

M.V. BEATTIE BULLETIN

"The beginning is always today. " - Mary Shelley

Upcoming Events

Sept. 3 Welcome Back

Sept. 4 - Kindergarten begins

Sept. 11 - PAC meeting @
5pm

Ice Cream Social
6pm-7pm

Sept 20 - Professional Day

Sept. 23 - School Photos

Sept. 26 - Terry Fox Run @
11:00am

Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day

CHEQ Survey

A big thank you to those Kindergarten parents who have filled out the online survey. However, if you haven't, please go to <https://cheq.ubc.ca/> You will have to contact the school for your specific Username and Password.

Thanks for your time!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Each year at M.V. Beattie starts with the same optimism and excitement. It fills your heart to see the hands rise and the noise go from a low rumble to a boom at the opening assemblies when I ask, "Who is excited to be back at school?" I guarantee it is a far different feel than back in my high school days.

Students were greeted by the friendly and familiar faces of last year's teachers and classmates, and shortly after our return we were told that MVB would add a 14th Division. Our staff went to work and prepared a schedule, class lists and moved 4 different rooms around to accommodate the new division. In our trips into the newly formed classes we see the "getting to know you" exercises and witness new relationships and friendships grow. We are truly confident in saying that your children are in good hands!

Ice Cream Social



We will once again be hosting our Ice Cream Social to welcome families back to school. Please come join us at 6pm on Wednesday, Sept. 11! This evening is an informal introduction to the school, our staff and your child's new classroom.

School Schedule 2019-20

All elementary schools have had to alter their schedules by a couple of minutes. The changes ensure that we are meeting our requirement for “minutes of instruction” and also create consistency across the district.

Welcoming Bell - 8:05am

Class begins - 8:08

Recess - 9:37 - 9:52

Lunch Eating - 11:20 - 11:38

Lunch Recess - 11:38 - 12:04

Dismissal - 2:02

Lunch & Snack(s)

Our new schedule means that students will have an earlier recess and lunch. We tried the “play time” first, followed by “eating time,” but came to the conclusion that it was too difficult to manage. So, we will EAT first and then PLAY! However, we would ask you to pack an extra snack for the afternoons, as the afternoons will be a longer stretch than students are accustomed to.



Allergy Updates - “Nut Sensitive/Scent Reduced”

We are asking parents to **let us know** if your child has a serious allergy to specific foods or scents. As was the case last year, we may have some classrooms that are NUT - FREE, while in other classrooms they may be permissible.

We ask people to be sensitive to the fact that there are people who struggle with strong odours. Perfume, cologne and products like Axe tend to create the most difficulty - so, please do your best to refrain from wearing strong scents when coming to school.

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!

