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## NEWSLETTER No. 15-02

Friday, September, 18, 2015

### Principal's Message

We were pleased that yesterday's Curriculum evening was very well attended. It speaks to the commitment of parents to their children's learning and the school. Many thanks to the teachers for their preparation, the PAC volunteers, and to all who attended. If you were not able to be here, please don't hesitate to contact your son or daughter's teacher to receive whatever handouts were distributed.

This morning the students participated in their first monthly Fitness Test. Its purpose is to help the students to set personal fitness goals, track their progress through the year, and eventually to see how much they have grown. Fitness training is part of the BC Curriculum: Students are required to "participate daily (five times a week) in moderate to vigorous physical activities", and to "be able to describe the physical and emotional health benefits of regular physical activity." (*Integrated resource Package, BC Ministry of Education, 2006*) Many thanks to Mr. Sargeant for initiating, organizing and leading this important aspect of our PE program.

This Wednesday morning, our music teacher Mr. McLaren launched the inaugural practice of the Choice Ensemble, a group of student musicians selected for their advanced musical training. The Choice Ensemble will meet weekly, perform at school events, and represent Choice at community performances and festivals. The Ensemble will practice during our new Shared Learning block, during which classes will meet to collaborate on team activities such as problem-solving and buddy reading.

Next Tuesday we welcome Mrs. Debbie Langtry who is joining our school as a Teacher-on-Call. Mrs. Langtry will be teaching classes in rotation while each classroom teacher meets with me to review student files, assessments and to begin the process of individual program planning.

On Wednesday of next week we will have a student assembly to introduce the term's Choice Major classes. Following the assembly, a selection sheet will be sent home for students to discuss with their parents. These selections must be returned to the school office by the morning of Monday, Sept. 28, as the term one Choice Major program begins on the following day.

Attached to this newsletter please find notices of two important events scheduled for next week:

On Wednesday, September 23 from 3:00 – 5:00 our new uniform provider, Cambridge, will be here for the promised fall uniform fittings. There will be another fitting scheduled for June. Parents are also able to visit the Cambridge office in North Vancouver at any time throughout the year.

We are looking forward to next Thursday's Family Barbeque, to be held between 4:00 and 6:00. I hope that everyone will be able to join us!

Best wishes for a great weekend.

Lynn Chartres



### Terry Fox Assembly

We are beginning our preparations for the **35th Annual Terry Fox Run**, to be held on September 25, 2015 at Recess.

Choice School's fundraising goal for this year is \$900!



### Class A & C

Students built models of houses that the wolf from *The Three Little Pigs* would not be able to blow down. They had to use a combination of Lego and wooden planks. They communicated, listened to other group members, and they showed a positive attitude. The houses they constructed were strong and sturdy.



### LIBRARY MESSAGE:

Welcome back to school Choice students! Your library is positively brimming with thousands of exciting books and we encourage you to pay a visit to borrow a book, work quietly on a project, or just hang out and read.

All books can be borrowed for one week. Please use sign out sheets and return library materials to the bin under the front desk. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Choice Library!

Megan  
Your Volunteer Librarian

PS. Scholastic Book Club orders are due this Friday, September 25. Please leave your orders in the envelope at the office. Every book you order enables us to add valuable resources to our library. Thanks in advance!

# **UNIFORM FITTING**

**Wednesday**

**September 23, 2015**

**3:00 — 5:00 PM**



**\*Parents must be present in order to approve uniform sizing\***

**Thank you!**

# NEWSFLASH!

**Please note changes below:**

**You are invited to the  
Choice School's  
Annual Family BBQ & Potluck!**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015  
4:00 — 6:00 PM**

**Please Note:**

**Your child's class has been assigned to a particular food category below...**

**Class A - Bakery and Dessert Items  
(healthy cookies, etc.)**

**Class B - Fruit Platters**

**Class C - Salads**

**Class D - Veggies & Dip**

**PAC - Coffee, Tea, cups, plates, napkins, cutlery**

Come and enjoy a fun family event at Choice School! There'll be hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone, and lots of other goodies too.

\*ALL family members are invited—parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.

**Please include large serving spoons or forks that are necessary for your dish.**

**Please bring your dish to the gymnasium at 4:00 PM.**

# Engagement Announcement

A warm congratulations to our Administrative Assistant,  
Amanda Alblas, on her Engagement to Alex this summer!  
We wish you all the best in your future together!

