



Beattie Bighorn News

RAMS Climb Higher

October 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

| MONTH/DAY | TIME | EVENT |
|------------------|--------------|--|
| October 3-9 | | Parent Teacher Conference scheduling is open |
| October 4 | 3:45 PM | BAT PTO Parent meeting in the library |
| October 7 | | Spirit Day: "Stuffed Animal Day" |
| October 10 | | Vision & Hearing and Dental Screening |
| October 10-13 | 3:45-7:45 PM | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| October 14 | | No School- Conference Comp Day |
| October 14 | | End of the 1 st Quarter |
| October 18 | 5:00-6:00 PM | School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting |
| October 19 | | Fall Frolic Fun Run Fundraiser Kickoff |
| October 21 | | Spirit Day: "School Colors" |
| October 24 | 3:10 PM | Student Birthday Celebration |
| October 28 | | Fall Frolic Fun Run |
| To Be Determined | | Halloween Parade & Parties |
| November 1 | | November Newsletter is published |



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Principal to Parent

One of our district priorities is the development of community and a sense of student belonging. That priority has always been a core value at Beattie. Belonging starts with relationships and getting to know one another. That includes student to student relationships and student to teacher. We always want to take this further to include teacher and staff to parents and families. It is my hope that you never feel that we are against you, but instead are walking side by side as we work together to help and teach our students. Your child can experience very difficult situations and times can be especially challenging for different reasons. Regardless, we will always assume positive intent and work through whatever the situation. We enjoy working with you and are especially enjoying our relationship with our students.

Mr. Patterson

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School Times

School begins at 8:50 AM each morning for K-5 grade students. Please be on time, prepared, and ready to learn. The playground is open in the morning to all students at 8:35. Breakfast is available starting at 8:20. Please check arrival and dismissal times for Early Childhood classes with your child's EC Teachers.



Visitors & Volunteers

Parents, visitors, and volunteers are now welcome in our building. We are thrilled to be able to open our school again to our community. Remember, regular volunteers should register as a volunteer on the district website, and

Volunteers Needed!



all volunteers and visitors will be asked to show their ID as they enter the building, even if just visiting. Below is info on how to sign up:

If you are interested in volunteering, please use this link to register: [Volunteer Application](#)

If you are already a registered volunteer, please follow the steps below to view volunteer opportunities:

1. Log in to your Volunteer Portal through this link: [Raptor Volunteer Portal](#)
2. When logged in, click on Events within the Navigation Menu
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Thank you for contributing your time and talent to PSD!

Also, please volunteer to help with Vision and Hearing on 10/10/22. You can contact our Nurse Jeannine Thellman if you are interested in volunteering for this at 970-732-9106.

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Conferences are during October

Parent Teacher Conferences will soon be here so mark your calendars now. We'll hold conferences in-person (with a virtually option if needed) Monday, October 10 through Thursday, October 13. Look for information to come home soon regarding how to schedule. There is no school for students October 13 or 14. We welcome your participation in conferences and hope that you will join us on these days.



Video Announcements



Each Monday morning the video announcements are available to view on our school website (bea.psdschools.org). The announcements detail important information for our students and staff. While we have had students read the announcements, Mr. Patterson has filled in for now.

To find the announcements, go to the Beattie website (bea.psdschools.org), click on the "Communications" tab, and click again on "Weekly Video Announcements".

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RAMS Monthly Focus

Each month, we are highlighting behaviors identified on our RAMS Notes. Those behaviors are Respect All, Act Responsibly, Motivated to Learn, and Safety. Last month, we defined respect and what it means to be kind to others and treat them like you want to be treated. This month we're focusing on acting responsibly. That involves doing the right things, even when no one is looking. Responsibility is not just getting things done. It's also an attitude and involves taking action and being proud of your efforts. We encourage you to discuss this each month and include how these RAMS behaviors look at home.



Student Birthday Celebrations



At the end of each month, students celebrating a birthday that month are invited to the lunchroom for a special birthday treat. We sing 'Happy Birthday' together as a school family, and then students enjoy a special birthday cupcake provided by our Beattie Action Team (BAT) parent group. Students with special diets are given an alternative treat. It is fun to celebrate our students in this special way.

Halloween Parties & Parade

We are still planning to have our annual Halloween parties and parade. We'll celebrate on Halloween, Monday October 31. We are still planning the Halloween costume parade, and hope that the weather holds so that we can parade outside for those parents wanting to come and watch.



Fall Frolic Fun Run

The Fall Frolic Fun Run will happen at different times of the day on Friday, October 28. Grades will run at different times. The fun run is a fundraiser organized and run by Booster, a company specializing in these types of fundraisers. They provide the donation platform, prizes and related materials, and race day equipment. Their staff are also in the building during the week and help in the classrooms. Basically, the Beattie Action Team (BAT) is buying a service and paying for them to organize and run the fundraiser, race day, and anything that comes in between. Booster keeps 50% of the money made from the fun run to pay for their service. If parents don't want their children to participate for any reason, or they have a different opinion and don't want to support Booster, a donation can be sent directly to BAT, our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).



Parking Lot Safety



Please be mindful of our students on the sidewalks and streets around our school in the morning and at dismissal. Students can be easily distracted or forget to follow safety rules. Be on alert, put down your cell phones and follow the traffic signs when dropping off or picking up your children. Practice patience and turn taking in order to keep everyone safe. We have seen an increase in the number of adult bike riders in the bike lane in front of our school. Many are commuting to work or CSU, and they travel at higher speeds. Be mindful of their presence, especially if you are crossing over the bike lane to drop off your child or to turn into the parking lot or cul de sac.

Weather Changes

The weather in Colorado can quickly change, and what starts out as a clear day can end with rain or even snow. Please be sure that your children leave the house with proper clothing for changes in the weather. We will always try to get some fresh air and go outside for recess, unless the weather is extreme.



Our general rule is that we will go outside unless the temperature is 10-15 degrees or below, including wind chill, or the conditions are poor, making recess or outside play unsafe. Students tend to take off their jackets at recess, and our Lost & Found grows through the year. Write your child's name in their coat. Encourage your child to check the Lost & Found rack (in the hallway between Ms. Miller's kindergarten classroom and the yellow pod doors) for clothing they have lost at school. Because of the accumulation and our limited space to store Lost & Found items, we do donate what's left on the rack once it's full and students have stopped claiming their things. The rack is pulled out multiple times to allow students the chance to stop and look for their things.

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting



The SAC is made up of staff, parents, and community members working together to help ensure that our school is the best. No other advisory group in our school has as much influence in changing what we do or how we do it. Come work with us with the goal of providing the best experiences possible for our students. Our second meeting of the year is Tuesday, October 18 from 5:00-6:00PM in our school library. Topics will change each month based on what has been identified by those in attendance or that require committee input and feedback.

Library News

Thank you for the new books

Recently we've received stacks of gently used books donated to our library from parents or students who are making room for new books at home. Thank you for keeping our school in mind and giving Beattie students more of their favorite books to enjoy.

Who Wants to Buy these Books?

Nobody wants to pay for books that can't be read. If your child's library books are badly damaged and our students can't enjoy them anymore, they must be paid for or replaced. Some new library books cost over \$25!

Please make sure the library books that come home with your child are kept in a safe place.

We've already had several new books damaged this year!



Some were chewed up by new puppies, some got drinks spilled all over them, and some were **soaked in a backpack when water bottles leaked. It happens!**

Please keep library books safe in a clean, dry spot, away from food and liquids, curious pets, and toddlers. Read with your child often and return books on time and in good condition. Thank You!

Volunteer in the Library

If you have 1-2 hours a week to help keep the bookshelves in order please consider helping in the library. We can find a time that works with your schedule. After browsing for books, the shelves need serious attention! Let Mrs. Wisbon know if you would like to help.

swisbon@psdschools.org

PE and Health News

Hello Beattie Families:

Thanks for all you do to send your children happy, healthy, well fed and rested to school each day. That is the formula for success!

In PE class, we have been playing soccer. I am so please will the skill improvement I have seen already. Next, we will be playing with frisbees and learning about the wide variety of games that we can play with a frisbee – disc golf, ultimate frisbee, can jam and more. Since our Boosterthon Fun Run is coming up on Oct 19th, I have been including fitness warm-ups in each class as well.

Our first topic in Health class this year has been belonging. “You belong here” is our theme. Ask your child how many places they belong. You should hear answers like: in class, in health class in 2nd grade, at Beattie, on my sports teams, at home, in a family etc.

Thank you for helping your 4th and 5th grade students with their homework of finding out how they got their name. The students really enjoyed sharing their individual story. Telling their name story added a level of connection to their family.

Kindness and Nutrition are the next two topics for health class.

Our 50-mile running club is off to a great start. 60 people came out to run at our first official meeting! What fun we had trying out the new automated tracking system. The goal is for all the participants to run 50 miles over the course of this school year. The first session of the running club meets each Wednesday from Sept 7th – Nov 16th. It is not too late to join. It is a drop-in club, so participation each week is not required. If you are trying to achieve the 50 mile goal, you will need to attend most sessions. If you would like your child to still join the running club, have them get a permission slip from me to take how for your signature.

We had our first, of four, Walk and Wheel Challenges on Sept 14th. WOW! Over half of the students participated in this wellness event. Very impressive. The 1st grade had the most participants, by percentage, so they have the coveted trophy in their classroom. The next Walk and Wheel Challenge is on December 7th.

We will have two Roller Skating parties this year. The first party at Rollerland is on Friday, November 4th and the second one is on March 31st.

Stay health Beattie Families. We are off to a great start.

Coach Mueller



A message from your Music Teacher:

As we begin this year able to do more singing and gathering than we have in previous years I am so excited to share the news of an upcoming performance at Beattie!

The 3rd grade team will be performing in concert on Thursday, November 3rd from 6:00-6:30pm. If you have a student in 3rd grade please mark this date on your calendar and get excited!

Additionally, students in 3rd - 5th grade have expressed interest in playing recorder now that our faces are mask free, and I am looking into ordering in bulk. More information to come soon.

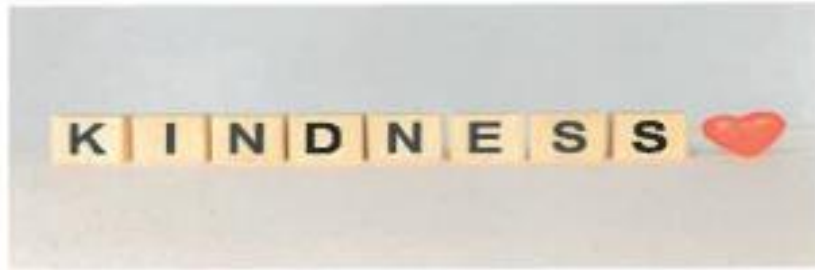
Our youngest Beattie musicians are doing lots of singing and beat keeping so please continue to encourage a love of music by singing together, reading rhyming books together, and having family dance parties.



A message from your PTO:

Beattie has three holiday celebrations each year: Halloween, Winter Holidays, and Valentines. Our Parent-Teacher Organization, a.k.a. Beattie Action Team (B.A.T.), sent fliers and envelopes home with students this past week asking for \$1-\$3 donations to cover costs of food, drinks, and games provided by B.A.T. for classroom parties. This is a small, one-time donation that will pay for the entire school year's festivities. Families are asked not to provide anything for the parties except Valentines for their child's classmates in February. Donations can be put into provided envelopes and sent back to school with their child(ren) or made via PayPal using the QR code on the flier by October 15th.

Thanks,
B.A.T.



A message from Beattie's Kindness Club:

Beattie's Kindness Club: Artists Making a Difference will again join CSU for their annual Cans Around the Oval food drive. Please help us make an impact in our community by donating non-perishable food items for Larimer County Food Bank.

You and your students can start bringing in canned food items this Friday and we will continue collecting until the Wednesday, October 12th.

The unit that brings in the most cans of food will win a pizza party.

