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Principal's Message

Welcome to our second week of the school year. We welcome Ms. Tasha King who is returning to teach Class C. Class C's previous teacher, Mrs. Champion, is no longer with us, and we wish her well in her future endeavours. As returning parents know, our wonderful Mrs. Fina deKleer retired in June; I am very grateful to her for postponing her retirement for a year to help with my first year at Choice. We warmly welcome Ms. Shaheen Allibhai and are delighted that Ms. Amanda Alblas has returned to us. Amanda and Shaheen make a highly efficient team who will be sharing the office administrative role. Last month we said goodbye to Mrs. Donna Meyering, who has been Choice's esteemed bookkeeper for several years. We thank her for her dedication and hard work for the school, and will miss her! We are fortunate to welcome Mrs. Diane Bodnar to the role; Diane already seems part of the staff.

It was good to see so many new and returning parents at our opening day assembly and getting to know each other at the PAC reception that followed. Once again our thanks go to PAC for all they do.

Last week concluded with a well-attended PAC meeting at which several new parents were welcomed. The staff and I are looking forward to the volunteer program that the PAC has created. There is a myriad of ways that parents already contribute to school events and academic programs, and some of the further volunteer opportunities PAC and staff are suggesting will allow an even closer partnership from which students will benefit.

Our fall curriculum night is scheduled for this coming Thursday, September 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The order of the evening has changed from previous years: Parents are asked to meet at 5:00 in their child's classroom to hear a presentation from his or her classroom teacher. This will be an opportunity to learn about classroom routines and expectations, and general curricular plans for the year. If parents wish to have specific discussions about their child, it is best, in light of the evening's schedule, to plan another time when the teacher can give particular concerns or questions his or her full attention. The classroom meetings will be followed by an assembly in the gym from 5:45 – 6:15, with a reception and refreshments to follow. Childcare will be provided in the library free of charge, but we ask that parents please register their child or children in advance.

This week we are beginning our fall benchmark assessments in Classes B, C and D, in writing, spelling, reading and numeracy. These assessments will guide our Individual Educational or Learning Plans for each student. Class A will soon receive an Early Numeracy assessment, and as the term progresses, will have a literacy assessment as well.

The annual Terry Fox run will be introduced at a student assembly on Wednesday afternoon, led by Mr. Sargeant and Mr. Thomas. Stay tuned as students prepare for the run on Friday, September 25.

Again, welcome to the Fall term at Choice, the beginning of another terrific year.

With best wishes,

Ms Lynn Chartres, Principal

September Birthdays

Ryker (Class A) - September 28

Have a wonderful birthday, Ryker!



A Note about School Photo Day—

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Hello everyone! Individual School Photos are coming up, and we all want to look our absolute best! Please make sure to wear a white shirt with your blue Choice School sweater, and khaki pants. If you don't have your uniform by this date, please wear a blue golf shirt and khaki pants.

Upcoming dates to remember

September

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| 17 | <i>Curriculum Night (5-7 pm)</i> |
| 24 | <i>Family BBQ (4-6 pm)</i> |
| 25 | <i>Terry Fox Run</i> |

October

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| 8 | <i>Non-Instruction Day (IEPs)</i> |
| 9 | <i>Non-Instruction Day</i> |
| 12 | <i>Thanksgiving Day (Long Weekend)</i> |
| 15 | <i>Gifted Learning Lecture—Dr. Joan Pinkus (7-8:30 pm)</i> |
| 20 | <i>Individual Photo Day (beginning at 9 am)</i> |
| 23 | <i>Pro-D Day (Provincial)</i> |
| 30 | <i>Halloween Parade (10:45 am-12:15pm)</i> |

***Reminder to**

Parents

Please bring in your child's earthquake kit as soon as possible!