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Monday, February 27, 2017

Principal's Message

Last week's highlight was another memorable Jump Rope for Heart organized by Mr. Sargeant, whose creativity and energy leave us in awe. The gym was vibrating with fun and laughter as the students made the rounds of the stations he had prepared. There were many wonderful Choice moments that afternoon, some of which are captured in the photographs which follow.

Each day at Choice brings those moments the staff call "Choice moments". In my visits around the school last week, I watched Class A chasing bubbles outside in the morning sunshine, Class B creating delightful legends that included a moral, Class C working enthusiastically on their Images of Greatness projects, Class D sharing with great confidence their Human Rights reports, and Class E calculating displacement and hearing the story of Archimedes in their Science class. The "drive to know" that characterizes gifted children was clearly evident, everywhere.

On Wednesday, the school was awash in pink as students made their statements against bullying and in support of tolerance and kindness. We have many reasons to be proud of our students, but their compassion and caring for others is, I believe, their most remarkable trait.

I visited Class E recently to hear their opinions on where our Virtues Project ought to take us in the weeks to come. We discussed the current political challenges the world is facing, and the students clearly articulated the importance of remaining tolerant, compassionate, just and understanding as individuals, and the need for courage and unity as a society. These children truly are our future.

Our Middle School implementation is well on its way to completion. Please ask Mr. Thomas, Ms. Walli or myself for a tour and an overview if you were not able to attend the Open House this week. We are keen to share our vision of what we believe will be a stellar place for middle students to learn.

Teachers are currently preparing the Term Two report cards that will go home on Friday, March 10. We have considered the feedback we received from parents, and will be interested to hear your response to the revisions we have incorporated. **Student led conferences are scheduled for the week we return from Spring Break, on Wednesday, March 29th from 1:00 – 4:30 PM. This week, we will send home a sign-up sheet, and ask that you please return it by Friday.**

Students are in for a treat midweek, as classes attend the McNair Secondary's performance of *The Lion King*. We thank Mrs. Cathy for arranging the tickets for us.

Please put the March 31 PAC meeting on your calendar, as well as the March 29 student-led conferences. Best wishes for a great week.

Lynn

Important Dates & Reminders

February 28 & March 1	Lion King Performances at McNair Secondary School
March 3, 2017	Gymnastics (Classes B-E)
March 9, 2017	Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Field Trip (Classes A-E) (10:15 AM - 3:00 PM)
March 10, 2017	Gymnastics (Classes B-E) Last Day of Term 2
March 11-26, 2017	Spring Break
March 27, 2017	First Day Back at School

Save the Date: Gifted Lecture Series

Dr. Joan Pinkus
Giftedness and Gender

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

February Birthdays:

Emily - February 12
Jaden C - February 14
Jack A - February 17
Gabriel - February 19
Alex - February 19



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

How can you help?

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

GET INVOLVED! Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising student self-esteem and academic achievement. Below are some current opportunities to get involved in the Choice School community and collect your parent volunteer hours.

- Donated Uniform Sale Coordinator
- PAC meeting snacks volunteer
- PAC meeting clean-up volunteer
- Upcoming Gifted Lecture Snacks Contributions
- Choice School Recipe Book Coordinator
- Fundraising support (as per Choice Board Request)



SPECIAL GUESTS NEEDED:

Do you have interesting information about your profession or job to share? Make a presentation on topics like math use in accounting, physics, chemistry, project management and more!

Enjoy a passion, interest or hobby? Showcase and share enthusiasm on interesting topics like rocks/coins/records. Or host a workshop in baking/animation/acting.

Interested in co-teaching a Choice Challenge class? Topics range, see school for upcoming challenge topics.

CONNECT WITH US

A database of current volunteer needs can be found at:
www.volunteersignup.org/EE19K

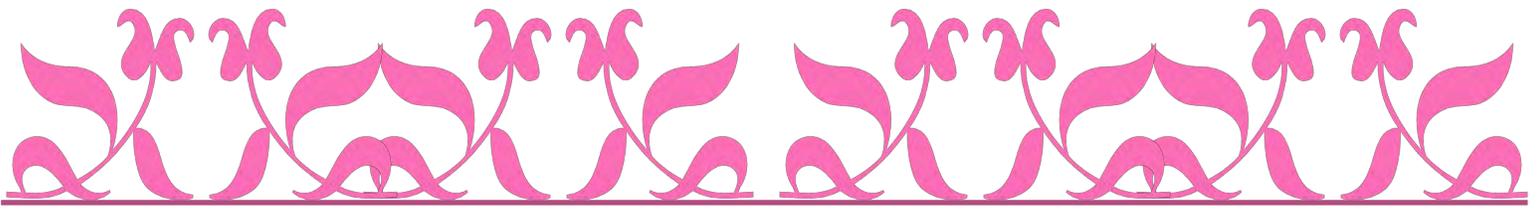
Report volunteer hours as they occur.
Email: volunteer@choiceschool.org

Learn more about what's going on in and around the Choice School community.

Attend a monthly PAC meeting.



WE  OUR
volunteers

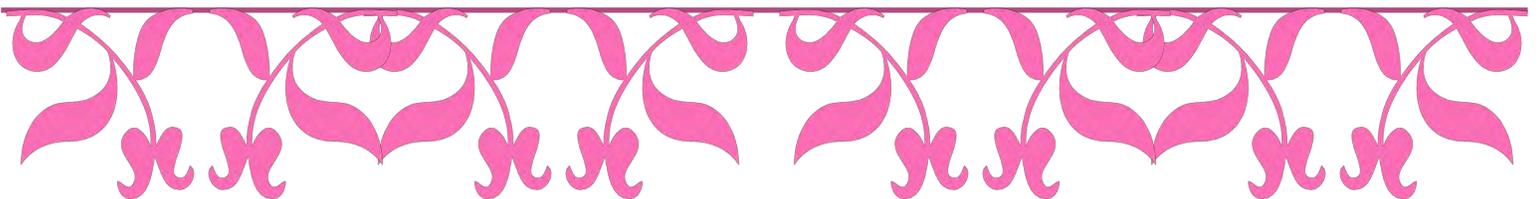


Hallway Art Galleria

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.



Featured Artwork

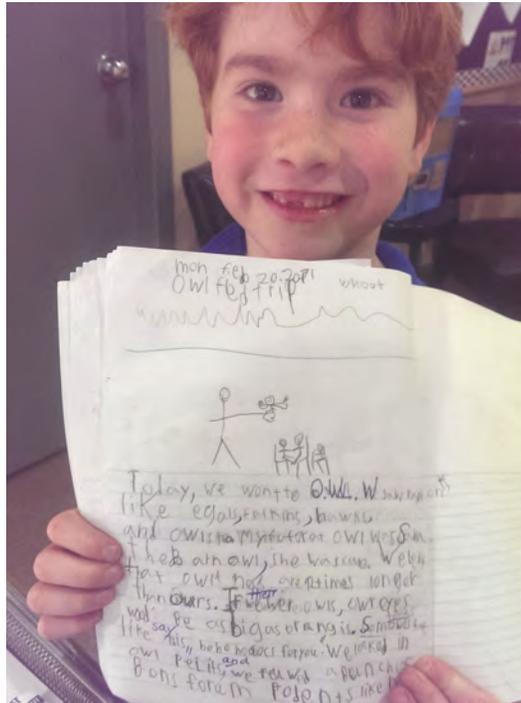
Inspired by our exploration of Georgia O'Keeffe's flower paintings, James painted this beautiful picture of a flower.



Music with Class C



Class A & B's Field Trip to the OWL Rehabilitation Centre



RAPTORS	BC OWLS	BIRDS IN CARE
1. EAGLES	① Barn *	2006 - 333
2. FALCONS	② Barred *	2007 - 276
3. HAWKS	③ Boreal	2008 - 347
4. OWLS	④ Burrowing	2009 - 342
5. OSPREYS	⑤ Flammulated	2010 - 345
6. VULTURES *	⑥ Great Grey	2011 - 393
Did You Know?	⑦ Great Horned *	2012 - 491
There are over	⑧ Hawk	2013 - 438
200 owl species	⑨ Long-eared *	2014 - 556
in the world!	⑩ Pygmy *	2015 - 626
	⑪ Saw-whet *	2016 - 646
	⑫ Screech *	
	⑬ Short-eared *	
	⑭ Snowy	
	⑮ Spotted	
	How are owls different?	
	→ facial disk	
	→ ears	
	→ eyes	
	→ talons	
	→ curved beak	
	→ feathers	
	THIS YEAR? 55	
	SOME SPECIES IN CARE	
	Barn Owl 101	
	Barred Owl 114	
	Bald Eagle 131	
	Golden Eagle 1	
	Red-tailed Hawk 74	
	Cooper's Hawk 30	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk 23	
	Great Horned Owl 35	
	Pygmy Owl 4	
	Saw-whet Owl 32	
	Screech Owl 4	
	Peregrine Falcon 3	
	Osprey 9	
	Peregrine 3	
	Turkey Vulture 7	
	Merlin 20	
	Great Grey 8	



Jump Rope for Heart

