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Principal's Message

This week the school feels very quiet as staff makes final preparations for the summer. We had a very busy month to end a memorable school year, with several highlights.

The three *Peter Pan* performances were exceptional and the cast, stage crew, production team, parent and volunteers were integral to its success. The "Journey to Peter Pan" slide show that Ms Walli and Mrs. Monk created for our La Fete celebration followed the development of the production from an idea last fall to a polished, professional production in which our Choice talent shone. Many congratulations to everyone who contributed to this remarkable production. Thank you from us all.

The opening of the greenhouse on June 12 showcased another fine team effort. Mr. Sargeant and Mr. McLaren created a covered area in which the audience could stay dry as they listened to the musical presentations sung by our primary students. Mr. McLaren had selected several delightful songs about gardens and growth for the occasion. Each of the Class B students read a haiku about the emergence of the Painted Lady butterflies earlier this month, and a reflection written from the perspective of a butterfly on its way to adulthood. We are looking forward to further development of the greenhouse project during the summer and fall, and to the powerful learning that experiencing the growth of plants and animals is offering our students.

Our final afternoon, Thursday, June 22nd saw the eagerly anticipated *Water Wars* on what was to that point the hottest day of June. We all remember the huge fun of a water fight on a hot summer day, and can be sure that the memories that Thursday's hilarity will remain as a highlight of the school year.

Our final event in a very busy month was Friday's La Fete during which we congratulated our Grade 7 graduates and said goodbye to students who are moving on. As has become the tradition at Choice, students showcased some of their musical accomplishments under the direction of Mr. McLaren. We enjoyed seeing parents and students enjoying the Fathers' Day breakfast in the early morning sunshine. Once again we were reminded of the bonds that join the Choice community.

On Friday we also said goodbye to three wonderful members of staff. Our lovely Ms Scaper is leaving us for North Carolina and on August 11 will marry her fiancé Mike. In September she will be teaching a K-I class of her own. Our treasured Mrs. Harker is leaving to pursue a law degree at the University of Victoria in the fall, and our beloved Shaheen has decided to enter the teaching profession and will be studying for her BEd at the University of Calgary. We will miss these three remarkable ladies immensely. We thank them for everything they have contributed during their time with us, and the happiness they have brought to the school by simply being who they are.

This week staff were at the school Monday through Thursday organizing, packing, sorting and finalizing year end tasks.

Best wishes to our families for a healthy and happy summer. Enjoy the sunshine and special summer adventures together. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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Father's Day Breakfast

On Friday, June 23, we celebrated our amazing Choice fathers with a breakfast in their honor.



Water Wars

