



# BEATTIE BIGHORN NEWS

September 16, 2010

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## IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH+ DAY	TIME	EVENT
September 20	No School	Staff collaboration day - <b>No classes held</b>
September 21		Individual school picture day (envelopes sent home on 9/13)
September 21		International Peace Day (see notes from Mrs. Noel)
September 21	3:15 - 4:15	Beattie School Accountability Committee meeting
September 23	9:30 - 11:30	Silverton field trip to AG Day at CSU
September 24		Parent-teacher conference notes sent home with students
Sept.27-Oct.8		Student Count Days (funding from state tied to attendance)
September 28	8:30 - 2:45	Silverton field trip to Denver Zoo
September 29	3:20 - 5:00	School Improvement Team meeting (SIT)
September 30	6:00 - 7:30	Title 1 Parent Orientation Night/Family Dinner at Beattie
October 4	7:00-9:00 p.m.	District Advisory Board (DAB) meeting
October 5	1:00 - 2:45	Mesa Verde field trip to Museum of Contemporary Art
October 7	3:15 - 4:30	Beattie Action Team (BAT) meeting - all parents invited!
October 11-14		Scholastic Book Fair (see notes later in newsletter)
October 12	3:08	First quarter report cards sent with students in 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
October 12	3:20 - 5:00	School Improvement Team meeting (SIT)
October 12+13	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Beattie Night Out at Raising Cane (2104 S. College Ave.)
October 13	3:30-8:00 p.m.	Parent-teacher conferences
October 14	8:00a.m.-8:00p.m.	Parent-teacher conferences - <b>No classes held</b>
October 15	All day	<b>School closed:</b> exchange time for evening conferences
October 20	1:30-2:30	Egg drop with Poudre Fire Authority in cul-de-sac
October 21	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Beattie Skating Party at Rollerland
October 21		Next Beattie parent newsletter sent

### PRINCIPAL THOUGHTS.....**Mr. Sam Aldern**

First of all, I want to thank all of you who were able to participate in our Back-to-School Night presentations. On behalf of our staff, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your involvement. If you were not able to attend that night, or wish to review information that teachers shared, please go to our Beattie website <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/beattie/> and click on the Class Information link. We're also including our updated Beattie Parent Handbook with the email delivering this newsletter and that handbook is also on our website. Thanks for also being familiar with that.

Keeping all the children safe is our first priority at Beattie. To date, we have successfully practiced a tornado drill, a "Code 99 lockdown drill", an evacuation drill, and a fire drill. During the week of October 4-8 we will also have an unannounced fire drill initiated by Poudre Fire Authority.

I was very excited that we had a number of parents join us at the September 2 Beattie Action Team meeting! We will be meeting again on October 7 at 3:15 in our media center. Your child is welcome to use the computer lab so that you could sit in on the meeting and see what BAT is like.

I am very happy to share the great news that Castle Rock teacher Mrs. Jill Cripe has been honored by her peers as Beattie's Rotary Teacher of the Month. We are able to honor someone once every two years, so we congratulate Mrs. Cripe. She will be honored at a luncheon on October 5.

We appreciate your help in doing all that you can to have your students in attendance during the State's "October Student Count" days of September 24- October 8. Thanks, also, for making it a priority to participate in our upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

You likely are aware of the topic of underutilized schools in PSD. By district definition, Beattie is labeled as an underutilized school. Please familiarize yourself with the processes related to this by using this link: [Underutilized Schools Process web page](#) . We will be sending additional communications to Beattie parents as our next steps become clearer following meetings this week.

## Welcome to the Art Room, a Place Where Ideas Happen!

*"Hope is the strongest driving force for a people. Hope which brings about change, which produces new realities, is what opens man's road to freedom."*

*Oscar Arias Sanchez (Nobel Peace Prize winner 1987)*



### Original Works Fundraiser

We introduced this program two years ago and have had great success with it. The Original Works program is a fundraiser that reproduces children's art work to create fun products to cherish as keepsakes or to give as gifts. All the profits raised by the OW program will be used to pay for the Evening for Art Events and a portion will be donated to an organization in honor of International Peace Day in our community. The Original Works fundraiser has many benefits; it celebrates children's art, helps build self esteem, raises funds for our art events and it empowers students to realize that they can make a positive impact in their school and community.

**Look for your child's art and an information packet to come home in October!**

### Evening for Art Events

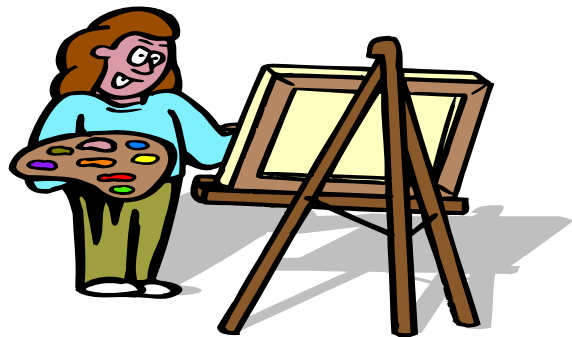
This series of art events celebrates the creative work of our Evergreen, Silverton, and Longs Peak students. Every year has been a great success! These events are made possible by the many volunteers who gave their time and talents to create a festive art happening. Please consider volunteering some of your time. We are looking for people to work on display set up, help with food preparation, set up and clean up on the night of the event.

### Event Dates:

Longs Peak- Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Silverton- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

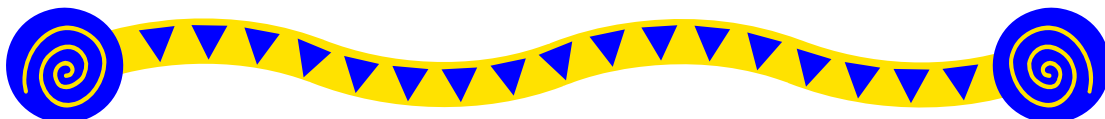
Evergreen-March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011



*If you would like to help our art room, we would like donations of shoe box lids and cardboard tubes. You can send them with your child or drop them by the Beattie office.*

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact me via email [knoel@psdschools.org](mailto:knoel@psdschools.org) or call me at school 488-4237.

*As always, thank you for the opportunity to teach your children! Kimberly Noel*





## MUSICAL NEWS from Mrs. McCollum

### Beattie's Music Events

- Mesa Verde Music Program November 18 at 1:45 and 6:00 in the gym
- Mesa Verde and Longs Peak Field Trip to the Fort Collins Symphony January 7 at Timberline Church. (Time TBD)
- Auditions for Sunshine Singers week of December 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup>
- Honor Choir Concert February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Timberline Church
- Castle Rock Music Program February 17 at 1:45 and 6:00 in the gym
- Sunshine Singers Music Performance April 21 at 10:00 and 6:00 in the gym
- Kindergarten Musical Informances in the flex room
  - Kimball: May 6 at 11:10
  - Wagner: May 11 at 11:20
  - Easterling: May 12 at 11:20
- Beattie Talent Showcase May 20 at 1:30 in the gym



### Sunshine Singers

Auditions for the Beattie Sunshine Singers will occur in December.

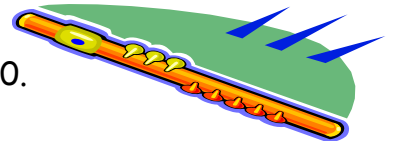
All Longs Peak and Mesa Verde students are welcome to audition.

This extra-curricular choir will meet Thursdays after school beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (No rehearsal Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.)

### Recorders

All students in Mesa Verde and Longs Peak need recorders.

Recorders are available for purchase from Mrs. McCollum for \$5.00.



### Private Lessons

If you are looking for private music lessons for your children, information is available on the community shelves at the front of the school.

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact me, Susie McCollum, via e-mail or phone. I am in the building Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

[smccollu@psdschools.org](mailto:smccollu@psdschools.org) or 488-4241

*~"If you cannot teach me to fly, teach me to sing."*

*James Matthew Barrie, creator of Peter Pan*





## PE and WELLNESS NEWS



*WE ARE STRONG BUT FRAGILE, BE SAFE, BE KIND*

We are off to a blazing start in the gym. The weather has been great and we have been spending our time outside doing outdoor activities. So far we have played Frisbee golf, tennis and soccer. Up next is flag football and then fitness testing.



Thank you to parents and students who remember to wear **PE shoes** when PE is the special of the day. When every student in a class wears the proper shoes, I give the whole class a prize. Mrs. Codd's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class all wore tennis shoes on the second day of school!! Mrs. Wilcox's class received their prizes on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> when the entire class wore their tennis shoes to the gym. Since we are doing "Lunch Laps" on Wednesdays and the "Get-Up-and-Go" running club on Mondays after school, you might as well tuck the PE shoes in their bags from Monday to Wednesday.



Speaking of Wellness events... Your children will have over **100 opportunities** to participate in the wellness events offered here at Beattie. Every time they sign in at an event, they get their name added to the bike raffle! We have two bikes to give away again this year.

**Who will be the lucky winners?**



The wellness committee welcomes some new members this year. Special thanks to Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. McCollum who have joined the team. We offer weekly events like the "Get-Up-and-Go" running club on Mondays after school, "Walk and Wheel Wednesdays" and "Lunch Laps." Monthly events take place during PE classes. These include good times like the Halloween Hustle, The Turkey Trot run, Frosty Five and Friends and Family Frolic.



Finally, we offer occasional events like **roller skating parties**. The first party will be on Thursday, October 21 at Roller land from 6:30 to 8:30.

Parents, you can really be a big help to us through your participation in the Beattie Wellness events. Please come to the Roller skating party and demonstrate to your children that activities can be good for you and fun too! I'll be there strapping on my skates and I would love to see you there as well.

Speaking of parent participation... this past Monday we had our first after school run. Eighteen parents came out to watch, run or walk with their child or children. Terrific!! 54 children braved the heat and spent a bit of time with their friends and parents running the Beattie field. A good time was had by all. You can still join the "Get-Up-and-Go" running club. Just have your child come to the gym and pick up a permission form. Everyone is welcome on Mondays from 3:10 to 3:50.

*Thanks for all you do, Coach Mueller*



## Counseling Corner



It's been a fun start to the school year! I have been able to get into all classrooms to introduce myself and start learning new names! There are some classes I visit every week and there are others where I present shorter units on different topics. During the next few weeks I will write a description of what I have done in each grade level and send it home with your child so you know specifically what we have covered.

I have already had the opportunity to speak with many parents. Thank you for calling or sending an e-mail. It makes such a difference when we work together to help your child! Many of you have expressed concerns about your child because of a recent divorce. Therefore, that will be the first small group I will start. We will meet for 30 minutes a week for 6 weeks. If you would like your child in that group, please call, send a note or e-mail me. I will send permission notes home before I begin the group so you will know when we've started. I hope to have that group going by the end of September.



Thank you for sending your child to Beattie and for being involved and supporting his/her education!

*Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you or your child!*

*Mrs. Pat Fleming, School Counselor 488-4271, [pwelte@psdschools.org](mailto:pwelte@psdschools.org)*

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## **Beattie Gifted & Talented Program Up and Rolling**

Our GT program consists of multiple layers and opportunities including classroom differentiation, mentorships, and pull out classes during I/E time. Some classes will begin September 21 and 23. If your child is participating he/she will receive a note with class information.

Please visit the Beattie website News & Events or the GT page under Class Information (<http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/beattie/lighthouse.aspx>) for more information.

Thanks for your support!

Kathie Hagen, [hagenk@psdschools.org](mailto:hagenk@psdschools.org)  
Beattie GT Coordinator - 488-4242

# Here's to Our Heros - Reading Saves the Day

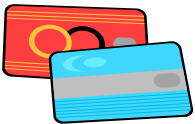


Beattie Scholastic Book Fair is on its way! Stock up with holiday gifts!

Mark your calendars for the week of **October 11th**. The book fair will be open after school **Tuesday, October 12 and Wednesday, October 13**. We will also be open during conference times, **Wednesday evening 5 - 8 pm and all day Thursday 8am - 8pm**. The book fair will be taken down Friday, so there won't be sales times.

***Thanks for supporting reading and our library!***

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## **GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE GROCERY CERTIFICATES!**

Hi, I'm Janell Osborn from the Beattie Action Team (BAT). Starting Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be taking over as Lead Coordinator of the grocery card program. If you are not aware of this program, it is a superior fundraiser for Beattie where you purchase and use these grocery certificates when you shop for your family. It is dollar for dollar at the grocery store so you pay nothing extra! The store then gives a percentage of the sales from these cards back to Beattie! We have King Soopers, Safeway, and Vitamin Cottage cards available. **It couldn't be easier!**

I often find that I need to go to the store when it is an evening or a weekend and I am unable to go to the school to purchase a card. That is why we will be making these cards available on evenings and weekends as well as on school breaks.

You may call 970-420-4363 or email me at [Janell@whitespacegraphics.com](mailto:Janell@whitespacegraphics.com) until 7:00 PM in the evenings and on the weekends to purchase your \$50 or \$100 Safeway card, \$100 King Soopers cards, or \$50 Vitamin Cottage. You must be able to pick up the cards at my home near Rocky Mountain High School. I will not be doing deliveries. Sorry! On a side note, the King Soopers card is re-loadable so you only have to purchase one card at \$100 once! Use it and then get it reloaded at the store for whatever amount you choose.

As always, the cards will be available for purchase in the school office! We want to encourage ALL Beattie parents to use this program. What a simple way to raise money for our kids by doing what we do anyway... buy groceries.

**Stay tuned for more news about the grocery certificates in future Beattie newsletters.**

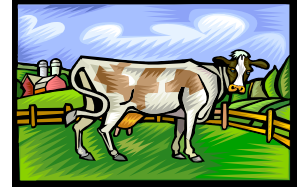
**Thank you, Janell Osborn  
BAT Member**



## Box Tops & Morning Fresh Bottle Caps



### Quick and Easy Fundraisers!



1. **CAPS 4 CASH** – *Morning Fresh Dairy Farm* will donate 5 cents for every cap we collect. Please save the caps from your milk and juice bottles and bring them to school. There is a collection bucket by the office.

*Keep drinking milk and thank you!*

2. **BOX TOPS for Education** – Clip box top coupons from the many products available at the grocery store and drop them in our collection box by the office. *The proceeds from last year's box tops were used to purchase assignment notebooks for every student in grades 2 through 5!* **WE THANK YOU!**

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## OCTOBER 2010 SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

### For more information, contact:

Jody Margheim, communications specialist, (970) 490-3543, [jody@psdschools.org](mailto:jody@psdschools.org)

1. Give PSD your email—  
Stay informed!

You will receive updates on:

- Emergency/School Closure Information
- District Changes Impacting Your Child
- District News and Accomplishments
- Board of Education Action
- Monthly E-newsletter

Sign-up now at [ww.psdschools.org](http://ww.psdschools.org) >  
E-mail Alert Sign-up

2. **No school**

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, October 14, Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, October 15, Parent/Teacher Conference Day

3. **Follow PSD on Facebook and Twitter!**

Sign up to follow PSD on Facebook and Twitter. Links are now located at the top of the new PSD home page at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org). Check it out!

4. **Parents – Attend “PSD 101” workshop October 4!**

PSD’s parent District Advisory Board (DAB) invites parents, community members and staff to a “PSD 101” workshop to learn how the district operates and how to make an impact in the decision-making process.

PSD experts will conduct presentations and answer questions during a free workshop titled “**PSD 101: Educating Parents and the Community to Help Educate our Kids.**” The workshop will be held **from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, October 4, at Leshar International Baccalaureate Middle School, 1400 Stover. No pre-registration is required. Spanish interpreters will be available.** For more information, contact Cathy Kipp at [kipp\\_family@comcast.net](mailto:kipp_family@comcast.net). Visit: <http://www.psdschools.org/event/2010/10/psd-101-workshop-lesher> for more information.

5. **PSD excited to offer computer access at Walmart**

You can now access PSD information at a computer in the Walmart SuperCenter, 1250 E. Magnolia, Fort Collins. The PSD computer, which is available during regular Walmart business hours, gives you access to the PSD website that includes the latest district news and events, as well as information about school registration, bussing, calendars and district policies. You also have access to specific information about your child through the Parent Portal on the PSD website.

Please know that this computer does not have access to outside email or Internet sites beyond the PSD website. PSD thanks the Walmart SuperCenter for partnering with the district on this project.

## **6. Online School Choice application available for 2011-12**

The online School Choice application is now available at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) under "School Registration," which may be accessed from a home computer or any computer with Internet access; a public use computer is available at the PSD Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., or any of the district's schools. The first consideration deadlines for 2011-12 are:

- **January 28, 2011, for secondary (grades 6-12)**
- **February 11, 2011, for elementary (grades K-5)**

School Choice applications may be submitted after the first-consideration deadline until the first day of class at the beginning of the school year of requested enrollment. For more information, view the School Choice policy and timelines on the PSD Web site.

## **7. PSD Shares policy regarding treatment of students, parents**

PSD would like to inform parents about a policy that assures the proper treatment of students, parents/guardians and the general public. A summary follows, and the entire policy can be accessed at:

[www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/boardofeducation/policygovernancepolicies](http://www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/boardofeducation/policygovernancepolicies). To request that a copy be sent to you, please contact your child's school.

Board of Education Executive Limitation policy 2.1 stresses the importance for PSD to: obtain public input in decision-making; collecting appropriate information; safely store student information; assure discipline is appropriate and consistent; provide safe and accessible school facilities; provide equitable and reasonable access for non-disruptive activities; provide families with educational choices; clearly communicate student expectations; adhere to consistent and timely grading practices; be responsive to inquiries; never retaliate against students or parents; use written rules that state school expectations, standards and procedures; follow internal grievance procedures and access the Board of Education if the policy is violated; and provide families with many ways to voice their concerns about the education of students.

## **8. Volunteers wanted!**

If you have a few hours to share your skills and expertise, you could make a huge difference in the lives of our students. Please contact Cyndi Gile at the Partnership and Volunteer Center at [cynthiag@psdschools.org](mailto:cynthiag@psdschools.org), or 490-3208. We have many opportunities available!

## **9. Businesses and community partners wanted in the classrooms!**

Wouldn't it be fun to go back to school? We have just the opportunity for you! Volunteers and Partnerships Program is looking for businesses to come into the classrooms and enlighten students with how you decided on your career, what your career and day-to-day tasks entail, and what education is needed. If you'd like to be a part of this great opportunity to share with students, please contact Kris Cord at [kcord@psdschools.org](mailto:kcord@psdschools.org) or 490-3207 or Cyndi Gile at [cynthiag@psdschools.org](mailto:cynthiag@psdschools.org) or 490-3208.

## **10. Flu season is here, help control the spread of germs**

Flu season is here and it is time to start practice prevention strategies. You can help us in the following ways:

- Encourage your children to **practice healthy eating, sleeping and exercising habits**.
- **Teach children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Teach children to cover coughs/sneezes and not share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues.
- **Clean surfaces and objects that your child touches frequently**
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Children who are sick while at school *will be sent home*.
- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs.
- **Get your family vaccinated** for seasonal flu.

Please make sure you are on the PSD Parent E-mail Alert list ([www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org)), so we can provide you with new information as it becomes available. Additional flu information and resources can be found at [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), or call 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636).