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## NEWSLETTER No. 16-06

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

### Principal's Message

The month of November is flying by, and shortly we'll be into the holiday season. Details will be sent along shortly about the exciting events we have planned to celebrate the season at Choice.

Teachers are currently writing reports of each student's progress during Term One, to be sent home on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Staff has drafted a new report card to reflect the intent of the new curriculum; it will be piloted this term and parent feedback invited. We are holding two information sessions for parents next week to explain the format of the new report: Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> between 3:15 and 3:45 in the Choice library. We hope you will be free to attend one or other of the sessions.

On the schedule for this week are a field trip by Classes B & C on Wednesday to the awe-inspiring Museum of Anthropology, situated on cliffs beside the UBC campus. Inspired by authentic artifacts, students will explore aspects of First Nations history, culture and stories. On Thursday, we are delighted with a return visit of Green Thumb Theatre who will be presenting *Land of Trash*. This production will expand our understanding of sustainability and the need to be environmentally responsible.

Yesterday evening was the first in our Gifted Lecture series for the year, presented by our Occupational Therapist, Mrs. Joanna Thackwray, on the important topic *Executive Functioning and the Gifted*. Mrs. Thackwray supports many of our students in helping them to become effective and self-aware learners, and we are very appreciative that she was able to share her expertise with parents and guests. Thank you so much, Joanna!

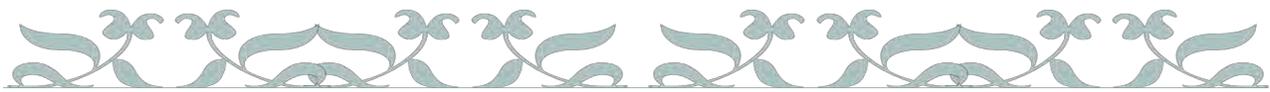
This **Friday, November 25, Choice will host an Open House and concurrently, an Usbourne Book Fair** presented by Mrs. Robin Classen. We thank Mrs. Classen for organizing the fair, and for offering to contribute her commission toward expanding the school library. The Book Fair will be open throughout the morning. We encourage parents to do some early Christmas shopping, or allow their children to make a purchase from the wonderful Usbourne collection.

Please remember that this **Saturday, November 26 is the annual Choice Movie fundraiser**. Mr. and Mrs. Manji are offering a special screening of *Home Alone* at their theatre, Hollywood Cinema. There will be homemade baked goods on sale at 9:00 am, and the movie will begin at 10:00. Tickets are \$10.00 and include popcorn and a drink. We hope that many of our families and their friends will be able to attend! Tickets are available in the school office. We appreciate the Manjis' generosity for offering this wonderful event.

Please make a note of the new website that our volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Wendy Monk will be using to answer parent questions and record volunteer contributions: [volunteer@choiceschool.org](mailto:volunteer@choiceschool.org). We are so fortunate to have such an active and committed community of parents working together to make Choice a great place to learn.

Warmest wishes,

Lynn



# Reminders

- Nov. 23, 2016      Class B & C Field Trip to Museum of Anthropology (full day)
- Nov. 24, 2016      Green Thumb Theatre at Choice (9:15 AM)
- Nov. 25, 2016      Open House (9-11 AM)  
Usborne Book Fair Fundraiser  
**Photo Orders due Today**
- Nov. 26, 2016      Fundraising Movie Morning @ Hollywood Cinemas (doors open at 9:00 AM)



## November Birthdays

*This month, we wish a very Happy*

*Birthday to:*

Brendan (Nov. 16)  
Lucas (Nov. 20)  
Ryan B (Nov. 30)

## REMINDER TO PARENTS

We believe that the Choice uniform is an important aspect of our school, and its wearing creates a sense of belonging and pride among our students. Please ensure that your child wears his or her uniform to school every day.

## News from Your Board of Directors

As most of you are aware, the school is governed by the not-for-profit, Choice School for Gifted Children Society. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the society was held at the school on the evening of November 8<sup>th</sup>. Parent attendance at the AGM was very low, possibly due to the US election news coverage at the time. All parents, who are members of the society, can review the proceedings of the AGM behind the parent portal of the school website. This includes the Annual Director's Report, Financial Report, Principal's Remarks and the Draft Minutes of the AGM. Please take some time to review this important information about your society.

-Philip Gray, Chair of the Board



# USBORNE BOOKS will be here



Friday, November 25, 2016

The very best books for children of all ages

# FUNDRAISER MOVIE MORNING

*Presented by*

HOLLYWOOD CINEMAS &  Choice School  
For the Gifted and Exceptional  
www.hollywoodcinema.ca

**Date:** Saturday, November 26, 2016  
**At:** Doors open 9 am for the **Bake Sale.**  
**Movie** Starts at 10 am  
**Where:** 7125, 138 St, Surrey, (in the Safeway Plaza)

**Baked goods on sale at site**



**Ticket**  
**\$10.00**

**Admits 1**  
**and**  
**includes popcorn and drink**

**Tickets available at the**  
**Office until Friday,**  
**November 25**

Call for more information  
**Salima - 778-878-7253**

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

# Class C's PE Class





# **Choice School's Food Drive for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank**

Beginning on Oct. 31, 2016, Choice School will be taking part in a Food Drive. The Greater Vancouver Food Bank's stores are at their lowest levels in over 30 years, and Choice School wants to do our part to help our community by collecting donations of high quality, nutritious foods for families and individuals in need.

Class E will be presenting on Food Security in BC and basic nutrition to the younger grades, making posters to advertise, and decorating boxes for food donations. At the end of the Food Drive, Class E will take a field trip to the Food Bank and spend the morning volunteering in the warehouse, organizing food stores and learning about how the Food Bank operates.

The Top 10 Most Needed Items, according to the Food Bank, are:

- 1) Canned Fish (Salmon or Tuna)
- 2) Canned Meat (Turkey or Chicken)
- 3) Canned Beans (Black Beans, Chickpeas, Kidney Beans)
- 4) Hearty Meals (Canned Soups, Stews, and Chilis)
- 5) Nut Butters (100% Natural Almond, Peanut, or Cashew Butter)
- 6) Pasta (uncooked and packaged)
- 7) Rice (uncooked and packaged)
- 8) Whole Grain Breakfast Cereals
- 9) Canned Vegetables
- 10) Canned Fruit (Packed in its own Juice or Water)

Donation boxes are currently set up in my office. If you are able, we ask that you please bring a food donation with any of the items on this list if you are attending Choice School's PAC Meetings, etc. or any other day you happen to be at Choice! Boxes will be set up until the end of November/beginning of December.

Thank you all for your support!

-Shaheen

