M.V. BEATTIE BULLETIN

"You can often change your circumstances by changing your attitude." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Upcoming Events

Mar. 3 - Jan-Feb Slideshow

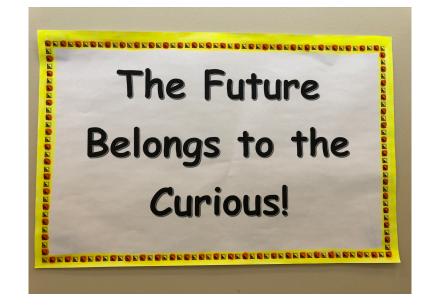
Mar. 8 - PAC Meeting online at 5:00 pm

Mar. 12 - MVB Talent Show goes online

Mar. 15-26 Spring Break

Mar. 29 - School Reopens





Last week our students and families should have received their first look at the "new" report cards that our school district unveiled. As a staff, we continue to gather feedback for the district about what we liked about the new format...as well as what we miss from our previous report card. Later this week, I will be sending home a survey to get your thoughts, because ultimately, report cards are simply a tool to communicate learning - and they need to make sense to our families.

The format of a report card should always take a back seat to the information it provides about our students' learning. When my children were in elementary school, I can recall looking to the top of the first page for the teachers' comments about my sons. In those remarks it was clear that the teachers knew my kids, their strengths as well as the areas that we now refer to as "stretches." There were often words of encouragement as well as comments intended to motivate. As parents, we can all appreciate the need to strike a balance between praise and issuing a challenge for improvement. However, it

Pink Shirt Day



We REALLY appreciated our Life Skills class for their approach to spreading kindness on Pink Shirt Day.

VP Appraisal

Thank you to those people that have taken the time to provide Ms. Quaal with some feedback about her performance in the role of Vice Principal at M.V. Beattie. I have included a link that you can follow to complete it if you haven't had a chance to do so. As mentioned, your comments provide valuable information that will help shape Ms Quaal's plans for professional learning and development. We appreciate your thoughts.

LINK: https://forms.office.com/
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took me too long - as a parent - to recognize that I was spending more time praising the "product" - good grades - than I was on the "process" of learning. Over the years, I have seen many students work really hard, only to have a let-down on the day of a test or presentation. There are so many lessons to be learned from the hard work that led to that day, and without question, those journeys are what will eventually lead to ongoing success. Persistence pays off!

As a teacher, it also took me some time to realize that the definition of a "top" student was simply "someone that learned at the pace of my teaching." Yet, we have many youngsters who need more time to process, may need more support from the school and home, but at their own pace, they are able to achieve a level of mastery. We need to encourage them to keep moving forward on their learning journey!

As parents/guardians, we should do our best to remember to praise **effort** above "being smart." A strong work ethic will lead a person to success. Effort is something that we all have the ability to control. Conversely, there is often the sense that a person's intelligence is inherent and therefore their achievements become routine, and sometimes may even be taken for granted.

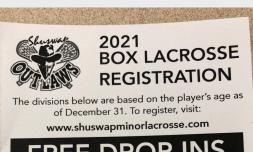
In reading the comments from our teachers to your children, I see their focus on effort, and in many cases the connection to the student's goals. Goals are important and should be revisited with regularity.

I would encourage our families to review the Term 2 feedback, not as an autopsy of learning, but as a conversation starter with your children. When we focus on their learning and the "where to from here" message, we also let them know that they are not defined by a series of numbers, or performance standards, they are learners - like we are learners - on a journey that will last a lifetime.



MARCH NEWSLETTER Monday, March 1, 2021

Community Sports



FREE DROP INS

DIVISION	AGE	BORN
Mini-Tyke Tyke novice	5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12	2015/2016 2013/2014 2011/2012 2009/2010
Peewee Bantam	13-14	2007/2008
Midget	15-16	2005/2006

BOX SEASON IS APRIL - JUNE Early Bird registration fees are open until Friday February 14th, 2021.Registration is open until March 15th.



I am sure that we are all hopeful that the spring will provide us a return to some of the familiar sports and activities that we enjoyed pre-Covid. Give baseball/lacrosse a try - call for more information. We will be having some representatives from both groups sharing their love of lacrosse/baseball with our kids during PE class in the spring.

Skating

While there are many things that can be said about what our students learn from this experience - especially our youngest students, who go from "starfish" to standing...to skating in 4 short lessons - but I will let the photos speak for themselves!











Hawaiian Theme Day

In true MVB "fashion," students and staff alike showed up to school in their best Hawaiian clothing. A special "thanks" to the staff for sharing their Socks and Sandals!







