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Principal's Message

Yesterday's glorious day was a welcome reminder of how close we are to Spring. In the Choice garden the crocuses are up and are being closely watched by a group of young garden enthusiasts. There is some serendipitous planning underway by these students for a garden club, and they are wondering if there is a parent who enjoys gardening and might be available to guide and advise them.

Friday's Chinese New Year celebration reminded us once again how dedicated our parents are to enhancing student life at Choice. We are very appreciative of the hard work and commitment of our PAC, Mrs. Yu and the committee that worked many hours to plan and organize this remarkable event. We also thank Mr. McLaren and the Choice students who contributed to the musical offering with traditional Chinese songs and their original composition, *The Dragon's Tail*.

We hope to see many parents and guests at this evening's Gifted Lecture, presented by Dr. Rob Williamson of Simon Fraser University. Dr. Williamson is speaking about *Learning with Learning Disabilities and Challenges*, and parents will have the opportunity to experience these challenges from the learner's point-of-view.

Term Two's Choice Major concludes next week and students will be invited to reflect on their experience and make suggestions for programs they would like to see offered in the final term. Parents are always welcome to share their expertise on a topic.

Please note two revisions to our calendar:

- Because many students felt they needed a bit more preparation time, **the Science & Math Expo has been rescheduled from its original date. It will now be held on Tuesday, February 23rd from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.** We are looking forward to this opportunity to showcase student projects to parents and guests. Please save the date and join us for this celebration of student learning.
- We are holding our **Student-led Conferences on Wednesday, March 9th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.** In a student-led conference, the student takes responsibility for explaining his or her learning goals and reflecting on their academic performance this term. In preparing for the conference, students will revisit their personal learning goals and select individual work samples to share as portfolio evidence of their progress toward these goals. They will be asking their parents to help with setting goals for the final term. A sign-up schedule for parents will be sent home shortly.

Our week will conclude with **Backwards Day on Friday, February 12th.** This Spirit Day is sponsored by the Choice Student Council. Students are invited to wear backwards/opposite/mixed- up costumes rather than their school uniforms, and may choose to take part in the costume contest for the most imaginative, humorous and unusual costume in their class.

Kind regards,

Lynn Chartres



Reminders

Feb. 12, 2016

Backwards/Opposite Day

Feb. 23 2016

Science and Math Expo (1:30-3:00 PM)

****Please note change of time and date**

Feb. 24, 2016

Jump Rope for Heart (2:00-3:00 PM)

Feb. 26, 2016

Choice School Open House (9:30-11:00 AM)



February Birthdays

This month, we wish a very happy
birthday to:

Emily (Class D) - February 12

Jaden (Class C) - February 14

Jack (Class C) - February 17

Class A's Life Skills and Language Arts Projects: "Potato Pals"

Class A discussed the history of the potato, looked at different types of potatoes, and chose a potato of their own as a pal. They used adjectives to describe their potato and came up with creative names, such as "Super Gordon", "Spike", and "PaTate". Stay tuned for next week's Potato adventures!



Mr. T's Problem Based Learning Math Project

During Class D's Problem Based Learning Math Project, students in grades 6-8 determined the surface area of the fence, the area and volume of the field with an additional 0.75 metre of soil, and the surface area of the building for painting purposes.

In this photo, Larry is measuring the height of the building using a self-designed device and applying principles from Math 10 trigonometry.



Choice School's Chinese New Year Celebrations: Year of the Monkey



Choice Challenge Feature: The Artistry of International Cooking's Smoothies

Ingredients
 3 tbs or Yogurt
 2 Mangoe pieces
 1/3 cup of blueberries
 1 cup of orange juice

Dev and Oscar

1/2 of mango chunks
 1/4 of blueberries
 3/4 of juice
 2 tbs of yogurt

Yummy!

Aisha
 Seneca
 Kenji

Group Smoothie #

6 tbs of yogurt
 2/3 of blueberries
 1/2 of mango
 1 1/2 cup of juice
 2 peaches

Yummy!



Whole = 1 cup
 1/2 + 1/2 of Juice
 1/2 cup of yogurt
 1/2 cup of Blueberries
 1/2 cup of Mango chunks
 1/2 cup berries

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BY
 Wilson and Aaron

1/4 cup of PEACHES
 1 cup of MANGO
 1/2 cup of JUICE (PINEAPPLE BANANA ORANGE JUICE)
 1/2 cup of YOGURT

PEACH/MANGO
 SMOOTHIE

It's so good!
 BY Makotoh
 and Binnae

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**Choice Student
Council Presents:**

Backwards-Opposite Day

Friday, February 12

When EVERYTHING is backwards!

Come dressed in costume – no uniform
required today if in costume.

Prizes for the most imaginative, humourous and
unusual “opposite” costumes in each class.

Contest participation is voluntary.

Costumes must be appropriate and safe.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Choice School is participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart program. Our Jump Rope for Heart event date is **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**.

The important work done by the Heart and Stroke Foundation helps fund vital, life-saving research. This year, we have a new slogan: **"Jump for Mr. T."** As many of you are aware, Mr. T was diagnosed with a heart condition last year and was away for a few months.

Our goal is to raise \$1000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We will have the added satisfaction of knowing that our fundraising is helping someone in the Choice family.

Children have already brought home pledge envelopes, but we are also promoting ONLINE FUNDRAISING as a safe, simple and secure method of raising funds.

To sign up, all you have to do is go to www.jumpropeforheart.ca and select:

- ◆ British Columbia, then
- ◆ Choice School, then
- ◆ Enter your child's name

Once you are registered, you can start emailing family and friends anywhere in the world telling them about the important work your family is doing to keep our hearts healthy and ask them for a donation to support your child in Jump Rope for Heart. The best part is that when they receive their first online donation, children will receive a \$5 fundraising kick-start donation and a FREE skipping rope so they can show off their cool skipping tricks!

Please keep your donation envelope at home until March 4, 2016, when they can be returned to the school. Additionally, please let Mr. Sargeant know when you receive a donation so that he can update the progress poster, as we are keeping a tally of our running total to keep students motivated.

Please help us support the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you!

