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Principal's Message for Newsletter

December 1st, 2020

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff, I wanted to reach out and thank you so very much for the efforts you are making to bring your children to school safely, and for keeping their (and our) spirits up with your caring and encouragement. It is a challenging time for everyone, but the challenge is made much easier by the knowledge that we remain a closely-knit community through it all. Seeing our families at the gate each morning is a highlight, as is recognizing your trust, support and the common goal we share of maintaining a positive learning environment for our children.

The provincial situation changes daily, and it is difficult to anticipate how next week or next month will unfold. The school receives weekly updates from the Ministry of Education, reinforcing the protocols and the message are all hearing: stay safe, stay close to home, wear your mask and keep your distance. Your children are marvelous about following the rules, and we commend them for being such conscientious citizens.

In the midst of the pandemic, we believe it's time to have some fun. To celebrate the arrival of winter, staff is planning a winter-themed Focus Week for the last week of the term. Students will remain in their cohorts throughout and all the safety protocols will be meticulously maintained. We are looking forward to revisiting this Choice tradition, and will send the details to you shortly.

Another Choice holiday tradition is the annual musical production, *Winterfest*. Please save the morning of Friday, December 11 to join us at 10:30 am for this lovely event. This production will be a video presentation, and we will send you the link at 10:00 am that morning.

Staff is currently preparing the Term One report cards to go home on December 18th, and we will be delighted as always to share with you the story of your child's growth and their enthusiasm for learning.

We will keep you informed as we hear announcements from the Ministry in the next while. Although it is anyone's guess what those announcements might entail, our staff is ready to adapt to any changes that may be mandated.

Again, we thank you for helping us all to remain flexible, to continue to do our important work together, and to stay the course for as long as is necessary.

Warm regards,

Lynn

A Message from our Board

Congratulations to our new Board Director, Manpreet Gosal, who was elected in last Tuesday's AGM.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our retiring Board Chair, Phil Gray, for the countless hours he has put toward strengthening our school during his six-year tenure.



Congratulations to Jonathan Wiseman who is assuming the position of Chair;

to Jason Beaven, Co-Chair,

Maureen McDermid, Board Secretary;

Vladimir Martinak, Treasurer;

and Grace Lanuza, Director with responsibility for fund-raising.

You are all very much appreciated, and Choice would not be the place of excellence it is without your expertise and guidance.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that we have serious food allergies among our students, and for their safety, all of Choice School is EGG FREE AND NUT FREE. Parents are reminded that the following products contain eggs and MUST NOT to be brought to school:

- Mayonnaise
- Ranch dressing
- Hard boiled egg
- Egg salad
- Egg fried rice
- Caesar salad dressing
- Protein powder
- Egg noodles
- Alfredo and other creamy sauces

If parents have any questions about the safety of a food product, Mary Tran (Logan's mum) is happy to speak with them.

Special Promotion for Parents!

Share promo code **HolidayFunds20** with parents for 10% off one item.

Artist: **Jimmy Meyers** (ScreenName: Jimmy7)

Group: Homeroom B Grade: PreK-4

Holiday Special!

Custom keepsakes with your child's art!
Perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers!
Help raise funds for our school art program!
Holiday Cards now at discounted prices!

artsonia.com/gifts/jimmy7

Get 10% off any one item!

Use Promo Code: **HolidayFunds20**
Special offer saves 10% off one item's sale price.
Valid through December 12, 2020.

Jimmy7's Custom Holiday Cards



and lots of other stocking stuffers too ...



ornaments



mugs



t-shirts



art prints

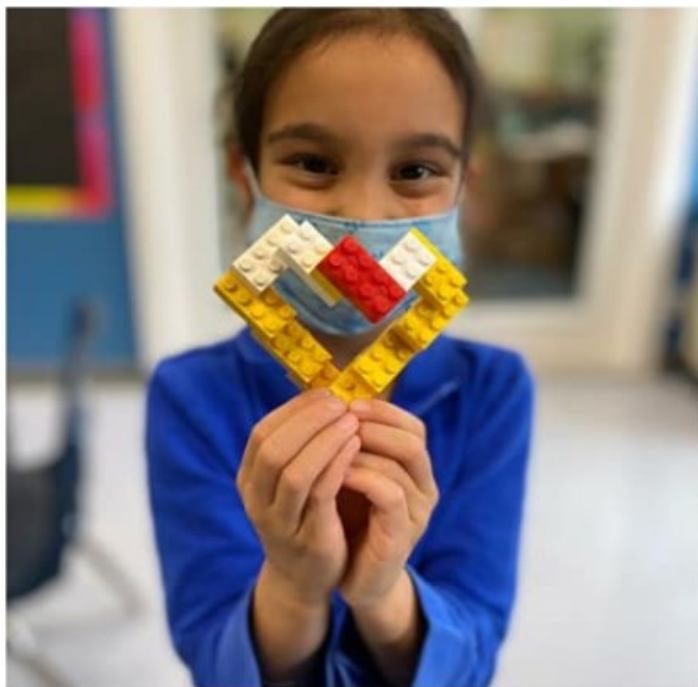


magnets

and
more!

If you have any questions for Artsonia, please email info@artsonia.com or call toll-free (800)-869-9974 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm CST

Cohort 1 Learning in Action





Photos from Choice School's post

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Holiday Art from Artsonia Giftshop!!!!

Hello! The holidays are coming! You may wish to order special items from Artsonia as gifts. Please read the information below to help you with your holiday ordering.

Artsonia is the **World's Largest Student Art Museum.**

<https://www.artsonia.com/gifts/products/>

Yet it's so much more than that! It's a free, safe, educational program designed to connect parents and families with their child's creative activities at school. Every student will have their artwork in Artsonia if you choose to grant permission to have it posted. Your child's last name is NEVER posted. After I post artwork on Artsonia they

will contact you to give permission to post it onto their website. Every time after that it will automatically be posted or kept private. It is a very safe secure website that we have been using for quite a few years. If you purchase their products Choice School is rewarded 20% which I use to purchase more art supplies. **Thank-you for your support!**

Connect to your child's account on Artsonia, and then you can ...



View your Child's Artworks

New artwork is often uploaded by your child's art teacher at school, but you can also upload artworks [with your smartphone](#) that may be sitting around the house!



Start a Fan Club

Invite family and friends to join your child's official "Fan Club" so they can receive notification when new artwork is posted.



Approve Comments

Friends and family can leave positive comments about your child's artwork. Review and approve these comments so they can be posted on your child's gallery.



Get Feedback from the Teacher

Teachers may enter feedback or assessment of your child's artwork that is privately viewable by parents.



Support the Arts Program

You may purchase high-quality [custom keepsakes](#) with your child's art. The school arts program receives 20% of your purchase towards art materials and other supplies.

Questions may be directed to info@artsonia.com Please visit our Artsonia site often for photo updates!!!!

Thanking you in advance for supporting our art program! Ms. Cathy - Art Teacher @ Choice School



Important Dates to Remember

December 11	Winterfest 10:30 am (Winterfest will be a video presentation and the link will be available on Friday December 11 @ 10:00am)
December 14-18	Focus Week
December 18	Report Cards go home
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break (school is closed)
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
January 4	Classes Resume



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December Birthdays

Joshua December 21

Alex S. December 25

Akaal December 30

January Birthdays

Nathan J. January 3

Alistair January 7

Kai January 8

Phoenix January 10

Andy January 20

Katie January 27

The Sunday Funnies

