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Principal's Message

Yesterday I attended the final day of a five-day conference presented by the international educational association, *Learning Forward*, held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The view of the snow-clad North Shore mountains glistening in yesterday's glorious sunshine was breathtaking and showcased our city beautifully to the many participants from out-of-town. Attendees numbered in the thousands; I met educators from Singapore, Australia, Finland, the eastern US, Arizona and from across Canada, including a principal from Nunavit. The theme of the conference was how education can strengthen its impact on student success in school and life-long.

It was inspiring to be in the company of people who are changing the course of education world-wide, and interesting to hear that many of the challenges we face in Canadian education are universal. I was reminded, however, that we in B.C. are at the forefront of educational change, and I believe that the programs at Choice can compare positively with those anywhere else in the world.

The week has been exciting, leading up to next week's Winterfest celebration. Mr. McLaren held a rehearsal yesterday and we can promise that families are in for a musical treat. We will be holding the traditional pot-luck luncheon following the concert, so please see the notice that accompanies this newsletter to see what each class is asked to bring. Parents are reminded to please be sure not to include nuts in the food they bring. We are looking forward to another wonderful family holiday celebration!

The students were privileged yesterday to take part in a woodturning workshop presented by Mr. Dan Gadassi and his son Gal. Mr. Gadassi demonstrated the making of the traditional Hanukkah toy, the dreidel, and gave the students the opportunity to participate. Their enjoyment and engagement is clearly evident in the photos that follow. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Gadassi for so generously sharing his time and expertise with the school.

Class E's Food Bank drive has been highly successful, but due to Monday's snow day, their visit to the Food Bank warehouse has been postponed. On January 13, the class will deliver the school's donations, help with a food sort and have an orientation to the warehouse. Congratulations on a terrific project, Class E!

Best of luck on this snowy weekend.

Lynn

Important Dates & Reminders

Dec. 9, 2016

PAC Meeting (8:45 AM)

***WEATHER PERMITTING**

Dec. 13, 2016

Christmas Crafts

Dec. 16, 2016

Winterfest & Last Day of School

Dec. 17, 2016-Jan. 2, 2017 Winter Break

Jan. 3, 2017

First Day Back at School

December Birthdays

This month, we wish a very Happy
Birthday to:

Sebastian L - Dec. 15

Eric - Dec. 23

Marcus - Dec. 25

Alisha - Dec. 30





*You are invited to
Choice School's Annual*

Winterfest Celebration

Friday, December 16, 2016 at 10:00AM

Potluck Lunch to follow the program

Please note that your child's class has been assigned a particular category for the Potluck Lunch:

Class A: Fruit Platters

Class B: Appetizers

Class C: Salads

Class D: Main Courses

Class E: Main Courses

*Please bring your dish to the gym either when you drop off your child after
8:00AM or when you arrive for Winterfest.*

Cups, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided.

Choice School's Food Drive

Choice School's Food Drive was a huge success! Thank you to everyone in our Choice community for supporting Class E's initiative to help people in need. Class E will be taking the food donations to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank on January 13, 2017, and will spend the morning volunteering and learning more about the Food Bank.

Thank you to Class E for doing such an amazing job and for working so hard to make our community a better place.



Wood Turning Workshops with Mr. Gadassi





Bailey's Visit to Choice



This Week in Class A

