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### Principal's Message

There have been more spring terms in my teaching career than I can remember and yet, every year, I am thrilled by the newness and surprised by the busyness.

The final term in a school is special in so many ways. Teachers can clearly see how their students have grown academically, socially and emotionally. Students recognize their growth and are proud of their progress. They are attaining goals that seemed lofty and somewhat daunting at the beginning of the year, and are recognizing the importance of their growth mindset which emphasizes the essential value of persistence and effort.

Please see the attached registration information for the **Gifted Children's Association of BC Conference and AGM on Saturday, May 6 at Choice**. Dr. Marion Porath will be speaking about the *Superkids 2* documentary project, which follows from the earlier film, *Superkids*, about the experiences of highly gifted students in their elementary years. *Superkids 2* revisits these students in their twenties: where they are now, their choices and challenges, and their reflections on what it was like for them growing up gifted. It is a fascinating film, told from the perspective of gifted young adults.

Dr. Porath's keynote presentation will be followed by a breakout session led by Mrs. Maureen McDermid on the topic of the new curriculum and its appropriateness for gifted learners. Mrs. McDermid, as most of you are aware, is our education consultant, a member of the Choice Board of Directors as well as the GCABC Board. We hope that you will be able to attend the conference to learn more about the valuable role of the GCABC in continuing to supporting the parents of B.C.'s gifted children.

Other events on the horizon include the highly-anticipated Jeans Day on May 4 which raises funds for the BC Children's Hospital, and the monthly PAC meeting this Friday, April 28. We have asked for the re-enrollment forms to be returned to the office by next Friday, May 5.

Best wishes to all our families.

Lynn

## Important Dates & Reminders

April 28, 2017

**PAC Meeting (8:45 AM)**

**Jump Rope Prize Assembly (12:00 PM)**

May 4, 2017

**Jeans Day**

May 5-12, 2017

**Shaheen Away from the Office**  
(please correspond through your child's teacher during this time)

May 12, 2017

**Mother's Day Tea & Talent Show**  
(10:30 AM - 12:30 PM)

## **April Birthdays**

**This month, we wish a very Happy Birthday to:**

Justan - April 9  
Sebastian M - April 17  
Mason - April 19  
Cyrus - April 25  
Lawrence - April 26  
Aron P - April 27

### **Shaheen's Cancer Society Bottle and Can Drive**

Dear Choice Families,  
This will be my fourth year taking part in the Canadian **Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which raises funds for** cancer research and supports those battling with cancer. Our team is organizing a bottle and can drive fundraiser this year, and are hoping to collect any empty bottles or cans that you may be able to donate to our cause! 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the Canadian Cancer Society.  
Please take a moment to read about why I relay every year:

[http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL\\_BC\\_odd\\_?px=5729100&pg=personal&fr\\_id=22339](http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL_BC_odd_?px=5729100&pg=personal&fr_id=22339)

Thank you for your support!  
Shaheen

# 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](http://www.volunteersignup.org/EE19K)

Report volunteer hours as they occur.  
Email: [volunteer@choiceschool.org](mailto: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





The Gifted Children's Association of BC invites you to our:



## GCABC 2017 Conference and AGM

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**At Choice School for Gifted Children – 20451 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC**

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### **Program:**

**Keynote: Superkids 2: Learning from the experiences of our most able students** by **Dr. Marion Porath** (Professor Emerita in the Faculty of Education at The University of British Columbia).

**Breakout session: BC's New Curriculum and what it means for Gifted Learners** by **Maureen McDermid** (Education consultant and member of the GCABC board).

Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gcabc-2017-conference-and-agm-tickets-33266521060?ref=ebtnebtckt>

More information at <https://giftedchildrenbc.wordpress.com/>

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance until **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. As our events are well attended, register early. Sorry, no refunds. GCABC is a nonprofit, volunteer sustained organization. As of May 2017 we do not charge for membership, and this is the one event to raise funds for our ongoing work.

# Jeans Day at Choice

## May 4, 2017

On May 4, students are invited to wear their favorite pair of jeans with a \$5 donation to the BC Children's Hospital.



Bring your \$5 donation to Mrs. Walli for a Jeans Day Button. The last day to buy buttons is May 3, 2017.



## **Fridays at Choice**

Art Atelier on Friday – Outdoor Nature Art inspired these students to create paintings with natural objects and a few outdoor objects were decorated as well!

