

**NEWSLETTER No. 15-09**

December 9, 2015

**Principal's Message**

Last week we enjoyed our Term One Focus Week. Focus Week is a valued Choice tradition that offers students the opportunity to work together on a major theme. This term's Focus Week centred on the theme of *Communication*. In this newsletter are descriptions of the learning activities in which the students participated. We were pleased that several parents were able to come by to watch the students sharing aspects of what they had studied.

This Friday from 11:00 – 12:15, we invite parents to attend our inaugural *Passions Fair*. Passion Projects are integral to the educational opportunities for gifted students at Choice because they provide a context in which students can study a topic of passionate interest. We want to share with parents the broad range of topics that our students selected, and allow the students to proudly showcase their accomplishments. Parents will be invited to tour classrooms, and will be provided a program that describes the topic and critical question that framed each project.

Next week holds the second year of what we hope will become annual Choice Christmas event, our Christmas Craft afternoon. Between 1:00 and 3:00 next Tuesday, December 15, students will rotate through several stations, making tree ornaments, crafts, and decorating Christmas cookies. Santa has graciously offered to visit for the afternoon so that students may have their photos taken with him. We are looking forward to the holiday excitement.

It's hard to believe that Winterfest, our traditional Christmas celebration, is being held next Friday, December 18. The students and Mr. McLaren have been preparing a repertoire of wintry music, poetry and song to help us celebrate the season. Please join us in the gym at 10:30 am on December 18, the final day before the Christmas Break. The concert will be followed by a potluck lunch organized by parents. Details regarding what to bring to contribute to the lunch will be sent by class parents.

We hope that you will join us for some or all of our end-of-term events.

With warm wishes,

Lynn Chartres



## Reminders

*Fri. Dec. 11, 2015*

*Passions Expo (11:00 AM-12:15 PM)*

*Tues. Dec. 15, 2015*

*Christmas Crafts (1:00-3:00 PM)*

*Fri. Dec. 18, 2015*

*Winterfest (10:30 AM-12:30 PM) and  
Last Day of School*

*Dec. 19, 2015*

*- Jan. 3, 2016*

*Winter Break*

*Jan. 4, 2016*

*School Re-Opens*

## CHOICE LIBRARY BULLETIN

Thanks to all who participated in our recent Scholastic Book Fair.  
Your generosity enabled us to add almost 40 new books to our library!

Some recommendations from Ryan O of class D:

**Star Wars: Jedi Academy: The Phantom Bully:** *"A humour filled story. I would recommend it for Grade 3 and up."*

**Guinness World Records 2016:** *"Interesting reading. I would recommend it for Grade 4 and up."*

Hope to see you all in the library soon,  
your Choice Library Volunteer Team



## December Birthdays

Oscar (Class C) - December 7  
Eric (Class B) - December 23  
Marcus (Class B) - December 25  
Eric (Class C) - December 29  
Alisha (Class B) - December 30



# Photos from Focus Week



# Focus Week: *Communication with Color*





# Planetarium November 15, 2015





## FUNDRAISER MOVIE MORNING

*Presented by*

HOLLYWOOD CINEMAS & Choice School  
www.hollywoodcinema.ca

**Date:** December 13, 2015

**Time:** Doors open at 9:00AM - Movie starts at 10:00AM

**Where:** 7125, 138 Street, Surrey BC (in Newton Center)

### Tickets

**Minimum of \$10.00 donation**

Admits 1 and includes popcorn and drink

Call for more information

**778-878-7253**

\*100% of ticket sales go directly to Choice School PAC

# BOY SMARTS

It's better to build boys than to mend men!



- Why is ADHD overdiagnosed among boys? • Why are 80% of videogame players boys?
- What are the varied needs of boys and how can parents respond to them?
- How can we help boys navigate today's cultural realities online and elsewhere?
- How can we mentor boys to manage stress to become confident and productive?
- How can we help boys grow into courageous and caring men?



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**WHEN  
WHERE**

**Wednesday January 27, 2016  
Choice School for the Gifted**

6:30pm - 8:00pm

20451 Westminster Hwy. N, Richmond BC

**TICKETS**

**\$12 + service fee of \$1.26**

Available online December 4, 2015 to January 21, 2016

Purchase at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/boy-smarts-tickets-19786051613>

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