
September 2018 Newsletter

Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Chelsea Community,

The classrooms and hallways are buzzing with students and staff again! Despite some final construction projects, classes are running as they should and students in the senior wing are enjoying the renovated rooms.

This year we are welcoming some new and returning staff members to the teaching team. Ms. Goulais has returned and is teaching Grade ½, Ms. Gillich and Ms. Camus are teaching the Grade 3 classes, and Ms. Ott is teaching Grade 4. Ms. Emma has returned to the Centre and Ms. Render is teaching Grade 4.

At Chelsea Elementary, careful attention is paid to academic success for students. Teachers differentiate lessons so that the curriculum is accessible to all learners and so that each student receives the appropriate level of support and challenges. In addition to academic learning, school is an important place for children to further develop their sense of community, learn about responsibility, and grow in self-awareness. Important values are introduced monthly and celebrated with the Chelsea Stars Awards. Check the top of the calendar to see the monthly value.

Over the course of the week, you will receive details about the hot lunch programs. We will be offering hot lunches through the online service Mazzola and Pizza and Shawarma from Chelsea Shawarma. A small portion of each order is redistributed back to the school as fundraising for school activities (ex. plays, end of year class trips, etc.)

I will continue to use the REMIND APP for urgent communication. This includes transportation information, emergency communication, and school/daycare changes due to weather or other events. Please find information on how to register attached to this newsletter.

I wish everyone a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage

Upcoming Events

September 5th

H & S Meeting 6:30

September 20th

Open House & Meet the Teacher Night

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

September 21st

First PD Day – Daycare is open

September 27th

Terry Fox Run more info to come

Drop Off Zone:

Parents do not drop off, drive or park in designated bus zone. Please use the parent parking.

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.

Governing Board: Annual General Assembly (AGA)

The Governing Board is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the school life. The Governing Board is comprised of 12 members: 6 parents and 6 school staff members, the principal and up to two community members. The purpose of the Governing Board is to make decisions about the aims and objectives for the school and how to realize them. This includes voting on policies and overseeing the implementation of the school success plan, fundraisers, budget, school fees, school trips and other important items. Meetings usually take place one evening every 6 weeks. If you are interested in becoming involved in your child's school by being part of this organization, please ensure that you attend the Annual General Assembly and Meet the Teacher Night on September 20th. On that evening, all parents present will be able to nominate themselves or another parent, and then vote for the candidate(s) of their choice to fill the vacant positions that are up for election this year.

Elections for Representatives to Parent Committee (part of AGA)

Once governing board parent reps are elected, all parents attending the AGA will elect a representative and an alternate to the school board's Parent Committee from among the parent reps on governing board.

Special Education Advisory Committee (part of AGA)

Parents who wish to take part in the school board's Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.) will also have an opportunity to submit their names for consideration. Interested parents must have a child with an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.). Anyone can sign up and the Parent Committee will then select members of the S.E.A.C.

Open House & Meet the teachers evening:

All parents and guardians are invited to join us on the evening of September 20th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. to meet their child/children's teachers. Please see invitation poster attached with the details of the evening. Following the AGM, parents are invited to meet their child's teacher.

Terry Fox Run:

Our annual Terry Fox fundraising school-wide event will be held on Thursday, September 27th. Parent volunteers will be necessary on that day. More information will be sent in the next weeks.

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.

Parent Volunteers are needed for:

- Library
- Pizza Program (from 11:10 to 11:30)
- Head lice checks

Please advise the office if you are available.

Teachers will also request volunteers for in class activities, outings, etc. throughout the year. All volunteers must have a valid Security Background Check. Contact the school for more info.

After School Program News:

Our first P.D. Day is September 21. The theme for the day is Fall Fair.

A reminder to the parents who pre-registered for all P.D. Days you only need to return the form coming home this week if you **do not** want your child to attend.

Forms must be returned by the Reply before date indicated on the form.

Priority for P.D. Days is for students who attend the After School Program on a regular basis, and for those sporadic students who have pre-registered for all P.D. Days.

We will then accept sporadic students who register only occasionally if there is space available on a first come, first served basis.

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

Home and School

Welcome to the new school year!

Our first event, the Welcome Back BBQ was a huge success! What a wonderful way to start the school year. A very big "Thank You" to the volunteers who helped out.

The Chelsea Home & School Association has a number of events planned throughout the year. Our next event will be the Halloween Dance - more details to follow shortly. A list of our planned events will be published in a future newsletter.

We are currently continuing our membership drive for the coming school year and we need some new helpers, so if you are interested in joining us or becoming a volunteer on future events, please do so! You can complete the membership form [here](#), or send us an email to the attention of Meghann, our membership Coordinator.

Hope to see you soon and thanks again for all of your support!

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

Contact us anytime at chelseahands15@gmail.com

Check us out on the website at <http://wqsb.qc.ca/chelsea/homeschool.asp>

Chelsea School Homework Club and Enrichment Program

Chelsea school Homework Club and Enrichment Program is looking to offer our students another wonderful program of support, fun, and challenges! In order to do so, we are reaching out to our fabulous volunteering community once again to come in and offer your time and expertise by running an activity. This will be just one hour per week, from 3:25-4:25.

Martial arts, cycling, art, music, dance, sports - we are open to anything!

If you are interested in learning more about this program or have any ideas of what could be a perfect activity to offer our students, please get in touch with our coordinator, Sharon: sharon.gaston@gmail.com

Thanks!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8/9
HOLIDAY		Home & School Meeting 6:30			
10	11	12	13	14	15/16
17	18	19	20	21	22/23
	Mazzola Hot Meals begin 		Mazzola Hot Meals  Open House & Meet the Teacher night - 5:00-7:30	PD Day Daycare Open 7:30 to 5:30	
24	25	26	27	28	29
	Mazzola Hot Meals 	Shawarma Program 	Mazzola Hot Meals  Terry Fox Run 10:15 - 11:30	Chelsea Stars Assembly 8:30 Pizza Program  Official school attendance. Please make sure to come to school on time!	

Little Lotus Yoga



We are excited to be offering our Little Lotus Kids Yoga program at Chelsea Elementary again! This yoga program is open to all students and will be offered on Thursday's at lunch time.

The classes will run:

Thursday's 11:55-12:25

September 13th- October 25th

Investment: \$56+tax per child

Yoga mats will be provided but we ask that the day of yoga that your child wear comfortable clothing that is suitable for movement.

All of our Little Lotus Yoga teachers are certified yoga teachers with many years experience working with children.

You can register your child online here:

<http://bit.ly/chelseayoga>

If you have any questions or would prefer to pay via EMT instead of credit card online you can email us at info@littlelotusyoga.ca

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

We are looking forward to our next session!

Sincerely,

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September 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

Chelsea Elementary School is continuously looking for better ways to communicate quickly and effectively with parents. Over the past school year we have successfully been using a service that allows the office (myself or Mme Larose) to send messages instantaneously to parents in events such as important information (important notice or report cards going home), emergency evacuations, bus cancellations or delays, school closure, etc. This does not replace traditional communication such as our school newsletter and emails, but is used in addition.

I strongly encourage all parents to register to REMIND. REMIND is a free, safe, easy to use communication tool that will allow Chelsea Elementary to connect directly with you instantly by email or text messaging. Your contact information will remain confidential.

How to register

If you wish to receive text message alerts on your phone:

1. Text this number: (819) 801-2231
2. Then, text this message: @chelseapa
3. You will then receive a message back asking to enter your name: enter your name. This information will be visible only to the school administration.
4. You will receive a link to download the full application, but this is not necessary to receive messages.

* You can unsubscribe at any time by replying *unsubscribe* @chelseapa

If you wish to receive your messages in the form of emails:

Send an email to this address: chelseapa@mail.remind.com There is no need to include a subject heading or a message.

* You can unsubscribe at any time by replying *unsubscribe* in the subject line.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,
Andrea Gage
Principal