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NEWSLETTER No. 16-13

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Principal's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to our Choice families! I hope you have enjoyed a warm and restful Family Day weekend.

We have had an odd term in many ways, with the snow closures of the school and the icy roads causing several cancellations and rescheduling of planned events. Let's hope that this week's warmer temperatures mean we're well on the way to Spring!

We have rescheduled **the Choice Middle School Open House** which was planned for last Wednesday. **The new date is Wednesday, February 22, with two choices of sessions: 3:30 – 5:00 or 6:30 – 8:00.** There will be free child care available at both sessions. We look forward to seeing many of our parents and guests there to learn about the exciting educational program that is being offered for students in Grades 7 through 9.

With the impending snowstorm, we thought it wise to postpone Dr. Marion Porath's **Bookbinding workshops** that were scheduled for this past Thursday. Dr. Porath was coming from Victoria, which had even more snow than we experienced in the Lower Mainland. We are looking for a new date and will let you know soon.

This Friday, the promised "**Fridays at Choice**" extra-curricular programs begin, and will run for six weeks with a break over the spring holiday. We are pleased to offer Group Guitar lessons with Mr. McLaren, Art Explorations with Mrs. Cathy, Field Hockey with Canadian team member Ms Kim Scaper, and Intermediate Chess with Canadian Chess Master, Mr. Branimir Brebich.

The weekly **Gymnastics** program, organized by our highly efficient Mr. Sargeant, has been very successful to date. We receive enthusiastic reviews from the students on their return to school. Many thanks, Mr. Sargeant, for arranging this valuable experience for our students.

Next Wednesday will see our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event and as in past years, Mr. Sargeant has an exciting afternoon of exercise and fun planned. Wednesday is also **Pink Shirt Day**, a day on which we all wear pink to signify our stand against bullying and to symbolize our belief in kindness and empathy. Please see the attached poster that Ms Walli has kindly created for us.

Please read the notice that follows with a **request from the Board of Directors**. Our dedicated Board meets monthly, and in addition, members willingly volunteer many hours each month to the behind-the-scenes running of the school. Their guidance and professional expertise is integral to the successful path on which our school is travelling, and is immensely appreciated. We hope you are able to support the board in their request to seek contributors to our annual fund-raising program.

With best wishes,

Lynn

Important Dates & Reminders

February 20, 2017	Classes A & B Field Trip to the Bird Conservatory (8:45 AM - 2:00 PM)
February 22, 2017	Pink Shirt Day Jump Rope for Heart (2:00-2:30 PM) Middle School Open House (3:30-5:00 PM & 6:30-8:00 PM)
February 28 & March 1	Lion King Performance at McNair Secondary School
March 3, 2017	Gymnastics (Classes B-E)

Save the Date: Gifted Lecture Series

Dr. Joan Pinkus
Giftedness and Gender

Monday, April 3, 2017
6:30-8:00 PM



Pink T Shirt Day Society Anti-Bullying Campaign
February 22, 2017 is Pink T-Shirt Day!

Wear pink to show your support!



Choice Middle School

ANNOUNCES

A new opportunity for **gifted** learners beyond the elementary grades



Personalized Learning

Problem-Based Learning



Service Learning



In September 2017, Choice School opens our doors to a new middle school for grades 7, 8 and 9.

**Feb. 22
2017**

OPEN HOUSE 3:30 & 6:30 pm

Free childcare available please register at office@choiceschool.org

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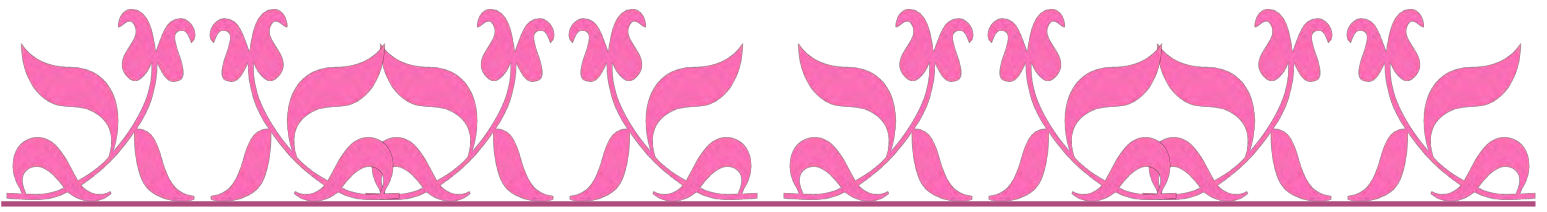
REQUEST FROM THE CHOICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Rather than hold an annual appeal fundraiser for the School this year, the Board has made a decision to hold a fundraiser raffle during the March/April period. The Board is working on providing the main prize of a weekend hotel getaway or something similar. We are also seeking additional donated raffle prizes from hotels, restaurants and other appropriate businesses. It would be very helpful if parents have any business or personal connections to help us procure further prize donations. If so, please let me know and I will connect you directly with the raffle organizers.

With our thanks for your support.

Lynn Chartres.



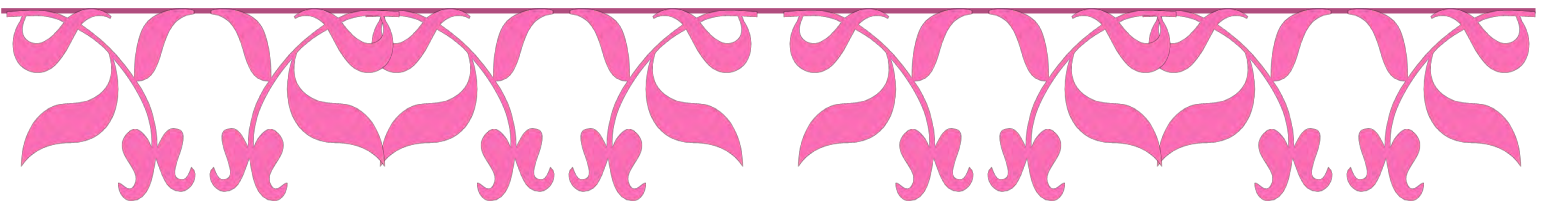


Hallway Art Galleria

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.



Science with Class A



Class B's Science Class on Conductivity

