

# Choice School

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## NEWSLETTER No. 20-06

### December 18, 2020

Dear Parents,

Winter Break and the New Year 2021 seem to have arrived very quickly this year. We look back on a 2020 which turned our world inside out. The year has brought a sense of disconnection from those we care about, and for many, sadness and loneliness. There was, however, a silver lining. We will never again be complacent about the many blessings in our lives, we have learned determination and persistence, and been reminded daily of the importance of empathy, compassion and kindness. Our world in many ways is a gentler place, and the entire planet is unified in a common goal. We all remain in this together.

Throughout the pandemic, schools have remained the epicentre of a dramatically changed reality, and our Choice community of parents, staff and students has weathered the challenges and adjusted to the changes. Between March and May, our focus was on supporting the mental health of our children and teachers through this traumatic time, while mastering the challenges of virtual learning. In June, we were permitted to rejoin the school in newly created hybrid classrooms. And, since our September re-start, we have become comfortable with our cohorts, masks, disinfecting and distancing, and continued with the excitement of learning while remaining within COVID restrictions.

This week Choice students have *Celebrated Winter* through crafts, music, winter sports, and today, with activities from the traditional Quebec Carnival. We hope you enjoy the photographs which follow that chronicle our week of fun at the end of a challenging term.

As we move to the end of 2020, we thank you all for your ongoing trust and support. We wish you a healthy, joyous holiday season, a happy 2021, and look forward to seeing you all on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Warm wishes to you from the staff at Choice!*

Happy Holidays!!  
-Ms. Nowe  
Wesolych  
Srinet Mrs. M  
Happy Holidays!!  
Ms. Gibbs  
Happy holidays!  
- Mr. Bennett  
Happy Holidays!  
Ganuch  
Happy Holidays!  
- Ms. Sarai  
Have safe and happy  
holidays! ~ Miss. Murrau  
Happy Holidays!  
Ms. Campbell  
Happy Holidays!  
Ms. Durnansky  
All the best of  
the festive season!  
Ms. Durnansky  
Happy Holidays!  
Ms. Gibbs  
Best wishes!  
Ms. Jopey  
Happy Holidays  
Happy 2021  
Ms. Walli

# 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](http://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



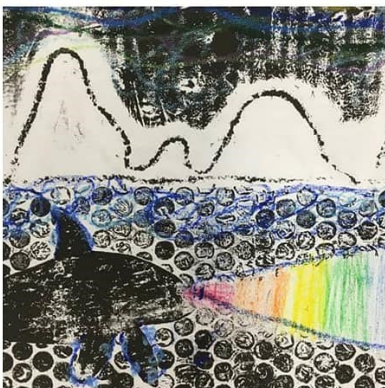
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more!

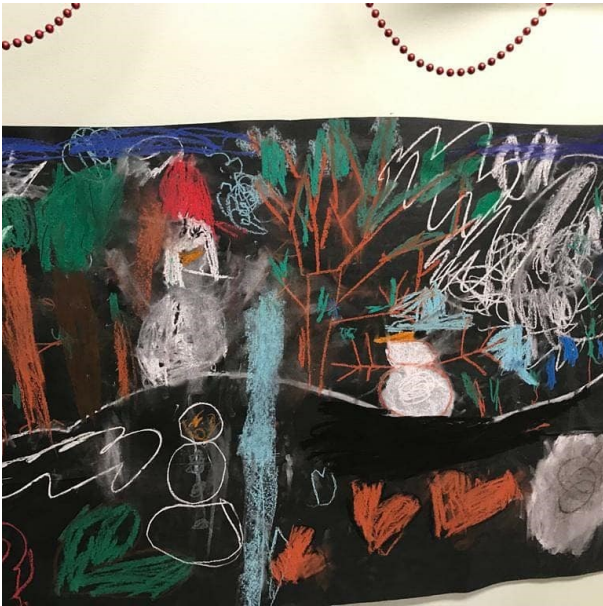
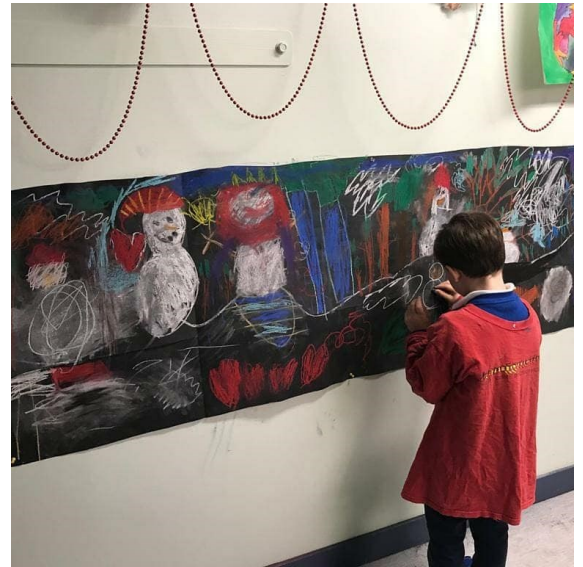
If you have any questions for Artsonia, please email [info@artsonia.com](mailto:info@artsonia.com) or call toll-free (800)-869-9974 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm CST



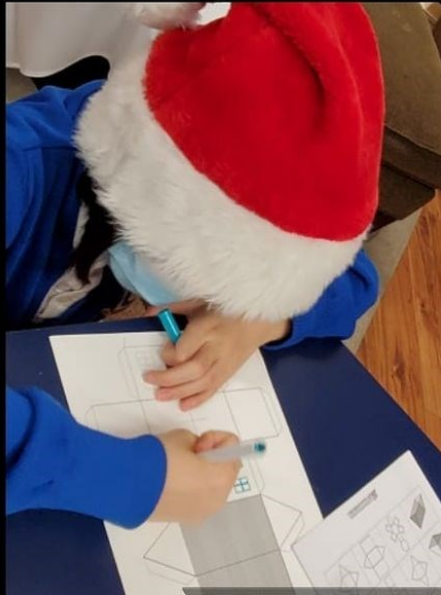
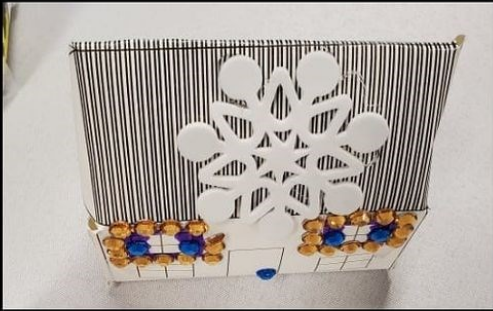
# Celebration week at Choice School

















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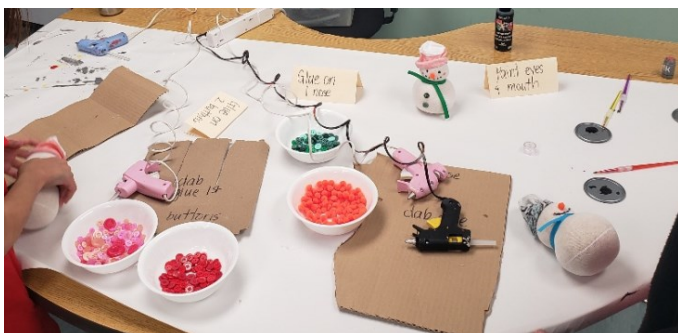
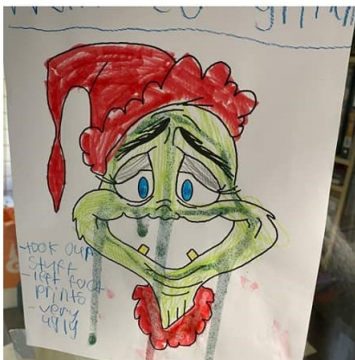
# You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch



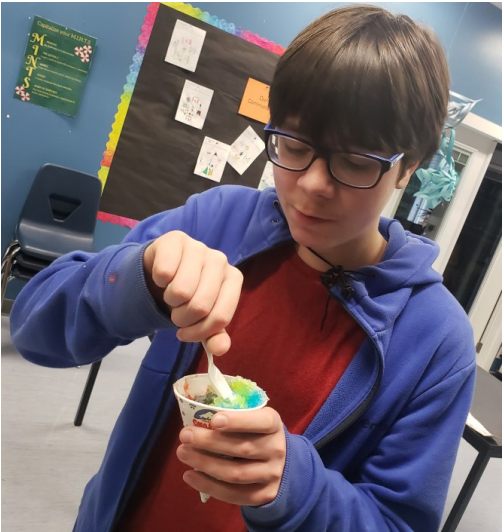
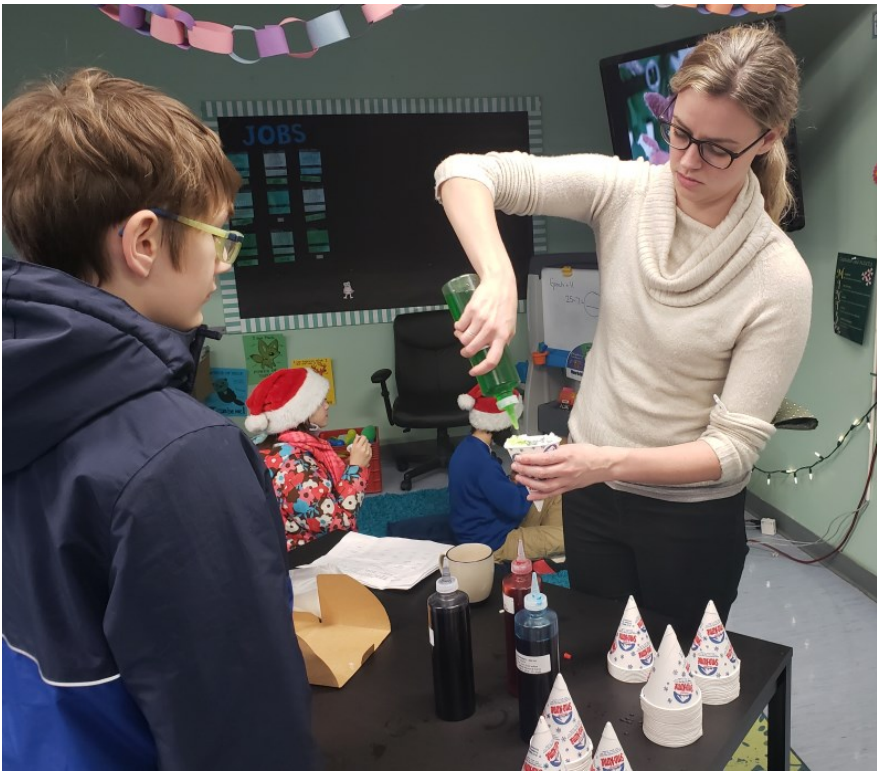
Oak Class set up traps to try and catch the Grinch, who stole their Holiday tree.











# 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](mailto: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 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
January 21	Out in Schools Grade 4, 5, and CMS
February 12	Pro-D Day
February 15	Family Day (School is closed)
February 24	Pink Shirt Day



# 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

## February Birthdays

Gurmeher      February 6

Simone      February 11

Maya      February 15

Nova      February 25





# The Sunday Funnies

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



<http://TheFunnyPlace.net>

