

M.V. BEATTIE BULLETIN

"Fall Seven Times. Stand Up Eight." - Japanese Proverb

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1 - 4 Book Fair



Dec. 1 - Poinsettia
Orders Arrive

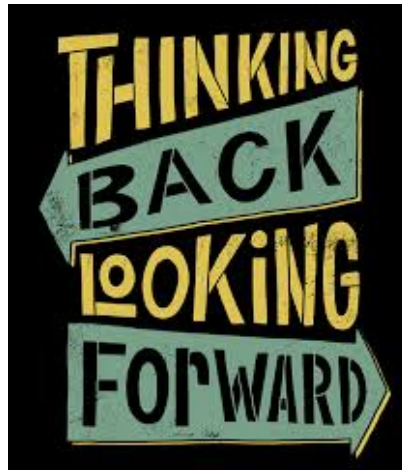
Dec. 1 - Spirit Wear
Orders are Due

Dec. 7 - PAC Meeting
@4:30pm

Dec. 11 - Gr. 6
Immunizations

Dec. 18 - Last Day
Prior to Winter Break

Jan. 5 - School
Reopens



In a few short weeks we will be heading into the holiday season. Undoubtedly, there will be some excitement, though in most cases it will seem tempered compared to seasons past. As Covid cases continue to be on the rise across the province, it seems that with each passing day there are new rules to follow and new restrictions that take us farther away from our expectations of normalcy.

It has been said that we are living in historic times, and while this is true, I am sure we would be grateful to live in the past if it meant that we could once again take for granted some of the routines that were customary prior to covid.

As we usher 2020 out the back door and welcome 2021 - and all of the potential it holds - let's remember that "the difference between where we are and where we want to be...is what we do in between." We are likely to have to make more sacrifices: we will miss out on some events, activities and traditions, but let's make certain that we take the necessary steps to keep our families, friends (and strangers) safe. I have always been proud of our school community and I feel confident that despite the difficulty of these times, we will continue to do the very best we can.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday and the hope of better days ahead.

Merry Christmas!

Wheel Chair Basketball FUN

M.V. Beattie has been fortunate to have access to our school district's set of wheel chairs. Laura



Paiement, district Healthy Schools Coordinator, arrived with her typical high level of excitement



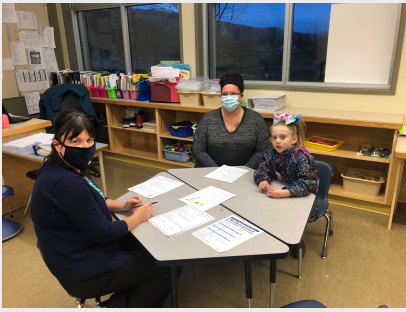
and had our students playing a variety of games in no time. Our students also learned how challenging it is to control these chairs, not to mention the obvious challenge of not having the use of one's legs. A big "Thank You" to Laura for organizing this opportunity for our students. A lesson that incorporates "fun" and "appreciation" for the difficulties others face is well worth the time and effort to organize!

SKATING FUN!

A number of our divisions have been taking advantage of the opportunity to make use of our Enderby Arena. Almost half of our school has attended (within their cohorts) a few sessions before the break and the other divisions will look to do the same in the new year.

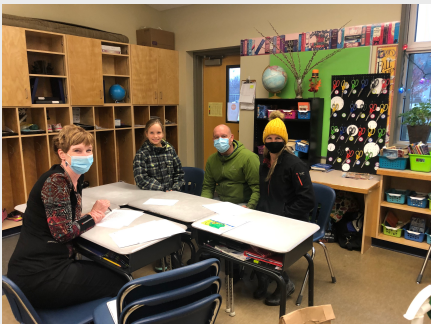


Goal Setting Meetings



On November 18th/19th we hosted our annual Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences. While time is always a bit short, it is usually a good sign of the valuable conversations that we share during these sessions. We had a great turnout over the two days, and while the majority of people opted for a face-to-face meeting, a number of parents/guardians also were able to meet with our staff via phone or through a virtual meeting online.

So, as is always the case with our goals, the time is NOW to establish a monitoring schedule. It doesn't need to be formal, just something to keep the conversation going at school and at home. From time to time, we all require a reminder or simply a question as to how we think we are doing. See if you can create your own method for touching base with your child about the successes and challenges that they are having as they pursue their goals.



TWICE BUT NICE - CHRISTMAS ELF SALE

Leave it to Twice But Nice to find a way to support more families during the pandemic. With Santa's Workshop taking a year's hiatus, it became apparent that there was a void to be filled, and thankfully for our community, Twice But Nice has found a way.

On Dec. 5th from 10:00am - 3:00pm children aged 6 and up (with the assistance of an elf) will be able to choose a gift(s) and have them wrapped.

Only six children will be able to enter the store (through the front door) at one time - and all shoppers will be expected to wear a mask.

Children may have up to four people on their shopping lists to buy gifts for.

Twice But Nice demonstrates the Christmas Spirit everyday, but this is a particularly wonderful opportunity for our families to enjoy.

Food for Families

It was fantastic to have such a huge delivery of food to share with our community. Ms. Quaal was able to successfully put together a grant application to provide food for our families, and then she combined forces with Amy Sampson to order these hampers. In a few days we were able to distribute all of them to MVB and ALF families - along with delivering a number to our local food bank. Enderby provides our students (from K-12) with so much support, so this was a nice opportunity to begin to return the favour.



Royalty Day

In a surprise move, our grade 6 leadership students avoided some of the tried and true themes (pyjama day, twin day, etc.) and came up with the idea of **Royalty Day!**



Initially, I had some misgivings about the concept...but when a variety of barons, counts, dukes and duchesses came to visit the King with their "taxes" (smarties and M&Ms), I realized that we are definitely going to have to do this again! Our students and staff showed off their school spirit, and once again we had great fun all day.



Enderby Christmas Gift Campaign



WHAT: Enderby Christmas Gift Campaign
WHO: For those in need
WHERE: Enderby Evangelical Chapel, 706 Mill Ave. Enderby, BC
WHEN: Tuesday December 8th, 2020, and Tuesday December 15th, 2020

The Red Apple in Enderby will once again host a **TOY DRIVE**. Whereby instore toy purchases for ages 3 to 12 can be made for the Christmas Gift Campaign. **Starts Saturday November 14, 2020 and ends Saturday December 5, 2020.**

Starting November 21, 2020 and ending December 5, 2020, Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group Enderby will have gift tags on their Christmas tree with age, gender and wish list of each child registered. You can **take a tag, buy a gift and return it to the drop box at the store location** during the toy drive.

You may support this event by **grabbing a gift tag and purchasing a gift, OR, buying a gift at the TOY DRIVE**. Thank you to everyone for supporting our "Annual Enderby Christmas Gift Campaign". To donate, volunteer, or register a family for this program, please call 250-253-5597 for more information.

For families that are interested in participating in this Gift Campaign Program, please register by contacting Marg Carter at 250-253-5597 (cell) or email margpcarter@gmail.com. Registration DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 30, 2020...may be extended further. Please call.