

October 2018 Newsletter



Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Chelsea Community,

The Terry Fox Run was a huge success! Not only was the weather wonderful, the volunteers plentiful, and the students enthusiastic, but this year the Chelsea Team raised \$6 777.45! A special thank you to all who supported this event including the MRC des Collins and the Chelsea Fire Department!

Throughout September new student registrations have continued! Our school population is now at 295 students and I want to send a warm welcome to the new families that have joined our school.

Every fall we practice our emergency procedures. This month we will have a practice fire drill and a practice lock down. These practices are supported by the Fire Department and the MRC and are done to ensure efficient response in the event of the emergency. If you have any questions related to the practices please let me know.

In October you will receive your child's first official communication, the Progress Report. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding this. You will also receive information shortly regarding the updated Quebec sexuality education program.

Thank you to the Home and School Association for the back to school BBQ!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage

Principal,
Chelsea Elementary School

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1st – PD Day – school and Daycare closed

Oct. 3rd – Grade 4 vaccines

Oct. 4th - Project ACTIVE! @ PWHS

WQSB Soccer Tournament
Onslow

Oct. 5th – Dental Screening
Kinder (AM)

Oct. 8th – Thanksgiving Holiday

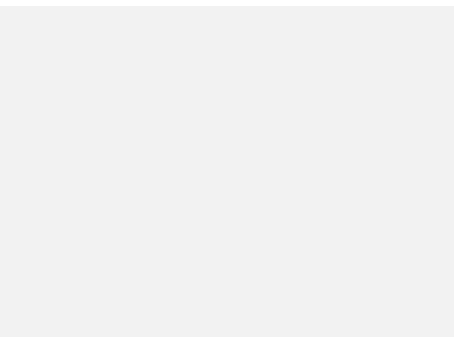
Oct. 11th – GB Meeting 5:30

Oct. 15th – Progress Reports go home

Oct. 19th – PD Day

Oct. 26th – H & S Halloween
Dance

Oct. 26th - Photo Day



Governing Board

At the Annual General Assembly on September 20th, Chelsea Elementary's 2018/2019 Governing Board (GB) was formed. Throughout the year, the GB will work together at the school level to provide guidance and make decisions that affect the life of the school. This includes voting on policies and overseeing the implementation of the school success plan, fundraisers, budget, school fees, school trips and other such items. In addition to Principal Gage and two Community Representatives (yet to be appointed), the GB is comprised of the following elected parent and staff representatives:

Staff Representatives:

Sandrine Bedard
Brittney Camus
Heather Beresford
Leslie Fumerton
Emma Hadeed

Parent Representatives:

Sarah Gay (sarahgay@live.com or 204.799.7279)
Correne Giles (cgiles@wqsb.qc.ca)
Matthieu Hack (write2matt@gmail.com)
Patrick Hall
Jennifer Olson, Parent Committee Representative on WQSB Parent Committee
Marty Thomas, Board Char (marty.thomas123@gmail.com)

In addition to determining the members of the GB, Marty Thomas was elected as Board Chair and Jennifer Olson was acclaimed the Parent Committee Representative on the WQSB Parent Committee with Sarah Gay acting as back up.

As Parent Representatives, we are there to voice the concerns and viewpoint of the parents and caregivers of our students. Please feel free to reach out to any one of the Parent Representatives throughout the year and we'd be more than happy to bring your concern or comment to the rest of the Board. You also have the opportunity to voice your comments directly at the Public Forum, which is a standing agenda item at all of our meetings.

Appointments/Late arrivals:

We ask that parents notify the school by leaving a message or e-mailing when you know that your child will be late or have an appointment. You can reach Ms. Larose at 819-827-0245 or e-mail her at Chelsea@wqsb.qc.ca.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Ms. Larose will be absent from October 9th to 16th inclusive. Ms. McLaughlin will be replacing her during her absence. Please continue to e-mail or send a written note before 1:30 p.m. to the Office.

Change of daily routine for any student:

In order to keep track of where children should be we ask that parents send in a written note in the morning or an e-mail for any change. **Phones/e-mails will not be answered after 1:30** as last minutes changes are difficult to manage. Thank you for your understanding.

Anti-Bullying and Violence Prevention (ABVP) at Chelsea

Did you know that Chelsea has a committee dedicated to anti-bullying and violence prevention? The committee is comprised of school administration, school staff and a few of our amazing parents. Each month the committee meets to discuss and put into action, school-wide initiatives that help create an inclusive and respectful school culture.

This year ABVP goals include:

- consistent use of a school-wide reporting system by all staff
- continuing to create a school culture that encourages acts of kindness
- monthly classroom discussions to promote inclusion and stronger classroom communities
- social-emotional learning in the classroom to address self-regulation and anxiety
- targeted small group and direct education to address needs of vulnerable students in regards to bullying

Thank you for your support in making Chelsea School the wonderful place we are all so proud of.

Your ABVP Committee

After School Program News:

October 1st is a board wide PD day for the Provincial Elections. Daycare will be closed on that day.

Our next PD day is October 19th; forms will start going home October 2nd and need to be returned by October 12th.

Home and School

October: Fall is upon us and that means Halloween! Our next event is the ever popular Halloween Dance which will be held on Friday, October 26th. Join us for an evening of food, music, dancing and amazing costumes! Event details and dinner ordering information to follow shortly. Any parents interested in helping out at this fun event, please email us and we will get in touch with you.

November: Did you know that in most Western countries, 6 - 12% of landfill waste is made up of discarded textiles? Instead of throwing them into landfills as garbage, textiles deemed unsuitable for charitable donations or re-sale can be sent to recycling facilities to be broken down and remade! Do you have old towels that have seen better days? Bed sheets that are paper thin? Yucky rags? Socks that no longer cover your toes? Clothes with too many holes to be fashionable? Hold onto them!! We will be running our **Bag2School** fundraiser again this November. Drop off dates will be announced soon.

How to get involved: Interested in becoming a member or volunteering with our amazing group? All are welcome to participate based on your own availability and interests. Please email Meghann, our Membership Chair, for more information. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm.

Like and follow us on Facebook (**Chelsea Home & School Association**) for more news & updates!

Contact us anytime at: chelseahands15@gmail.com

October 2018 - Acceptance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
PD DAY /ELECTION DAY SCHOOL AND DAYCARE CLOSED	Mazzola Hot	Shawarma Program Grade 4 Vaccines	Mazzola Hot Project ACTIVE @ PWHS Soccer Tour. Onslow	Pizza Program Dental Screening Kinder (am)	
8	9	10	11	12	13/14
Thanksgiving HOLIDAY	Mazzola Hot	Shawarma Program Home & School Meeting 6:30	Mazzola Hot	Pizza Program	
15	16	17	18	19	20/21
Progress Reports go home today	Mazzola Hot	Shawarma Program	Mazzola Hot	PD Day Daycare Open 7:30 to 5:30	
22	23	24	25	26	27/28
	Mazzola Hot	Shawarma Program	Mazzola Hot Meals	Pizza Program  PHOTO DAY H & S Halloween Dance	
29	30	31			
Chelsea Stars Assembly 8:30	Mazzola Hot Meals	Shawarma Program HALLOWEEN			