



Beattie Bighorn News

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Beattie Elementary School Newsletter

September 2011

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IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH/DAY	TIME	EVENT
September 15	3:08 – 4:00	First Sunshine Singers rehearsal for 4/5 th choir students
September 15	3:15 – 4:30	G/T Steering Committee meeting in Beacon room
September 19	NO SCHOOL	PSD Collaboration day for elementary and middle schools
September 20	Morning	Individual Student Photos taken
September 22	All day	BAT-sponsored Beattie Night Out at Red Robin restaurant
September 23	2:00 – 3:00	First session of ExCEL classes for all students
September 23	3:08	Parent-teacher conference notes sent with students
September 23	5:30	Beattie student/staff parade at RMHS Homecoming
September 26	3:08 – 3:50	Get Up and Go running club starts
September 27	3:15 – 4:15	School Accountability Committee meeting
September 27	6:00 – 7:30	Title I Parent Orientation & Family Dinner
September 28	2:15 – 3:00	Evergreen apple tree planting in outdoor classroom
September 28	3:20 – 5:00	School Improvement Team meeting
September 29	9:00 – 12:00	Silverton field trip to CSU “Agriculture Day”
October 6	3:15 – 4:30	Beattie Action Team meeting (All parents are welcome!)
October 12	3:20 – 5:00	School Improvement Team meeting
October 18-20	See note	Book Fair open at school
October 19	8:30 -11:00	Superintendent Instructional Visit at Beattie
October 19	3:08	Progress report cards sent home for 1 st – 5 th grade students
October 19	3:30 – 8:00	Parent-teacher conferences for some families
October 19	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Skating Party at Rollerland
October 20	8:00am-8:00pm	Parent-teacher conferences for some families
October 20	NO SCHOOL	Parent-teacher conferences
October 21	NO SCHOOL	Variance time in exchange for night conferences

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Principal Thoughts.....Mr. Sam Aldern

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend our Back-to-School Night. There was an impressive turn-out and we are very appreciative of the high degree of parental involvement. If you were not able to attend, please go to our website in order to view the different grade level presentations: <http://www.psdschools.org/schools/beattie/>. Also, if your child was at Beattie in 3rd or 4th grade last year you can pick up her/his CSAP scores in the main office. As mentioned that night, our Parent Handbook is also posted on the website, and we would like every parent to become familiar with that document as it is a helpful resource that contains important information for you.

One of the many other helpful documents on the website is the Beattie Action Team meeting minutes. Check out what BAT is up to, and maybe you'll want to join us for the October 6 meeting! One of the items discussed at the last meeting involves a fun way for Beattie students to get involved with the Rocky Mountain High School feeder system. Look for the letter that appears later in this newsletter about this opportunity. I'll be in the parade, and I hope Beattie has great representation!

You'll note from the calendar above that there is no school for students this coming Monday, September 19. This day is the first of four PSD staff collaboration days. Beattie staff members will be here working very hard on our Unified School Improvement plan, particularly with respect to successes from 2010-11 and areas for improvement for this coming year. We will analyze the data and will formulate strategies in order to help all the students experience success in school.

So far we have had four school-wide emergency preparedness drills. For reinforcement, please check with your child what we did in the Code 99, tornado, evacuation, and fire drills.

Thanks again to everyone who has already registered to volunteer online at www.psdschools.org. ALL volunteers must be registered in order to assist at any PSD school.



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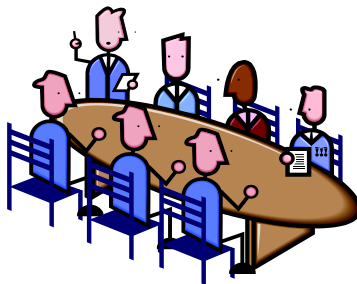
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School Accountability Committee

Starting in 2010-11, the Colorado Department of Education changed the requirements for how schools will handle the accountability for the academic progress of students. As stated by CDE, the purpose of a school's "SAC" is as follows:



Purpose: SAC advises and recommends to the principal in the following areas:

- Recommend to the principal of its school priorities for spending school moneys—state, federal, local, grants, and discretionary money.
- Sends copy of recommendations to the District Accountability Committee (DAC).
- To advise regarding school improvement plan or performance plan (principal and school board).
- Quarterly discussions regarding school's progress in implementing accreditation plan.
- Prepare Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) depending on rating.
- Advise and recommend.

The members of Beattie's SAC are:

- Co-chair and BAT rep: Deb Tucker
- Community member: Patrick McCarthy
- Parent: Michelle Coon
- Parent: Xioma Diaz
- Parent: Jon Runge
- Teacher: Tom Healy
- Principal and co-chair: Sam Aldern

This group will meet six times throughout the year, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 from 3:15 – 4:15. Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

Our thanks go to the volunteer members of this important committee!

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Musical Notes from Mrs. McCollum & Mr. Van Scoyk

What: Beattie Sunshine Choir Begins!
 Who: Fourth and fifth grade students
 When: Thursday afternoons, 3:08 p.m. – 4:00 p.m
 Rehearsals begin September 15, 2011
 Where: The music room (A snack will be provided, but will need to be eaten by 3:15) Childcare for younger siblings is unavailable.



Performances: **Thursday, December 8 at 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.**
 Materials fee: \$10.00 (This will purchase a T-Shirt and help with the purchase of choral music.)

Please make checks payable to Beattie Elementary. Thank you!

Students will sing a variety of songs including seasonal songs, carols, and songs in different languages. For all concerts, students will wear their Beattie Tee Shirt tucked in with black ankle-length pants, black socks, and dark shoes.

Please note: if your 5th grade son or daughter wishes to audition for the Poudre School District Elementary Honor Choir in February, they must participate in this choir. Specific audition information for Elementary Honor Choir will be announced in a separate letter later this fall.

Please fill out the permission slip below and return to Mrs. McCollum.

Beattie Sunshine Singers will meet Thursday afternoons, 3:08 – 4:00 p.m., in the music room. Membership requirements include a commitment to rehearsals and performances. Additionally, students agree to display positive character qualities at all times.

I commit to choir rehearsals and I will be at all performances unless I have spoken with Mrs. McCollum.

Student name _____

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Parent e-mail address _____

We are at Beattie Wednesday through Friday, but are very easy to contact by e-mail.

Susie McCollum smccollu@psdschools.org 488-4238

Ryan Van Scoyk vanscoyk@rams.colostate.edu 488-4238

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

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 Oct.!

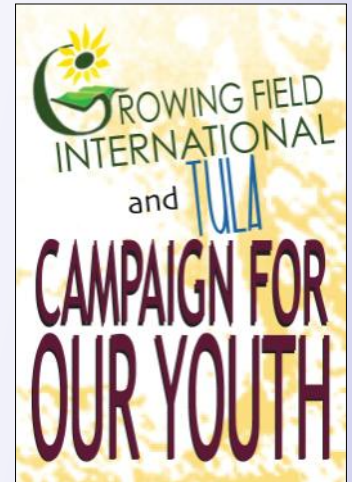
Kindness Club: Artists Making a Difference

Do you think your child might be interested in using their creative talents to make a difference in our community and to help others? If so, then please encourage them to join Beattie’s Kindness Club! Let’s create art that makes a difference. Open to all 3rd through 5th grade students!

Projects include; Peace Day posters, canned food drive, holiday gift cards for seniors, secret valentines...Do you have an idea for a special project? Those who join can share their ideas.

We will meet at least once a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays during lunch recess in the art room.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 20th!



Mesa Verde Music Program

Come join the wagon train! Beattie’s Mesa Verde music program will host a stable of characters for a western melodrama. Come boo for the villain, cheer for the hero, and sigh for the heroine. A host of additional characters will add spice to this adventure. There’s a saddle for all fourth graders. Ride west into the sunset!

**Performances: November 10 at
1:30 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.**



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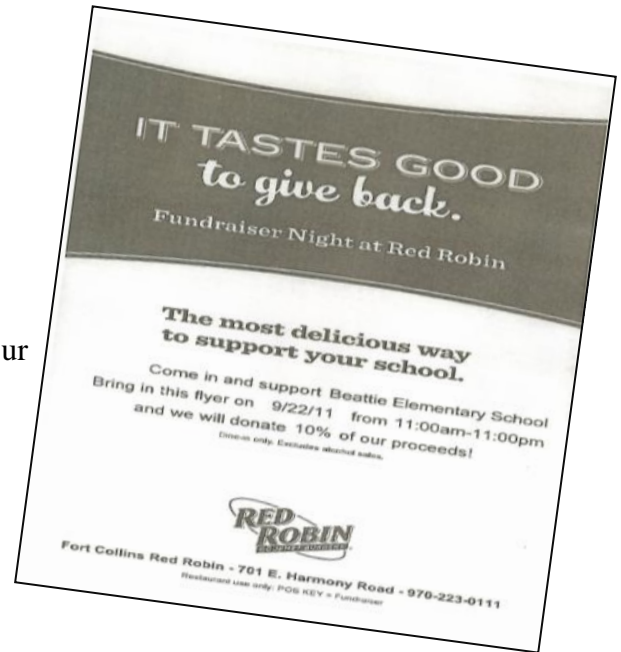
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Beattie Night Out

BAT will be sponsoring monthly **Beattie Night Out** events this year, beginning on September 22 at



Please join us and give back to our school while enjoying a treat! The **Beattie Night Out** for October will be at Paninos on October 27th.



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, and set up and clean up on the night of the event.

Event Dates:

- Longs Peak- Jan 26th, 2012
- Silverton- Feb. 23th, 2012
- Evergreen-March 29th, 2012

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

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



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Counseling Corner



We've had such a great start to the school year! These first weeks of school I have been meeting with every student in a small group setting to introduce myself, and to begin to get to know your children. We are having a lot of fun getting to know each other!

I have already had the opportunity to collaborate with the Mesa Verde (4th grade) teachers and we worked with students on a simple problem-solving

strategy that can easily be used at home, as well as at school. Here is what we taught: **"Stop, Walk, Talk"**. If someone is doing something you don't like:

Respectfully tell the other person to **"Stop"** while using a "stop" hand signal.

In most cases the other student(s) will follow our RAMS expectations (Respect Always Means Success) and will stop the behavior.

But sometimes, even when students tell others to "Stop", problem behavior may continue. If this happens, students are to **"walk away"** from the problem behavior.

Every once in a while, even when students use "stop" and "walk away" from the problem behavior, some students may continue to behave inappropriately toward them. If that happens, student should **"talk"** to an adult to get help.

We also talked about what students need to do if someone asks them to "Stop":

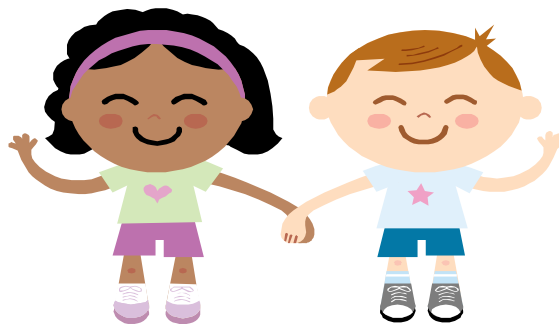
- Stop what you are doing
- Take a deep breath and count to 3
- Go on with your day

Hopefully this is a strategy that you can use at home!

I am looking forward to getting to know all of our Beattie students and families throughout the school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or your child(ren)!

Kind regards, Beth Shefcyk

Beattie School Counselor
970.488.4271 or
bshefcyk@psdschools.org





1st Annual Rocky Mountain High School Homecoming Parade

On Friday, September 23, at 5:30 PM, before Rocky Mountain High School plays their Homecoming Football game, students in neighboring elementary and middle schools are invited to join a parade! Students are encouraged to dress in school colors or in a masquerade outfit, which is the theme for the parade.

Mr. Aldern will be leading the Beattie contingent behind a Beattie banner! Please join us for this spectacular community event on French Field at Rocky Mountain High School. Parents are welcome to cheer the students on from the stands as we parade around the field.

Take this opportunity to show some true Beattie Spirit and Community pride!

PE and Wellness News with Coach Mueller

We are off to a great start in our PE classes. The weather has been fabulous and we have been spending our time doing outdoor activities that the children can play during recess. We have played tetherball, jump rope games, basketball games, down-down-down four square, funnel ball, hopscotch and soccer. Up next is flag football and then fitness testing. Thank you to parents and students who remember to pack proper PE shoes. When every student in a class wears their PE shoes, the entire class receives a prize! Mrs. Larkin's 4th grade class won on the second day of school!!!

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 giveaway drawing! We have two bikes to give away again this year. *Who will be the lucky winners?*

Our Beattie Garden

The wellness committee has expanded to include a Beattie garden team. Our team applied for a grant from the CDE last spring and received money to improve our Nature Center. Every student will be involved in this project. We have tied in curriculum content to the garden and are very excited to be able to offer this outdoor experience to your children. We have many people to thank for this group effort. Josh Stolz from the Harmony Tree Farm has spent many hours consulting with me and plotting the gardens. He has also donated our first apple tree and will be at Beattie on **September 28th** to help the Evergreen unit plant the tree.

We also want to thank Loren from ACE hardware in Windsor who has provided us with gardening gloves at a very good price. New picnic tables are from Ace Hardware as well, which have been paid for by our Beattie Action Team. **Thank you all!**

"Get-Up-and-Go" running club will be held on Mondays after school. Every student can still participate in "Walk and Wheel Wednesdays" and "Lunch Laps." The lunch laps format will change slightly this year. The primary grades will walk laps with their teachers and members of the wellness team, but the intermediate grades will play an organized game. The game will usually coincide with games being played in PE classes so this gives students more opportunity to practice their skills and have fun.

Finally, we offer occasional events like roller skating parties. The first party will be on **Wednesday, October 19th at Rollerland from 6:00 to 8:00**. Part of the proceeds come back to Beattie to help with PE supplies.

"Get up and Go" club will begin on **September 26, from 3:10 to 3:50**. Last year we had so many parents participate that it was really fun for everyone. All students are welcome to join. Just have your child come to the gym and pick up a permission form. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders can stay after school on their own (with a signed permission slip.) Please let me know if you will be picking up your child or if they are to walk home on their own. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders must have an adult stay with them for the club.

Take care and keep moving, Coach Mueller



At BAT with the Beattie Action Team



For those of you who are new to our school, the Beattie Action Team (BAT) is Beattie's parent/teacher organiza-

tion. Our main goal is to help make your child's educational experience at Beattie the best it can be, and we do that best by raising funds. If you are looking for a way to volunteer and really make a difference, please consider joining this group of dedicated parents and staff! Any parent or guardian of a student at Beattie is invited to attend our meetings. The meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 3:15 in Beattie's Media Center.

B.A.T. would like to thank our Beattie students, parents and community members for their hard work during our fundraising efforts!

Our fundraising totals for the 2010-2011 school year were:

- Grocery Certificates \$1,376.85
- Turkey Trot \$2,888.63
- Spring Fling \$3,135.15
- Holiday Shop \$ 769.36

Please keep up the great fundraising efforts with your purchase of grocery certificates! We have King Soopers certificates for groceries and gas and you can now reload them in the check-out line. Also available are Safeway and Vitamin Cottage cards for purchase at face value in \$50 increments. If you shop at Albertson's please pick up a key ring card that you swipe when you purchase your groceries. A portion of the money comes back to BAT and directly benefits Beattie students. Please feel free to contact Trish O'Brien at (970) 232-9936 or e-mail her at tjmo-brien@yahoo.com if you have any questions regarding any of these programs.

B.A.T has allocated \$400.00 towards the purchase and installation of two new picnic tables for the Beattie garden area. It has also been decided that, this year, ALL money raised during our **Beattie Night Out** fundraisers will go toward the purchase and installation of three more picnic tables, for a total of five, in our outdoor garden.

BAT also funded the purchase of the carpet that is gracing the floor of our Music room (previously the Flex room). This helps greatly in the comfort of our students!

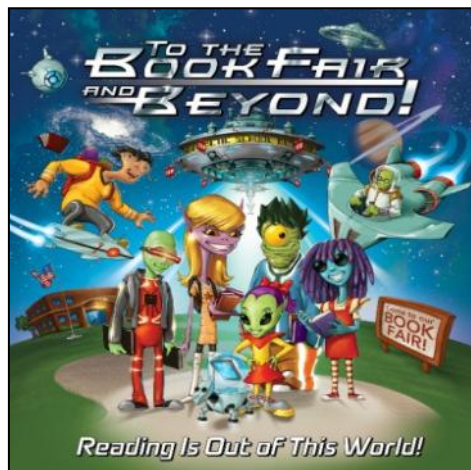
Scholastic Book Fair! Reading is Out of This World!

October 18, 19 & 20.

Students will preview books Monday and bring home the flyer. Fair will be open for sales Tuesday 3 – 4, Wednesday 3 – 8 and all day Thursday 8 – 8.

The Media Center has a fall and spring book fair to raise funds for the library.

This supports Battle of the Books and helps us purchase CCBA and other books for the library.

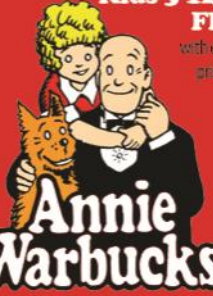


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Holiday Shop

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We are hoping to have many of our items donated.

Items must be new, unopened products for kids to give to mom, dad, or family members. Any handmade craft, sewing, or knitting projects are also very much appreciated. The items cannot be food or previously used. If you or someone you know has an item to donate please call me.

Thank you very much! Deb Tucker - 226-4649



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