

M.V. Beattie Elementary
September Newsletter

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Wildcat Newsletter

A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD!

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! It is hard to believe we are already heading into October!

We are fortunate to have a great team who will always go out of their way to create a great learning environment, and we will continue to bring our positive attitude and optimistic outlook. MVB is excited to embark on a new year of learning, growing and laughing. Students have already participated in a multitude of great learning experiences such as Gardom Lake, Cliff Hike, Orange Shirt Day Walk, Terry Fox Run, and Science with UBC Bob! MVB has been hopping with engaged learning I am pleased to report that Wildcat Pride is alive and well!

Please remember that my door is always open. I look forward to working alongside you in your child's education.

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Upcoming Events

Got Apples? PAC Apple Orders are due October 9th.



1st MVB Orange Shirt Day Recognition

2nd Primary Community Building Walking Field Trip

8th Ventastic Performing Arts Show

9th Fire Prevention Presentations

10th Shuswap Youth SOCCER BLITZ

17th in-person Student/Teacher/Family Conferences

Student Drop Off

Please drive safe.

Please do not get out of your vehicle at the kiss and go lane.

Please do not stop the vehicle and let your kiddos out while on the road.





Breakfast and Lunch Programs

We will continue to provide snack and lunches for those in need.

Please reach out to me, it is our goal to ensure M.V.B. students have stigma free access to good food. The Feeding Futures Program is here to help!



"KEEPIN' IT COOL CATS"

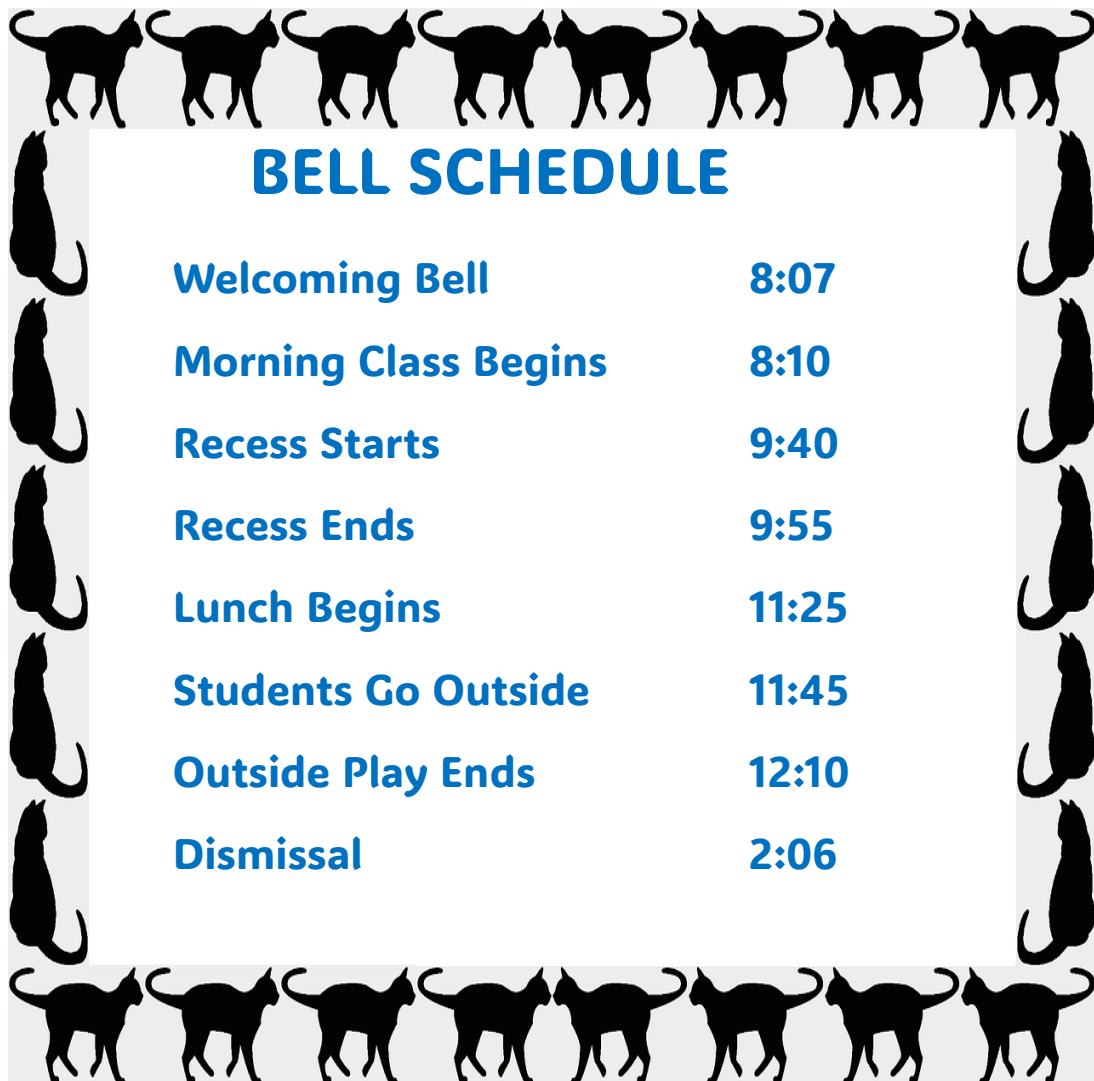
Cool Cats is a way to provide students with opportunities to take on responsibilities that are often the purview of adults. Having student playground monitors is not groundbreaking, but the approach was significantly different. Cool Cats has empowered students to become role models and playground coaches, but it also enabled them to grow in their own conflict resolution skills. So, with this model in mind, Mrs. Shinoda and I will continue the Cool Cats project. It will be a commitment (one day per week, all year long) and we would meet as a group once every few weeks to share experiences and build our skills together.

Students are already asking about Cool Cats and when they will start! Very soon we will release our "Cool Cats" on the playground. I am excited to learn from Mrs. Shinoda and all the Cool Cats!

I know it will be fantastic to see the Cool Cats encourage our youngest members to play together, take turns, follow rules and have fun.



This program has proven that MVB students come away feeling good about how they were able to assist - especially those K Kiddos who are still learning how to fit into the games that were being played.



BELL SCHEDULE	
Welcoming Bell	8:07
Morning Class Begins	8:10
Recess Starts	9:40
Recess Ends	9:55
Lunch Begins	11:25
Students Go Outside	11:45
Outside Play Ends	12:10
Dismissal	2:06

What happens when a child becomes ill at school?

We will follow our past practice of moving the child to the “sick room” in the office, and call home to have someone come and pick up the child.

Children who become ill at school will NOT be able to ride the bus home.

Both adults and children should not attend school until they are symptom free. Staff who become ill will immediately need to go home, and will follow the same procedure. *We also know that some students may have different “baselines” – so, if your child has always had a “chronic cough” during the winter months, we wouldn’t expect to treat it as if it were a Cold. We need to trust each other to react appropriately to these signs. The last few years has taught us about the importance of community! The awareness of only attending school when we are healthy protects our community.

Wild Cat Nation is thankful that our families and staff remain consistent staying home when sick.

Family Communication: *We know that meaningful and ongoing communication between home and school has a positive impact on student learning and engagement. This year, in-person Student/Teacher/Family Conferences will take place on Thursday, October 17th, 2024. Students will not be in attendance this day, except during their scheduled conference time.*

The Student/Teacher/Family conferences serve as an informal learning update and are an opportunity to share student strengths, areas of growth, and ways to support learning, particularly in the areas of literacy, numeracy, and social emotional learning.

WILDCAT KISS AND GO DROP OFF

Kiss and Go Lane

This annual reminder is really important as it has to do with student safety. When dropping off your child in the Kiss and Go Lane, please only take a minute to say your goodbyes, to help us avoid the congestion during pick up and drop off.

Also, there are typically cones/sign to remind you of where this zone starts. When people park for longer periods, and encroach the crosswalk areas, it creates poor sightlines

which means that drivers may not be able to see some of our little ones crossing.

Each year we have “near misses” - and they are all avoidable...when we follow the rules.
Thanks!

Our neighbours also request that parents avoid parking in, or in front of, their driveways.



School Fee Payment

We are ready to receive your School Fee or Field Trip payments.

E-transfer continues to be a great method for payment, but **please remember to put your child’s first and last name in the memo.**

Cheques are payable to M.V. Beattie Elementary School.

A financial hardship policy is in place at M.V. Beattie Elementary School for families unable to afford school fees. If circumstances do not permit payment, please contact

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Principal, to make arrangements.



Parent Advisory Council Meetings

At M.V. Beattie, we have been very fortunate to have many parent and community volunteers. Think about joining the P.A.C. and be sure to find them on Facebook. The next P.A.C. meeting is October 21st 2:30 in the N.O.L. room.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering @ MVB

Classroom Volunteers

If you wish to spend some time in your child's classroom, please feel free to contact our teachers. Each teacher has their own system for rotating through classroom helpers, but we are keen to welcome our community into MVB.

Criminal Record Checks

Please call the school for your online access code for online criminal record checks.

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

School Volunteers – Criminal Record Checks (CRCs)

Any volunteers in schools (coaches, drivers, etc.) are required to have a Criminal Record Check completed before they are allowed to volunteer with your school.

****As of the 2024-25 school year, Police Information Checks will no longer be accepted****

There is no charge for Volunteer CRCs through the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP).

Volunteer Drivers

A reminder that both staff and parents are required to follow the new district policy prior to being able to transport our students. The following documents are needed to help out as a volunteer driver:

- A copy of a valid Driver's Licence
- A copy of your Driver's Abstract
- A copy of the Vehicle Registration
- A copy of the vehicle's Insurance

Thanks again for taking the time to complete this process!



One to One Reading

We are excited to once again be opening our doors to the LASS One to One reading program.

If you are interested in helping out, email childprograms@shuswapliteracy.ca
www.shuswapliteracy.ca