



Beattie Bighorn News

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**September
2022**

Beattie Elementary

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IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH/ DAY	TIME	EVENT
Sept 2	9:00-2:00 PM	3 rd Fieldtrip to Sylvan Dale Ranch
Sept 5		NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
Sept 6	3:30 PM	50 Mile Running Club meets for the first time
Sept 6	3:45-4:30 PM	Beattie Action Team (BAT) PTO meeting in the library
Sept 9		Spirit Day: "Hawaiian Shirt"
Sept 14		Walk 'n' Wheeling Challenge #1
Sept 16		NO SCHOOL- Staff Collaboration Day
Sept 20	5:00-6:00 PM	School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting in the library
Sept 21		Individual Picture Day (look for order forms)
Sept 23		Spirit Day: "Hat Day"
Sept 26	3:15 PM	September Student Birthday Celebration
Oct 3		October Newsletter is published and emailed



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Principal to Parent

August 26 marked our 50th Anniversary celebration and open house. We had visitors from out of state in addition to those that traveled from different locations in Colorado just to participate. It was a special event that provided the opportunity to connect and reconnect with others. A lot has happened over the past 50 years, from a local and national perspective as well as in the lives of the people that have been a part of Beattie in some way. Regardless of the time that’s passed, we are and will forever be connected as a school community. I’m excited to see our school in the future, and those that become part of the Beattie Elementary School family.

Mr. Patterson

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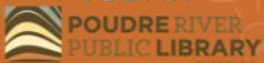


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Adult supervision begins at 8:35 AM each morning. We cannot provide supervision before that time should children be on the playground or surrounding fields. Please be aware of this to ensure that students do not arrive at school early unless otherwise arranged or because of participation in our breakfast program. AlphaBEST is available before and after school for those families needing this daycare option. Please contact AlphaBEST directly if interested.



Visitors & Volunteers



We are thrilled to again welcome visitors and volunteers back into the building. Please stop by the school office whenever planning to visit or see students. Expect to show an ID, which will be run through our new Raptor visitor program. Visitor badges will be issued once your ID clears through that system.

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Parking Lot Safety

Each year we have several near misses between cars and students. We recognize that the parking lot is a tight space shared by many. It is critical that everyone slows down and stays attentive to those on foot. The lot is marked as one way, with the entrance on Meadowlark and exit on Nighthawk. The parking lot is best reserved for parking, and not for student drop off. Use the cul de sac and church parking lot as better alternatives, especially if parking for any length of time.



Monthly Birthday Celebrations



We celebrate student birthdays each month through a special birthday event. Toward the end of each month, we pull together all of the students that have had a birthday that month. Students with June birthdays join May and July joins August. Those students receive a birthday invitation to join us at the end of the day outside or in the lunchroom.

We sing happy birthday and enjoy a birthday treat together. Our Beattie Action Team (BAT) parent teacher organization provides the sweet treats. We enjoy celebrating student birthdays as a school family.

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Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to be involved with our school. One way to give your time is to join our Beattie Action Team (BAT) Parent Teacher Organization and help with fundraising and various events scheduled for students and families. Another way to serve is to attend our monthly School Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings. This committee looks for ways to improve our school and considers our overall student achievement and growth. We invite you to get involved.



School Advisory Committee (School Advisory Committee (SAC))



Please join us at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 20, for our School Advisory meeting. This group is made up of parents and staff who come together to talk about various topics related to school improvement. Parents generate the topics to address at the beginning of the year. Our first meeting will include discussions about

Beattie Rockstars

Students enjoy being acknowledged for their efforts and behavior. Recognition can be a simple comment or action, like giving a high five or saying “good job” for something well done. We also give students RAMS notes as another way to compliment them and let them know we see the great choices they are making. We are continuing the Rockstars program this year. Teachers from each grade, as well as Encore and support staff, nominate students that routinely show RAMS behavior. They write why the student is deserving of this recognition, and the student is presented with the Rockstar. The student’s picture is posted on a bulletin board in the hallway, and is also shared in the morning announcements and sent to parents through an email informing them of their child’s accomplishment. This is a fun recognition and another way to complement our students for their choices and behavior.



Walk 'n' Wheeling Challenge # 1

Several times through the school year students are encouraged to walk, skate, scooter, bike, or skateboard to school. This promotes good health and some friendly competition. We keep track of which students got to school some other way than a car or bus, and the grade level with the highest percentage is awarded the Walk 'n' Wheeling trophy to display until the next challenge. The first Walk 'n' Wheeling Challenge is set for **Wednesday, September 14.**



September Collaboration Day



We have a collaboration day coming on **Friday, September 16.** While we know that these no student days can be inconvenient to parents, they are critical to us because they provide the time for staff to come together and collaborate in a way that just isn't possible when students are in the building. Staff time together is focused on structured literacy, reviewing our instructional practices in this area to ensure a strong and consistent approach across the building and grade levels.

Health and PE

Hello Beattie Families. Welcome back to a new school year!

I am excited to welcome back your children to a world of wellness opportunities.

In PE class, I will begin by teaching the children how to use the playground equipment safely and introducing them to a multitude of games to play during their outdoor breaks.

In health class we will begin with a unit on families and belonging. It is very important that your children feel like they belong and you can help with this by encouraging them to get involved in clubs at school.

I will be offering an after school running club this year! Every Tuesday, we will meet in the back field for 45 minutes of running fun! In honor of Beattie's 50th birthday, I am calling the club the 50-mile club. The goal is for every participant to complete 50 miles of running this school year. The club will meet for two sessions: September 6th – Nov 15th and Feb 14th – May 2nd. If your child is in kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade, an adult (not an older sibling) must accompany them during this after school activity. Simply pick your child up from class and join us on the field, adjacent to the kindergarten classrooms. If your child is in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, parents need not attend with your child. They will get themselves to the meeting place once dismissed from class.

I will have permission slips for you to complete on September 6th.

Thank you for all you do for your family,

Coach Mueller

Mmueller@psdschools.org





As much as I love the leisurely pace of summertime, there is nothing like the start of school. This year is my 19th year as a school counselor and the energy and enthusiasm of the first month of school never gets old.

As we settle into the school year, we will be bringing back our school wide co-regulation practices and educating our students about self-regulation. Self-regulation in the most simplest terms involves **taking a pause between a feeling and an action** (taking the time to think things through, make a plan, wait patiently, etc.). For the purposes of our school wide initiatives, we are defining it as the best state of alertness of both the body and emotions for the specific situation. Using the Zones of Regulation Curriculum, we have been focusing on learning activities that are designed to help the students recognize when they are in the different zones as well as learn how to use strategies to change or stay in the zone they are in.

I will be returning to the classroom to teach large group lessons starting in Mid-September on various social emotional skills; we will initially be focusing on regulation skills but will move onto mindfulness, appropriate communication, conflict resolution and critical thinking skills. I will also continue to meet with students in small groups focusing on specific needs and situations.

Finally a few closing thoughts on what you should know about me:

- I am ONE part of the team that works to help your child succeed.
- I like to get to know ALL students so they may feel connected and safe while they're with us.
- I respect your right and your child's right to privacy. Confidentiality is a big part of my job.
- I love it when parents reach out to me for questions, concerns, and to share positive things about your child.
- I love the work that I do and feel very passionate about helping children become respectful and responsible citizens!

If at any point in the school year you would like to get in touch with me, please feel free to send me an email at scoleman@psdschools.org or give me a call (970-488-4271). I look forward to meeting your family this year!

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Counselor's Corner

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Questions to Ask your Kids instead of "How was School....."

What did you do today that made you think hard?

Can you think of a mistake you made today?

What can you learn from that mistake?

Can you think of something new you tried today? What was it?

Is there anything you are struggling with? What new strategies can you try next?

What would you like to become better at?

What did you do that was too easy for you? How can you make it more challenging?

What challenge or problem have you worked on today?

Was there anything that made you feel stuck today? What other ways can you try next time?

What did you learn today outside of school?

What could you have done better today? Who can you ask for feedback?



A message from your Art Teacher-September 2022

We are an art community!

The art studio is a safe place to discover and express our own creative ideas and feelings.

What's Happening in Art?

Beattie students are getting acquainted with the art studio and they are practicing making choices about which type of creative activities to explore. Each week I introduce new studio centers. We are starting with Creative Toys and Mark Marking tools. We are also discovering what sharing a studio and being a community of artists means. We are practicing our 3 studio agreements., and learning to build trust and friendships with each other.



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A message from your Art Teacher-September 2022

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Studio Agreements

#1 I can be safe and kind **#2** I can be a respectful listener and stay on task **#3** I can be safe with people, art tools and the art studio.

You can contact me anytime via email!

knoel@psdschools.org. I teach at Beattie MT and F.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to teach your children!

Warmly,

Kimberly Noel

BEATTIE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS***AUGUST 2022***

- **A bell will ring at 8:48 AM each morning signaling that it's time to line up.** Backpacks may be placed outside the classroom door as students arrive and before going to the playground. Supervision begins at 8:35 AM. Students should line up outside their classroom door or other designated location when they hear the morning bell. School begins at 8:50 AM.
- **Be aware of school start and dismissal times.** School begins at 8:50 AM. All students should be inside and beginning the day with their classmates. Half-day kindergarten students dismiss at 12:40 PM, while all other students are dismissed from school at 3:28 PM. Early Childhood classes are the exception. (SEE OUR EC TEACHERS FOR SPECIFIC TIMES)
- **Students that arrive to school on-time and have regular attendance have the best opportunity to learn.** Any student arriving late should check in at the office before joining their class. Parents will receive a call from the office to verify the whereabouts of a student if they are absent and the school has not been informed of the absence. Please call the attendance line at 488-4226 to report an absence. Beattie has an attendance policy and closely monitors student tardiness and absences from school. Students who are tardy or whose absences are viewed as frequent will be contacted by school staff to communicate the concern. A conference may be necessary to ensure that the concern is addressed. Other actions may be required if no improvement is noted.
- **Students may use the phones in classrooms or in the office when determined to be appropriate by staff.** Student cell phones should be on silent or turned off during school hours to reduce disruption.
- **The optimal time for parents to contact staff is from 8:00-8:45 AM or 3:30-3:45 PM each day.** Staff are usually unable to take calls at other times due to their schedule and teaching responsibilities. Please call your child's classroom directly (the teacher will give you their extension as this reduces the number of calls to the main office) and leave a detailed message, if necessary. Email is also an effective mode of communication and is typically checked throughout the day. Expect a response within 24 hours in most cases. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please arrange a time that works for both of you.
- **Student birthdays are recognized once a month.** The Beattie Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or Beattie Action Team (BAT) brings students together once a month to celebrate during their birthday month. A special treat is provided (alternate treats can be provided because of food allergies and other diet restrictions). Parents will sometimes bring an additional treat to share with the students in the class and unit. Often, those sweet treats are handed out during lunch.
- **Beattie observes several school-wide celebrations a year.** This year, whole school celebrations/parties will coincide with Halloween (October) and Winter Holiday (December) and Valentine's Day (February). Parents are encouraged to work with teachers and other parents to identify treats and activities to bring for the class.
- **Be aware of district policies regarding foods brought from home and shared with others.** We do have students with food allergies, and even exposure can be a problem. Check with your child's teacher to determine if any foods should be specifically avoided. Foods brought to school and shared with other students as part of a celebration must be store bought to ensure safe preparation and consumption.

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BEATTIE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS*continued*

- **Parents are asked to wait for their children in the front of the school or on the playground both in the morning and at dismissal.** This is to avoid the disruption or distraction caused when parents enter the classroom area or hallway near our classrooms as the day is wrapping up and students are discussing some of the events to take place the next day.
- **Please note where to drop off and pick up students each day.** Safety is important and it takes all of us, working together, to be sure that everyone is safe when arriving and leaving school. Please use the front of the school on Meadowlark to drop off or pick up students. This zone is not for parking in the morning. The cul de sac just north of Beattie is another convenient area to drop off students. There is daycare van parking available in front of the school. Visitor parking is located on the streets surrounding our school and in open spots in the parking lot. We recognize that at times, parking can be difficult. (SEE SEPARATE HANDOUT FOR MORE DETAILS)
- **Students are encouraged to not bring toys or personal electronics from home.** Toys and other devices have a tendency to get lost, misplaced or stolen, or broken, and can also cause conflict between students. Electronics used for learning and approved by the school are allowed. Footballs, soccer balls, tennis balls for wall ball, and other playground equipment are acceptable, should be clearly marked, and will be shared among students.
- **Please send children to school dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and potential changes in the weather.** We do go outside even when the temperature is very cold, unless below 10-15 degrees or dependent on current conditions. Our students love being outside in the snow. They can be on the snow if they have waterproof boots or shoes and can be in the snow with waterproof pants and jackets.
- **School meal program.** Students will no longer receive free breakfast and lunch meals unless they have been approved for the Free and Reduced Meal program. This is a change from the last school year. Applications are being accepted after August 1 at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. Full meals prices are \$1.50 (breakfast) and \$3.15 (lunch). Monthly food menus are available online through the district website.
- **Our school utilizes a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) approach, in which behavioral expectations are taught and positive choices rewarded.** Our motto is “RAMS Climb Higher”, with RAMS standing for R- Respect All, A- Act Responsibly, M- Motivated to Learn, and S- Safety We recognize positive student behavior through acknowledgement, compliments, certificates and awards, and individual and class “RAMS Notes”. Behavior that is disruptive to learning or negatively impacts others requires different actions and associated consequences.
- **Outside recesses and physical education are part of our total school program. Fresh air and exercise help maintain good health. If your child is well enough to attend school, they will be expected to participate in P.E. class and recess.** A note or written request from the parent or doctor is required if a student will be excused from physical activity because of an illness or injury or other medical condition.
- **All visitors to Beattie, please report to the school office to sign in and receive a visitor’s badge.** Volunteers must register before volunteering in our school. It is important to us to screen volunteers in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Volunteers assist in the library, work with students and small groups, and always jump in wherever they’re needed.

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BEATTIE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS*continued*

- **Children of parent volunteers who are not directly involved in the field trip or activity may not ride with or accompany the adult volunteer on the field trip.** These types of activities are not designed as family outings and therefore require a different level of supervision. While this guideline may not be popular, the decision behind it is in the best interest of our students and is supported by District policy. It may be necessary to hold a lottery drawing to determine which adults might be asked to help supervise on field trips because of the high interest expressed by our parents.
- **Responsibility for the dress and appearance of students generally rests with individual students and their parents.** Student appearance should reflect pride in themselves when attending school and school-sponsored events. As stated in district policy, students must wear: a shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides underneath the arms); pants or the equivalent (e.g., a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress, or shorts); and shoes (e.g., sandals, boots, or athletic shoes).
 - Clothing choices need to allow for the participation in all school-related activities (ex. flip flops, Crocs, and sandals are okay for school, but students should bring athletic shoes when they participate in P.E. and health classes due to the activity level)
 - Students who wear shirts with inappropriate statements or pictures that cause or have the potential to cause disruption to the learning of others will be asked to wear the shirt inside out or will be provided with another shirt if one is available. They may also call home and ask their parent to bring a different shirt or top.

Thank you for your support of our school!

Mr. Patterson & Beattie Staff

**Beattie Elementary School**

Dave Patterson
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Parking & Safety Reminders

Dear Families:

With the start of school, it is always a good idea to review parking and general safety reminders. Parents are asked to pick up and drop off their children south of the crosswalk on Meadowlark, or north of Beattie in the cul-de-sac on Nighthawk. We especially encourage parents of our younger children to use the cul-de-sac or the church parking lot, and to walk their children across the street.

Please remember:

- The “red” area is for student drop off only, and is on the south side of Meadowlark, extending from the bike racks to the crosswalk. There is no parking here at any time during the school day.
- We have daycare van loading and unloading on the north side of Meadowlark and it extends from the crosswalk to the parking lot entrance. We request that there be no parking here during drop off and dismissal times.
- In order to keep children safely away from the bus and auto traffic, we encourage you to avoid the parking lot during drop off and pick up times.
- We do have a number of families that require use of the two parking spots with signage for persons with disabilities. We have had problems in the past with those spots being occupied by people that don’t need them. Please be considerate of others that need to park close to the building.

Please also remember that you can keep everyone safe by:

- Not double parking on Meadowlark or Nighthawk
- Not making U-turns in front of the school (from driveway to driveway. (This is considered illegal and is a ticket according to Fort Collins Police)
- Crossing only at the crosswalk on Meadowlark
- Consider the area around our school a “no cell phone” zone, and be alert and aware, watching out for our students and families.

Thanks for helping us out.

Mr. Patterson & Beattie Staff



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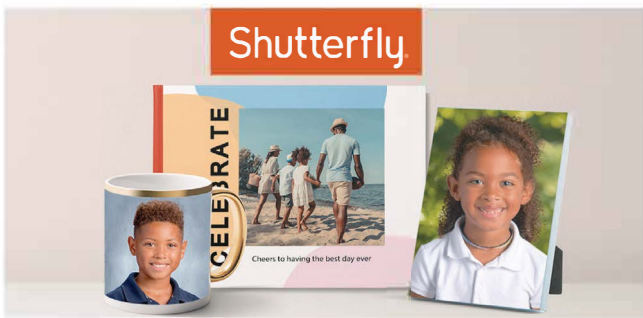
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