

M.V. Beattie Elementary School

October Newsletter 2026

Principal's Welcome

It is hard to believe that October is already here!



Thank you to all of our students, families, and staff for your support as we settle into new classes and establish routines for the school year. The first month of school has been a busy and exciting one, and we appreciate the partnership and encouragement of our families.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who has already paid their school fees. Your support helps us provide meaningful learning experiences and opportunities for our students throughout the year.

Congratulations to the Davyduke family, the winner of our Family Movie Pass draw!

As I continue my journey at M.V. Beattie, I am reminded every day how fortunate I am to work alongside such an incredible staff and to be part of Wildcat Nation. Our students are supported by a dedicated team that cares deeply about their success and well-being, and I am honoured to be part of this amazing community.

Mrs. Laura Tomlinson

Orange Shirt Day

We were honoured to collaborate with ALF and Shihya for a meaningful Orange Shirt Day experience.

Students participated in a community walk and took part in learning activities at the Splatsin Community Centre. These opportunities helped students deepen their understanding of truth and reconciliation while strengthening connections with the local community.



Thank you to everyone who made the day so impactful for our students.

Upcoming Events

Photo Retake Day

October 20

PAC Movie Night

October 22

Professional Development Day

October 23 No school for students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 26

Please watch your email for information regarding conference bookings and registration.

Halloween Parade

October 30

Students are welcome to wear school-appropriate costumes. Please remember that costume accessories, props, and toy weapons should remain at home.

Sports Opportunities

Volleyball

Our volleyball season is officially underway! Thank you to **Ms. Abbott** and **Mrs. Crosson** for generously volunteering their time to coach our athletes this season. We look forward to cheering on our Wildcats throughout October and November.

Legacy North BUILT Basketball

Students in Grades 5-8 have an exciting opportunity to participate in the free **BUILT Basketball Development Program** hosted at M.V. Beattie Elementary. The six-session program begins **October 19** and focuses on building basketball skills, confidence, and connection. Beginners are welcome, and each participant receives a program shirt. Registration is limited to the first 20 athletes.



FREE
SIX SESSIONS

FALL 2026 / BOYS & GIRLS / GRADES 5-8



**BUILT IN
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Basketball. Confidence.
Connection.

STARTS OCTOBER 19
Mondays • 5:15-6:30 p.m.
M.V. Beattie Elementary

YOUR SIX SESSIONS / 2026

OCT 19	NOV 2	NOV 9	NOV 16	NOV 23	NOV 30
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No session October 26. All times local.

Beginners welcome. Program shirt included.
Learn skills, meet teammates and build confidence close to home.

REGISTER FOR FREE
www.legacynorthacademy.com

Choose Enderby. Parent/guardian completes the 30 checkout.
Limited to the first 20 completed athlete registrations.
Questions / waitlist: ben@legacynorthacademy.com



Families can register through Legacy North Academy's online registration system.

Souper Meals Program

We are excited to once again offer the **Souper Meals Program** at M.V. Beattie this year.

Families are asked to register their children online so organizers can accurately plan meal numbers and accommodate allergy or dietary needs. The program remains free for all students. Families who wish to do so may also make an optional contribution during registration and will receive a charitable tax receipt through the platform.

By registering, volunteering or contributing financially if able, families can help build a program that is sustainable, inclusive and available to more students for years to come.

Register Here



Thank you for being part of this community effort to make sure our students have access to good food!

Serena Caner, School Food Coordinator
(scaner@sd83.bc.ca)

Attendance Matters

Student attendance has a significant impact on learning and belonging. Every day provides opportunities for students to build skills, strengthen friendships, and engage in classroom experiences that cannot be fully replicated when they are absent.

While occasional absences are inevitable, we encourage families to make school attendance a priority whenever possible. Together, we can ensure students benefit from every learning opportunity available to them.

To support our Safe Arrival procedures, please phone or email the office @ 250-838-6434 or mvb@sd83.bc.ca if your child is going to absent by 8:30am.

Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's social and academic development. Even as children grow more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school and understand how attendance benefits their health and success in school and beyond.

Did you know the research shows?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence (missing 10%, or 2 days each month) is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

What you can do to support school attendance?

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the opportunities available when your teen or preteen shows up to school every day.
- Help your middle and high schooler maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting enough sleep.
- Consider limiting use of devices if they interfere with sleep.
- Try not to schedule nonurgent medical appointments during the school day.
- Help your child(ren) to stay healthy.
- If your child(ren) must stay home because they are sick, ensure they have asked teachers for permission to make up for the missing learning time in the classroom.

Help your child stay engaged

- Read and if your child(ren) feel engaged by their classes and whatever they feel safe.
- Make sure your child(ren) are not missing class because of challenges with behaviour issues or school attendance policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers, school counsellors, or tutors when necessary.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join extracurricular activities, including sports and clubs.
- If you notice signs of anxiety, support your middle and secondary students, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health-care provider.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policies.
- Check on your preteen/teen's attendance to make sure absences are not adding up.
- Communicate with your child(ren)'s teachers.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need resources and support.

Every day counts. Together, we can ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive. Your support today builds their tomorrow.

Every Day Counts!

Communication Protocols



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Communicating With Your School A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Developed jointly by SD83 and the SD83 District Parent Advisory Council

Ways to Build a Positive Relationship with Your Child's School

Be Involved

- Support and work with your child's teacher(s)
- Participate in your school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- Attend school events and activities
- Offer to help in the classroom
- Support your child's learning at home
- Stay informed of your child's progress at school

Communicate

- Take opportunities to get to know the people who work with your child
- Ask your child about their school day
- Keep the school informed about issues that may affect your child by reaching out directly to the school, first, to problem-solve
- Don't wait for a small problem to become a large concern; your voice matters
- Stay updated on school activities via the school website and social media

Resolving Issues and Concerns

- **Make an appointment** - Making an appointment ensures concerns can be heard without distractions. Everyone should be informed, in advance, of who will attend the meeting.
- **Be Specific** - Communicate clearly about the concern. Making notes may help clarify your thoughts. Keep focused on what is best for the student. Collaboration is the key to success and both parents and staff are interested in the child's success.
- **Be Respectful** - Stay calm and be polite. Listen to everyone. Try to see the issue from the other person's perspective and be prepared to explore various solutions. Confidentiality is important.
- **Be Patient** - Give the process a chance to address the concern at each step before proceeding to the next step. Keep a record of actions taken.
- **Be Transparent** - Confirm that everyone understands the decision reached and any timeline involved.

Guidelines for Families to Follow When There is an Issue or Concern

- 1 Start with the staff member whose action has given rise to the issue or concern.
- 2 If the issue is not resolved, contact the school's principal or vice principal.
- 3 If the issue is still not resolved, contact the District Education Support Centre at 250-832-2157 and connect with a Family of Schools Lead.
- 4 If after working through the steps above, you have not received a decision or you disagree with the decision, depending on the nature of the issue you may be able to appeal to the Board of Education under Section 11 of the School Act: [Policy 220](#).

Other sources of support and guidance are your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) or the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC). Your school office can provide you with the names of your school's PAC executive. The DPAC executive can be reached at: sd83dpac@gmail.com.

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"Together We Are Wildcat Strong!" 🐾🐾