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Principal's Message

This month we have been fortunate to enjoy many cold but glorious days, although yesterday's rain has brought us back to the reality of the wet west coast. We hope that the exciting events we have planned will keep us focused on a bright horizon.

Next Friday, January 27, Choice celebrates Chinese New Year with what has become an annual event organized by our dedicated, creative parents. A committee of volunteers, led by Mrs. Amy Ng, are working tirelessly to create a memorable morning for our families. They have arranged not one, but two Lion Dancers, a number of exciting Chinese craft projects, a potluck lunch of traditional foods and much more.

Chinese New Year will also showcase aspects of our Fine Arts program. Beginning after recess, students will parade to the gym; some students will be carrying the lanterns they have created under the direction of Mrs. Cathy. The gym will be decorated with further Chinese art designed by the students. Mr. McLaren's music classes will present the selection of Chinese songs learned for the occasion. Please mark next Friday on your calendar. Further details will follow next week.

The New Year is celebrated differently in each of our cultures, and the organizing committee has asked that we showcase other New Year traditions as well. Each class will create a collage that represents how each of our families celebrates New Year. **By Tuesday, January 24th**, please discuss these family traditions with your child and help them to find a picture, photograph, saying, poem (or whatever comes to mind) to bring to school to contribute to their class's collage. As an example, my family has always celebrated the New Year with a favourite chicken dish, sparklers and the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*; to represent this, I might bring a recipe, a photograph or the song's musical score.

On Wednesday morning the students had the first of six gymnastics classes at Wayland Sports; the reviews from the students were glowing. Many thanks to our marvelous Mr. Sargeant for initiating the program and organizing it masterfully.

The Choice Student Council has been actively learning how to make morning announcements and share "Music in the Morning". The students have planned our first Spirit Day: **Pyjama Day on Wednesday, January 25th**. Students are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas, and to bring a loonie to contribute to the Obakki "Kids for Clean Water" Foundation.

We hope that many of you will be free to join us **between 6:30 and 8:00 PM on February 8th** when we introduce the new Choice Middle School. Planning is well underway, and we are looking forward to sharing our progress.

The staff has a full agenda planned for our Professional Day on Friday including refining the report card that was piloted in the first term, collaborating on our professional learning plans, and setting the parameters for our new Twitter account. **Follow us on Twitter @ChoiceGifted.**

Enjoy a lovely weekend!

Lynn

Important Dates & Reminders

January 23, 2017	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
January 25, 2017	School Pyjama Day
January 27, 2017	Chinese New Year (9:15 AM - 12:30 PM)
February 3, 2017	Gymnastics (Classes B-E)
February 8, 2017	Gymnastics (Classes B-E)

January Birthdays

This month, we wish a very Happy
Birthday to:

Kaden - Jan. 4

Phoenix - Jan. 10

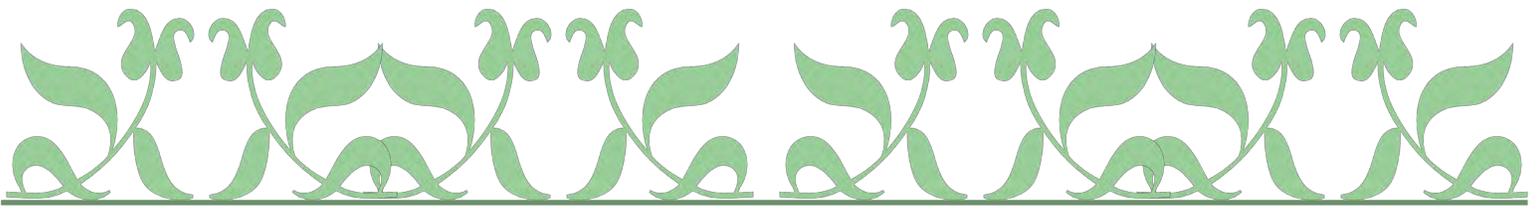
Nisha - Jan. 16

Art - Jan. 18

Jayden - Jan. 21

Dev - Jan. 23



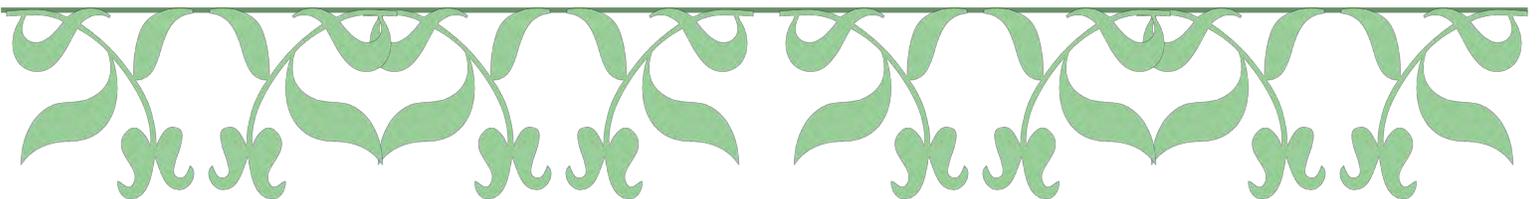


Hallway Art Galleria

The **Hallway Art Galleria** features artwork from all Choice School students.

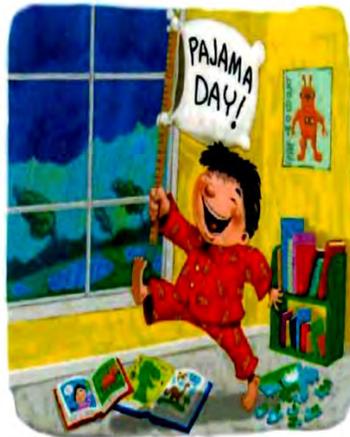
You will be Impressed, Inspired and Proud of your children's artwork!

The artwork rotates from term to term so check it out before it changes. The Hallway Art Galleria is located on the first floor straight ahead as you walk in to the school.



Pyjama Day – Wednesday January 25

Staff and students are invited to wear their pyjamas and to bring a \$1 donation to the Obakki Foundation.



Class E Volunteers at the Food Bank



Class B's Cinquain Poetry

Winter Cinquains by Class B

What is a Cinquain?

A cinquain poem is a **verse** of five lines that do not **rhyme**. The cinquain poem was created by Adelaide Crapsey.

A cinquain consists of five unrhymed lines.

Each line has a set number of **syllables**

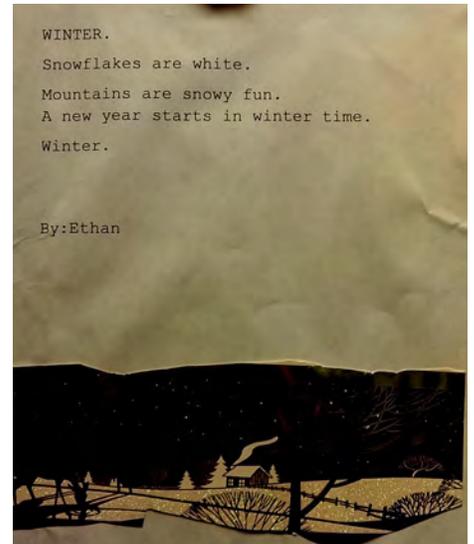
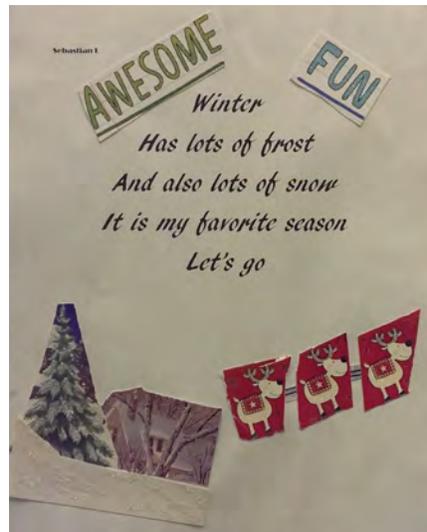
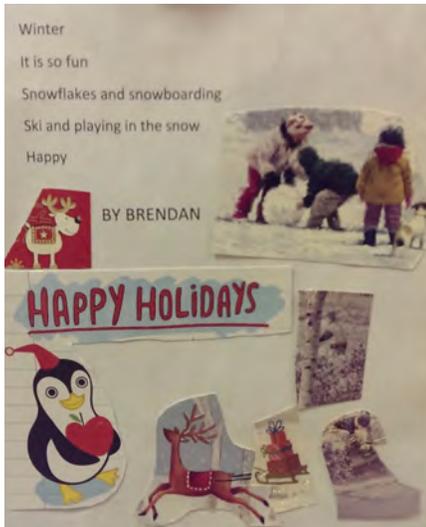
Line 1: 2 syllables

Line 2: 4 syllables

Line 3: 6 syllables

Line 4: 8 syllables

Line 5: 2 syllables



Choice Students Love FSAs!

