



20451 Westminster Highway,
Richmond, B.C. V6V 1B3

NEWSLETTER No. 15-04

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Principal's Message

Today has been filled with rich and productive meetings with parents as we plan the year ahead for each of our students. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate. These conversations help us immensely in getting to know each child better, and they reinforce our belief in the adage that it takes a village to raise a child.

Next Thursday evening we have the first speaker in our Gifted Lecture series, Dr. Joan Pinkus. Dr. Pinkus is renowned for her work with giftedness, and will be discussing *What Educators Can Do for your Gifted Child*. Her presentation begins at 7:00 and as always, there is no charge for admission and free childcare is provided. Please join us and invite friends and family who you think might be interested in hearing Dr. Pinkus speak.

On Wednesday afternoon, our RCMP liaison officer Constable Tiffany Heering will lead our students in a lockdown drill.

Constable Heering will instruct the students in the lockdown procedure and the reasons for the drill, observe a practice, and then hold a debriefing assembly to let us know how we did and where there is room for improvement. The RCMP suggests that we hold these drills regularly throughout the year.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, we remember all the reasons we have to be thankful. Among our many reasons for gratitude is the delight we have every day in working with your children and the warmth and support you provide for us. We wish everyone in our Choice community a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Warm regards,

Lynn Chartres

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015 - Parent/Teacher Meetings (Non-Instruction Day)

Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 - Non-Instruction Day

Monday, Oct. 12, 2015 - Thanksgiving Day (Long Weekend)

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015 - Gifted Lecture Series: Dr. Joan Pinkus (7:00-8:30 PM)

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 - Individual Photo Day

Friday Oct. 30, 2015 - PAC Meeting (8:45 AM)

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 - AGMs

-Reception at 5:30 PM

-PAC AGM at 6:00 PM

-School AGM at 6:30 PM

Class A & C's Shared Learning Moments

This week, Class A and Class C had some opportunities to work together. They collaborated to provide a healthy veggie snack for everyone at the school, and also spent some time reading together.

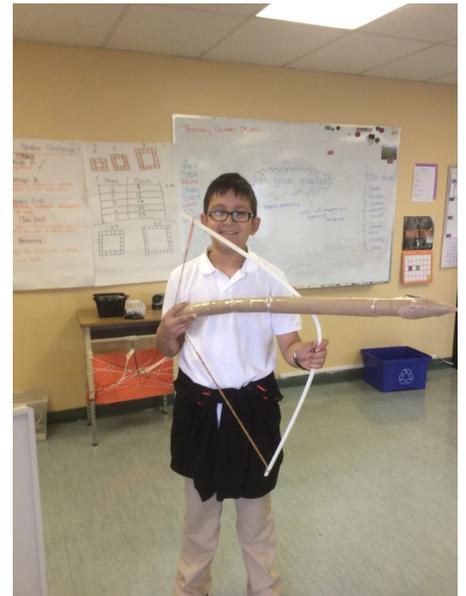


Choice Challenge Major:
Cool Science Experiments with Mrs. Malinowska



Class C's STEM Projects

Class C had one month to create something based on the theme of survival for their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Projects.



You Are Invited

to join our Gifted Lecture Series

on Thursday, October 15, 2015 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

at Choice School

20451 Westminster Hwy. North, Richmond BC, V6V 1B3

Dr. Joan Pinkus



What Educators Can Do for your Gifted Child

In her presentation, Dr. Pinkus will review how giftedness is defined and the different ways in which giftedness appears in a child. She will talk about the role of the teacher and how essential it is to have a teacher who believes in the child, is able to remove the obstacles that can interfere with true learning, and can teach beyond the regular curriculum. Dr. Pinkus will discuss what needs to be in place for a gifted child to thrive in school, the different types of programs that may be offered in some schools and school districts, and how these programs may or may not support the needs of a gifted learner. Finally, Dr. Pinkus will share the research that indicates the importance for a gifted child to be with like-minded peers.

About Dr. Joan Pinkus

Dr. Joan Pinkus is a Registered Psychologist with the College of Psychologists of British Columbia. She holds a B.A. (Hons. Psych.) from the University of Montreal, an M.A. (Psychology) from the University of Toronto and a Ph.D. (Psychology) from the University of Toronto.

In her practice, Dr. Pinkus offers short and long term psychotherapy to children, adolescents, adults, and families. She has professional interest and expertise in the area of gifted learners and their needs, and conducts assessments to determine giftedness. Dr. Pinkus consults with parents and educators to help develop appropriate academic programs and social experiences for the individual child, adolescent or young adult.

Admission is free and free childcare is provided
Please RSVP: 604-273-2418 or office@choiceschool.org

ARTSONIA ONLINE ART GALLERY

Dear Parents,

We are starting to complete our first art projects in the art studio. I photograph the artwork and post it on **Artsonia Online Art Gallery**. You will receive an e-mail invitation to have your child's artwork posted on this wonderful online art gallery.

What is Artsonia?

Artsonia is the largest student art museum in the world! Every child can have an online art gallery and preserve their masterpieces for all time!



Whenever you place an order with **Artsonia**, 20% of the order is donated back to the school arts program. Not only are you receiving a high-quality keepsake with your child's artwork, but you are also helping the art teacher purchase additional art supplies and other needs for their arts program.

An **Artsonia** Membership is **FREE** and it takes only a few minutes to register.

Each student is identified only by a screen name which is usually the student's first name and number (e.g., Sarah22). Last names are never publicly posted on the website.

Thanking you in advance,

Ms. Cathy Kluthe

Art Educator

Choice School

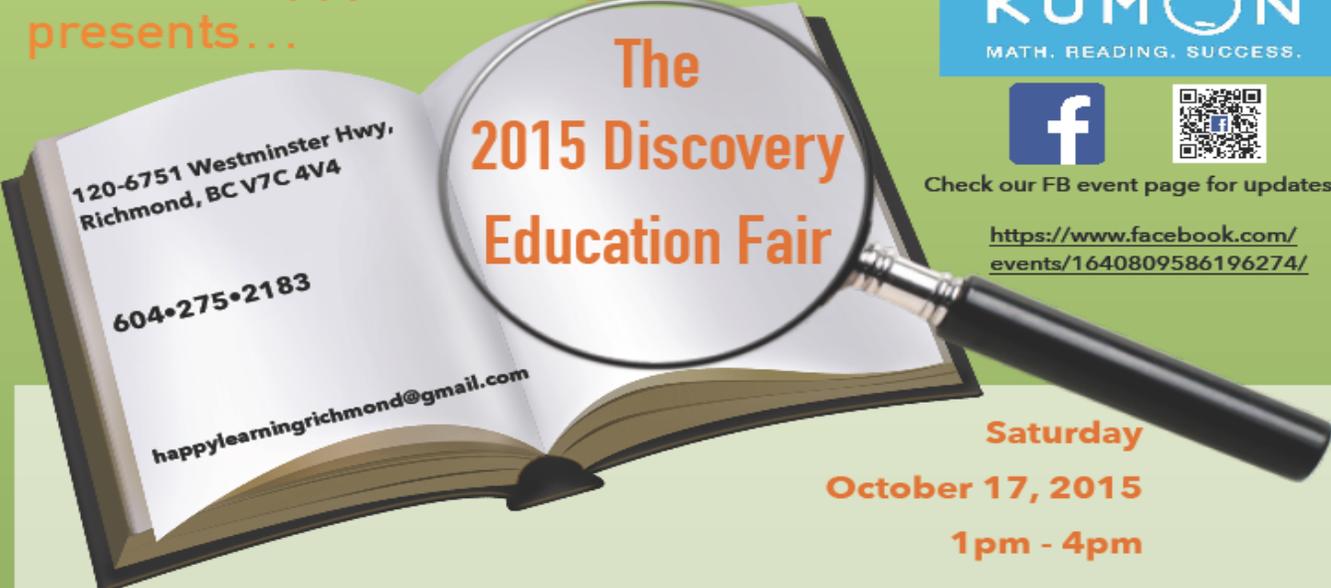
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Saturday

October 17, 2015

1pm - 4pm

Kumon Publishing Workbooks Pop-Up Bookstore - Exclusive, Cheaper-than-Amazon Sale Pricing!!!

Come browse through our wide selection of Kumon Publishing Workbooks. This popular series earns top ratings on Amazon.com and a resounding thumbs up from parents and kids alike.

A special Kumon Canada guest presenter will be offering tips on how to get the most effective use out of your Kumon Publishing Workbooks - **DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

We may have a limited inventory of workbooks for immediate take-home purchase at the event, but come prepared to place your workbook order for pickup at a later date. **CHEQUES or CASH only.**

Other Events:

- Musical entertainment
- Martial arts and fencing demos
- Lego activity stations for kids
- Free children's yoga trial classes
- Motor skills workshop - pencil grasp, crossing midline, and fine motor coordination
- Free car seat checks (first come, first serve)
- Could your child be gifted? Learn how giftedness presents in elementary-aged and early primary children
- * Special fair day promos and discounts from many of our participants, including vouchers towards trial music lessons, an invitation to attend a free Music for Young Children open house, \$100 rebate on pianos, trial badminton group lessons, a draw to win \$100 in free books, and more!

Participants Include:

Advantage Speech Therapy • Badminton Vancouver • Blue Meadow Farm
Bricks 4 Kidz • Choice School for Gifted Children • Dynamo Fencing Club
Enable Occupational Therapy • Feltastic Felt Stories • Jumpstart Academy

Kim Moldowan - Certified Car Seat Technician • Lorita Leung Dance Academy • Showcase Academy

Sirota's Alchymy • Usborne Books • With Our Own Little Hearts Yoga

LUCKY DRAWS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Prizes include three \$50 Richmond Centre gift cards!



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HOT DOGS!**

*while supplies last