

February 2019 Newsletter

Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

February has arrived and it is going to be a busy month! **Staff Appreciation Week is taking place February 4th until the 8th**. This is the perfect time to show your appreciation to the members of the Chelsea team for their hard work. Thank you to the Home and School association for organizing the surprises!

I would like to thank Home and School and the many parent volunteers for the work that went into a fantastic winter carnival! It was a wonderful night to celebrate community and warm up with homemade chili!

This month, the staff and students are focused on the value of kindness and inclusion. Throughout the month, students and staff will challenge themselves to commit random acts of kindness. As a school we will create a Banner of Kindness that you will see displayed in the Grand Hall.

As February is Heart Month, Chelsea Elementary Students will participate in a fundraiser for The Heart and Stroke Foundation. Please watch for more information about this important event.

February 15th marks the end of Term 2 and parents can expect report cards to come home on March 11th. Wishing everyone a wonderful month!

Andrea Gage
Principal



Upcoming Events

Feb 4– 8th

Staff Appreciation Week Luncheon served on Feb. 7th

Feb 8th

Winterlude for cycle 1 students

Feb 11 & 12

PD Days (Daycare: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Feb 14th

WQSB Bus Safety presentations

Feb 15th

Defie –Genie in the morning;
Hundred's day in the afternoon.

Feb 19th

WQSB Volleyball Tournament
Museum of Nature Grade 4

Feb 28th

Chelsea Stars Awards @ 8:30

Re-registration Forms 2019-2020

Re-registration Forms will be sent out shortly. Please complete the form as soon as possible and return it to school. If your child is going to Junior High next year and you have not yet decided which school it will be, please complete the rest of the form and advise me once you have made your choice. Please make sure you sign and date it at the bottom. Students who are not returning next year should also return the form indicating their intention. Located at the top of the form is a place to check off.

Fun Club News

Feb. 11 & 12 P.D. Days theme is Winter Olympics. Registration forms must be returned by Friday Feb. 1. Parents who have registered for the whole year are reminded that they need to return the registration forms only if their child is not attending. Parents are also reminded that after the return by date has passed no registrations will be accepted and parents will be charged if they cancel, or if their child does not attend.

The Board Blurb

At our last meeting on January 10th, the Governing Board discussed some of the regular day to day activities that happen at the school such as upcoming field trips and lunch/after school activities. A few highlights include:

- Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC) update: We're really excited about the OLC and know that you are too! After the original bids from tender came back too high, a new design was created with some minor price saving modifications. The changes don't affect the essence of the OLC as a whole, but rather save money on design components that were not necessary (ex: shape of the roof). The new designs are going out to tender again and the school board will notify us when they have more details.
- Sexuality Education: A new sexuality curriculum will be rolled out to all classes (K-6) beginning April 2019. The program promotes a comprehensive, positive vision of sexuality through learning content that was developed to meet the needs of children and adolescents, while taking into account the students' age and level of development. More information can be found at:
<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/contenus-communs/school-administrators-public-and-private-schools/sexuality-education/>

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Appointments/Late arrivals:

We ask that parents notify the school by leaving a message or e-mail 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.

Change of daily routine for any student:

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

Dressing for the weather:

It is very important that your child is dressed for the cold weather. The only time the students stay in is when it is -25 C. Otherwise all students get dressed to go outside. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday February 7th 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
- Jennifer Olson, Parent Committee Representative on WQSB Parent Committee
- Marty Thomas, Board Chair (marty.thomas123@gmail.com)

Chelsea Educational Project

Chelsea is at the drafting stage of the school's 5 year Educational Project. The scope and direction of the project will be determined by a steering committee comprised of various school community members. The ultimate goal of the project is help each student reach their potential; key objectives will be outlined as well as the strategies to achieve them. The steering committee members are:

- Andrea Gage (Principal)
- Devon Gable (Grade 6/Staff Assistant)
- Celine Brault (FSL)
- Brittney Camus (Grade 3)
- Alison Goulais (Grade 1/2)
- Martha Thomas (Governing Board Chair/Parent)
- Terry O'Grady (Anti-Bully Violence Prevention Committee/Parent)
- Pending (Home and School Association/Parent)

As always, your input is most welcome so do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Committee updates will be shared at Governing Board meetings which are public meetings.

Home and School News

A great big thank you to all the families who came out to our annual Winter Carnival. Thanks to Mother Nature, we had a great turn-out for the event. Our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers and cooks who donated their time and tasty chilies, stews, and baked goods. The event wouldn't have been a success without you. An interesting tidbit we would like to share... our event, which served food to about 130 people, amounted in less than 1 garbage bag of waste. ONE BAG!!! A big shout out to our environmentalists members who arranged the dishes and cutlery from the Wakefield Lending Library.

Our **February** event will focus on the exceptional staff of Chelsea Elementary. Can you help us make Staff Appreciation Week extra special for our staff? We are looking for donations so that we can kick off each day with a draw (or 2... or 3!) to be conducted by students during morning announcements. We think this will be a fun and motivating way to start each day. If you are able to donate something small (\$5 gift card? school supplies?) it will be greatly appreciated! Bring donations in to the office in a bag or envelope marked "Attn: Loralie Brown" no later than TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th. Please direct any questions about this to Loralie Brown brownlor3@gmail.com.

Another call out for diversity in members

This is a great parent community committed to supporting CE and the experience of our students and teachers. We love welcoming new members and increasing diversity on Home and School. This year, it would be great to boost membership to represent parents across all grades and also men in our parent community. All are welcome based on availability and interests.

We are still looking to fill the Treasurer role for next year and would like to bring someone in early to work with our awesome treasurer, Ann. Love numbers? Ann would love to talk to you. Please email us if you are interested!

How to get involved - next meeting is Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30, Chelsea School

Interested in volunteering for an upcoming event or seeing what we do? Please send us an email and we will add you to our Volunteer distribution list. All are welcome to sit in on a meeting! Contact us at: chelseahands15@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook (Chelsea Home & School Association) or check out the website at: <http://chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca/home-school-association/>

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

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Music Makers!

Each year the WQSB hosts a magical evening to celebrate music and our educational community. Chelsea Elementary would like to participate in this event again this year however, ***WE NEED HELP!***

If you are musical and can help to lead a group of music lovers please contact Devon Gable (dgable@wqsb.qc.ca) by February 8th, 2019. The sky is the limit so exercise your creativity to incorporate singing and/or instruments. The big night is Wednesday April 17th at 5:30pm. More information is available on the Music Makers website: <http://www.choralelyrica.com/musicmakers/>

February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
				1	2 /3
	Mazzola	Shawarma	Mazzola	Pizza	
4	5	6	7	8	9/10
	Mazzola PINK SHIRT DAY	Shawarma	Mazzola Staff Appreciation luncheon	Pizza	
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
PD Day 7:30 – 5:30 Daycare Schedule	PD Day 7:30 – 5:30 Daycare Schedule	Shawarma	Mazzola Bus Safety	Grade 3 National Gallery Pizza Defie Genie a.m. Hundreds Day in p.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23/24
	Grade 4 to Museum of Nature Mazzola WQSB Volleyball tournament - Chelsea hosting	Shawarma	Mazzola	Pizza	
25	26	27	28	1	
	Mazzola	Shawarma	Mazzola	Pizza	
 MARCH BREAK					

