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NEWSLETTER No. 15-20

Tuesday May 10, 2016

Principal's Message

We hope that you celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day last Sunday. We enjoyed seeing our families represented at the Mothers' Day Tea and Talent Show on Friday and felt extremely proud of the talent, caring and courtesy demonstrated by every one of our students. Many thanks to the staff and students who helped immensely in setting up and assisting in this lovely event, and especially to Mrs. Malinowska, Ms. Walter and Mr. McLaren who were the lead organizers.

Members of the Choice community were out in full force again on Saturday as Mr. Thomas, Mr. Sargeant and a crew of energetic parents and students led by Mr. Brian Stachniak, worked tirelessly to prepare the field and install the new primary swing set that the PAC purchased for the students last spring. Our appreciation for everyone's hard work on such a hot day is beyond words!

Saturday was busy inside the school as well. Choice hosted the well-attended Gifted Children's Association AGM and Conference. Many interesting conversations and questions were inspired by Ms. Sue Jackson's presentation *Resilient, Calm and Deeply Engaged: Strategies to promote optimal well-being in our brilliant, intense and asynchronous kids* and the breakout sessions that focused on the social-emotional lives of gifted teens and elementary-aged children.

It's parade time again! On Sunday, May 29th, Choice School will participate for the second year in the Ladner May Days Parade. Students can wear their Choice School uniform with pride as we walk the streets of Ladner and celebrate our school with the community. Details about timing and where to meet will be available soon but for now, please Save the Date! If you would like to volunteer your help with this event, please contact Owen's mum Eleanor Dwyer at edyer@telus.net.

Other exciting spring events are on the horizon. Please note that we have moved the date of the *Wizard of Oz* to 6:30 PM on Thursday, June 9 and 10:30 AM on Friday, June 10. As a result, our *Images of Greatness* celebration is now scheduled for Friday, June 17 at from 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM.

We originally moved the dates to allow our accomplished Destination Imagination team to be part of the DI Global Finals in Tennessee. The team has since decided not to attend this year, but we must congratulate them for placing so well provincially that they were invited to participate at the international level.

To close, please remember that if you have not yet submitted a re-enrollment form and deposit for the coming school year to do so as soon as possible. We have had a number of new registrations and would like to ensure that spaces remain available for our current returning students.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Lynn

Reminders

May 13, 2016	PAC Meeting (8:30 AM)
May 18, 2016	Intermediate Field Trip to SFU (8:30 AM-3:00 PM)
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day (long weekend, school not in session)
May 24, 2016	Pro-D Day
May 26, 2016	PAC Book Sale
May 27, 2016	Open House (9:00-11:00 AM)
May 29, 2016	Ladner May Days Parade
May 31, 2016	Classes C & D Outdoor School (May 31-June 2, 2016) Classes A & B Vancouver Aquarium Sleepover (May 31, 8:45 PM - June 1, 9:30 AM)

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Shaheen's Fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life

For the third year in a row, my team, The "Tumournators," and I are taking part in the Relay for Life. Part of our fundraising includes a garage sale. Last year, this event alone raised over \$1,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society!

If anyone has anything to donate to this year's garage sale, it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop items off at my office any time before May 25. Anything goes, and 100% of the proceeds are directly donated to the Canadian Cancer Society to fund vital support for those living with cancer, as well as cancer research.

If you would like to read about why I relay, in honor of my grandparents and brother-in-law, please follow the link below:

http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL_BC_even?px=5729100&pg=personal&fr_id=21180

Feel free to contact me at office@choiceschool.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Shaheen

Ladner May Days Parade Save the Date - Sunday May 29, 2016

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Special Announcement

Congratulations to our student, Eric C from Class C, who passed into the National Finals of the Canadian Music Competition. He has successfully passed two provincial rounds here in Vancouver. Let's wish him good luck in Drummondville, QC this summer.



Choice School's Mother's Day Tea and Talent Show



Nurturing Nature, Growing Minds

IDEA #1484 • RICHMOND, BC

CST is giving away \$250,000 to ideas that could change childhood learning for kids ages 0-17 in our community.

If you like what you see, vote for my Idea Page on the CST Inspired Minds Learning Project. Your vote could bring us closer to winning, enabling this vision to life!



POSTED BY Lynn Chartres

Currently I am principal of a small independent, non-profit school that enrolls students with atypical learning needs. I have long believed that learning in nature provides our children with experiences that are rich, meaningful and relevant to the world which they will inherit. Our proposed project "Nurturing Nature, Growing Minds" will provide the context for children to acquire essential understandings about natural systems, biodiversity and sustainability beyond their classroom walls, ultimately learning to live in ...

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IN SUPPORT OF Choice School

"Where curiosity and creativity are the catalysts for learning" Choice School's mission is to provide an educational experience that is challenging and enriched. Students in our care thrive because of the small classes and the customized teaching and programming for each child. We nurture children's strengths and our curriculum enables students to advance beyond their chronological age in areas where they are particularly strong while remaining in chronologically appropriate classes in other academic areas. Each ...

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Please visit www.learningproject.cst.org/ideas/1484 to vote today!

Immigration Stories Please!

Class C is collecting Immigration Stories. We are going to make a world map and create links between the countries people immigrated from. Help us add more links to our map!

Please fill in the appropriate section. If any questions make you feel uncomfortable, feel free to skip them.

My Ancestors Immigrated:

- What year did your ancestors come to Canada and how old were they?
- What was the process of coming to Canada like? And how did they feel about it?
- Why did they immigrate to Canada?
- What generation in Canada are you?
- Where did your ancestors come from?
- What kind of transportation did your ancestors use to get to Canada?

I Immigrated:

- What year did you come to Canada and how old were you?
- What was the process of coming to Canada like? And how do you feel now?
- Why did you immigrate to Canada?
- Where did your ancestors come from?
- What kind of transportation did you use to get to Canada?



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“Nurturing the Natural Roots of Self Esteem”

A DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF
NATURAL SELF ESTEEM

PRESENTED BY:

Dr. Deborah MacNamara

WEDNESDAY, May 25th 2016

7 PM TO 9 PM

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

RALPH FISHER AUDITORIUM (RICHMOND HOSPITAL)

7000 WESTMINSTER HWY, RICHMOND, BC

Free parking available in the gravel lot accessed from Westminster Hwy.

[Register here](#)

<https://nurturingnaturalroots.eventbrite.ca>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SONJA:

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*Child-minding is available but spots are limited, please contact
Sonja by May 16th, 2016.*

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

