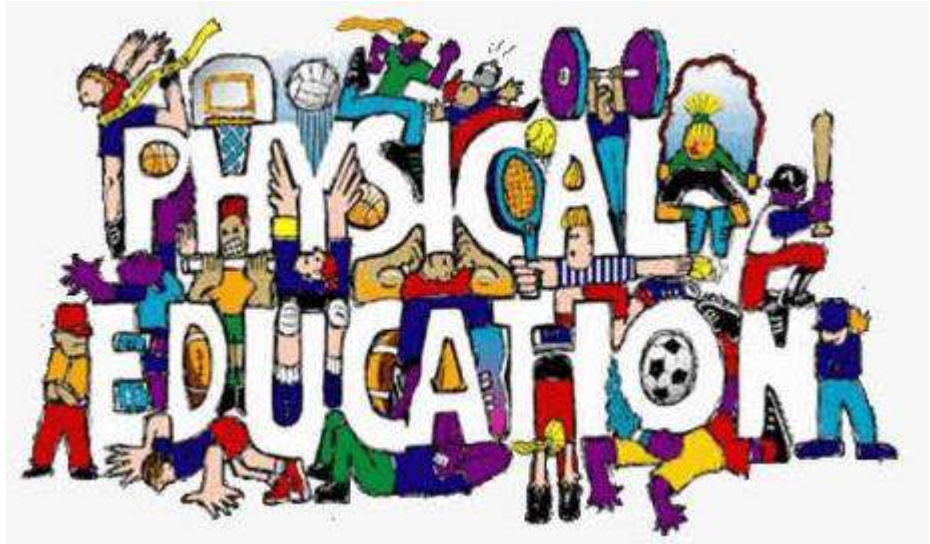
Dogs on School Grounds

As the temperatures warm, we tend to see many more dogs on school grounds. Dogs are welcome, but we do request that they be leashed and in control when our students are present. Please recognize that not all students are comfortable around dogs. They may not have a dog, maybe had a traumatic experience, or the sheer physical size of the dog might scare them. Help us teach our students dog safety, such as encouraging them to ask before walking up to pet a dog or hug them, and to avoid facial bites by keeping their face away from the dog’s mouth if attempting to kiss the dog or hoping to get licked. Keeping your dog close and with a short leash is best practice, especially when small children are present.



Moving This Summer?

If you are moving this summer or not returning to Beattie for next year, please contact our office at 970.488.4225 and let us know. Please note, all PSD Virtual students are automatically re-enrolled at Beattie for the 2021-2022 school year.



PE and Health News

Our fitness unit has been going well. Have your children talked about sore muscles? They are getting stronger! We are moving outdoors as soon as possible to begin units on track and field. On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 21st, all 5th grade students will compete in our annual Beattie Track and Field meet. Thursday, April 22nd, the 4th grade students will compete from 12:30 – 2:30. This is a very important day for these students as it is likely the 1st T & F meet they have ever been in. Students will have the opportunity to compete in four field events and four sprint running events. Unfortunately, we cannot have volunteers or spectators, but I am sure your children will come home with stories! I will take pictures and post them on our school website as well.

If your child participated in the 5210+ challenge in February and earned 80 checkmarks, I thank you. Their t-shirts will arrive on May 1st and, if we had enough participants, some prize money for Beattie.

In wellness news, I have finished teaching the kindergarten and 1st grade classes their lessons about the meaning of 5210+ . In 1st grade, we are also learning about trusted adults. Second graders have been learning the difference between teasing and bullying. Third grade and fourth grade students are learning about stress and what they can do to avoid it and handle it. Fifth graders are learning about positive characteristics. They have completed some amazing work on this topic and demonstrated this by having us practice the positive characteristic in a game that they got to create and lead.

Take good care Beattie Families,

Coach Mueller

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April 2021

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Lunch

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5	6	7	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Grapes • Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Ravioli & Goldfish Crackers • Turkey Club Wrap • Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute • Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheeseburger • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Berries, or Substitute • Salad with dressing • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef & Bean Burrito • Turkey & Cheese Sandwich • Fresh Pear • Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Pizza • Yogurt Parfait • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk
12	13	14	15	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Calzone & Marinara • Club Wrap • Fresh Berries, or Substitute • Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac & Cheese • ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pig in a Blanket • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Pear • Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pepperoni Pizza • Chicken Caesar Wrap • Grapes • Salad with dressing • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School Today
19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School Today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penne & Meat Sauce • ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish • Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute • Carrots & Cucumbers Slices, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Berries, or Substitute • Salad with dressing • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef & Bean Burrito • ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish • Fresh Pear • Cherry Tomatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Pizza • Pb&J Sandwich • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk
26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Nuggets • Chicken Caesar Wrap • Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute • Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac & Cheese • Ham & Cheese Sandwich • Fresh Berries, or Substitute • Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teriyaki Meatballs & Rice • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Pear • Cherry Tomatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Calzone & Marinara • Yogurt Parfait • Grapes • Salad with dressing • Chocolate Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pepperoni Pizza • Chef Salad • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute • Chocolate Milk