

December 2018 Newsletter

Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that December is already here! We have an exciting month ahead of us. Once again this year, Chelsea Elementary staff and students would like to invite parents and family to our Holiday Concert on December 20th at 8:30 am. Also, on the last week before the holidays, there will be a special theme every day and students and staff can dress accordingly. Make sure to look at the calendar included in this newsletter for more details.

I'd like to remind all parents to be conscious of any allergies in your child's class during this holiday season. If you are unsure, please ask either your child's teacher or inquire at the office.

Thank you very much to our amazing Home and School Association who organized the recent bake sale and Scholastic Book Fair! This is an important fundraising event for our school.

The Chelsea Value in December is generosity. Whether it is the gift of time, friendship, or a physical item, teachers will be sharing with students the importance of giving to others. We will also be raising awareness of the diversity of cultural celebrations that take place at this time of year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful winter break and Happy New Year!

Andrea Gage

Principal,

Chelsea Elementary

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1st – Quail House Xmas Craft
- Dec. 6th – H & S meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec. 17th – Green & Red Day
- Dec. 18th – Holiday Sweater Day
- Dec. 19th – Holiday Accessory Day
- Dec. 20th – Holiday Concert for Parents 8:45
- Dec. 21st – Pyjama Day

DAYCARE FEES FOR DECEMBER

All fees must be paid in full by **December 14th**. Any students with a balance owing will not have access to the Daycare service in January.

Daycare parents are invited to a casual Christmas get together on Wednesday December 20th at 4:00. Join us for light refreshments and entertainment and meet the amazing Daycare staff.



Daycare

Wednesday December 19th the After School Program invites parents to a Christmas Café from 4 – 5pm.

Please join us for refreshments and light entertainment. More information will come home with students at a later date.

Monday January 7th is a P.D. Day. Forms will be going home the week of December 3rd and must be returned by December 14th.

Parents are reminded to e-mail or cc hberesford@wqsb.qc.ca of any changes to their child's daycare schedule, or requests for students to stay on a sporadic basis.

All fees must be paid by December 14th. Students with a balance will not have access to the service in January.

Chelsea School Holiday Food Drive

As the holidays are quickly approaching, and in the spirit of giving, we need to be grateful for all that we have and remember those who are in need.

Chelsea school is once again collecting food items for our annual food drive. The food drive will begin December 3rd and continues until the last day before the holidays.

All dried or canned foods are welcome but some of the items most in need are: soup, dried fruit, nuts and seeds, canned meats, powdered milk, cans or jars of juice, whole grain products: cereal, crackers, crisp breads, pasta, rice; juice boxes, fruit cups small boxes of raisins, tomato sauce, corn, salsa, and ketchup.

Donations of new or gently used mitts, scarves, and hats are also welcome.

All donations can be dropped off in the Grand Hall. Thank you for supporting local organizations and families. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Anti-bullying and Violence Prevention Committee

The Anti-bullying and Violence Prevention (ABVP) Committee met on November 6 to give final approval to its Action Plan for the 1918-19 school year. The plan was subsequently adopted at the November 15 meeting of the Governing Board. The plan covers issues such as reporting, classroom thematic discussions, social/emotional learning and awareness, peer mediation (dispute resolution, etc.) and close attention to the vulnerable. See: [insert web address].

While the plan, like its predecessors, remains vigilant about negative behaviour (real and potential), the ABVP committee has also given focus to the positive, i.e. mutual support, inclusiveness, notions of community, respect for diversity, and acceptance/understanding of the "Other." A holistic approach to respect and inclusiveness, in addition to being an effective preventive measure, merits continual reinforcement as central to the school culture - and an essential lesson for life.

Further to the Action Plan, the ABVP committee will be providing input to the work of the Governing Board on the school's next five-year Education Project. The committee also encourages parents who may be interested in becoming a member of the ABVP committee (terms are two years) to contact Principal Andrea Gage (agage@chelsea.com).

Governing Board 2018-2019:

On November 15th, the GB met to discuss and provide guidance on some of the day to day decisions that affect the life of the school. Here are some highlights:

- Community Representatives: The GB welcomed our two community representatives - Carol Green, Mayor of Chelsea, and Dermot Guinnane, Sports Program Manager at the Meredith Centre. Both Carol and Dermot were community representatives on the board in 2017/2018 and we look forward to collaborating and continuing to build strong partnerships between the school and the community this year.
- French Productions at the NAC: A big “Thank you” goes out to Home and School for their generous support that will enable each class at Chelsea Elementary to attend a French production at the NAC
- Field Trip Funding: we are so pleased to announce that funding for field trips will be covered by new two grants – the “Cultural Outings” and “Inspirational Schools” grants
- Used Ukuleles: Maybe last year’s “must have” Christmas present didn’t get as much love as was promised and you now have a ukulele sitting lonely in the corner? If so, send it into the school and we’ll add it to our collection to be used during Homework Club’s popular ukulele lessons.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday January 10th at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend, but please feel free to reach out to any of the parent reps to discuss anything related to GB business:

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

Home and School

Our November Events

The Bag2School event was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated. We are looking to hold this event again in the spring so please keep an eye out for the dates!

The **Scholastic Book Fair and Bake Sale** was also a huge success. A great big thank you to Asha and Holley for coordinating the event. Our bake sale raised over \$200.00 and our total sales for the book fair was over \$4000.00!!! This means Chelsea Elementary will benefit with over \$2000.00 in books. Thank you to all who supported this event.

December

The coming holidays means busy schedules so Home and School will not be hosting any December event. Keep an eye out on the December newsletter for a list of our 2019 events.

How to get involved

Interested in volunteering for an upcoming event? All are welcome to participate based on your own availability and interests. Please send us an email and we will add you to our Volunteer distribution list. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to sit in on a meeting!

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>

December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
					1/2
					Quail Christmas Craft Sale 9:00 to 3:00 
3	4	5	6	7	8/9
 Food Drive Starts	Mazzola	Shawarma  H & S Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	Mazzola	Pizza 	
10	11	12	13	14	15/16
	Mazzola	Shawarma 	Mazzola	Pizza 	
17	18	19	20	21	22/23
Wear Red and Green day 	Holiday Sweater Day 	Dress up Day  <i>Sounds of the Season</i>	Holiday Concert for parents - 8:45 a.m.	Pyjama Day   Food Drive Pick up	
25	26	27	28	29	30/31

School is back in session for Regular classes on January 8th.

