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# April 2019 Newsletter

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## Chelsea Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

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Dear Parent Community,

Congratulations to Alexis Bulmer, a grade 5 student, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WQSB Concours D'Art Oratoire! We also want to celebrate the accomplishments of Sophie Lacourse-Pudifin who won 7 gold medals in the World Games in Abu Dhabi. Sophie is a Chelsea alumni and work placement student.

CHELSEA ELEMENTARY is full of heart! The Jump Rope for Heart campaign raised \$ 2495.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you for your donations and to the parent and staff volunteers who supported the activities!

During the last week of March, Chelsea students had the opportunity to participate in two enriching activities tied to their community. The Chelsea Library, supported by the LEACROSS FOUNDATION, brought authors and students together for writing and illustrating workshops. We were also proud to host Marc Walter, a local environmental artist. Throughout the week, Marc worked with all the students creating a landart mural entitled:

**The Passing Reminder.** This piece, which is on display in the Grand Hall, will remind us of our role in protecting our beautiful planet.

The art project launched us beautifully into our next value which is STEWARDSHIP and Action for the Earth. Please join us as work as a school community to positively impact our natural environment!

Have a wonderful month,

Andrea

Principal,  
Chelsea Elementary

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### Upcoming Events

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Autism Awareness -  
**Wear blue**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Home & School Meeting  
@ 6:30 p.m.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – WQSB Basketball  
Tournament at Lord Aylmer School

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Chelsea Stars Awards  
@ 8:30 a.m.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**- Part 1: Parent Workshop  
Connecting with Nature and Child  
Led Learning

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 6 students  
going to the NAC

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** - Governing Board  
Meeting @ 6:00 p.m

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** – Music Makers at Palais  
des Congrès – 50 Blvd.  
Maisonneuve @ 5:30 p.m.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Peter Joynt Assembly  
@ 9:00 a.m.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday - Holiday

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Easter Monday –  
Holiday

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**-Part 2: Parent  
Workshop Benefits of Risky Play

## Upcoming Parent Workshop (see last page)

### **Workshop #1- Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

In this workshop parents learn about how to help children connect with nature and why it's important. Discussion of the key principles of Forest School will show parents how they can support their children in nature so they can create connections to their natural world and deepen their learning. Participants also will gain a better understanding of what child-led learning is and how they can use this philosophy with their children to help them engage more deeply not only in the forest but in other areas as well

### **Workshop #2- Tuesday April 30- 7-8:30 pm**

In this workshop participants will be introduced to what risky play is and why it is important for the healthy development of children, both physical and emotional. The difference between risk and hazard will be examined and discussed, and participants will have the opportunity examine different potential risky play activities to determine what the 'true' risks are. Activities discussed will include rough play, rock and stick play, water play and tree climbing.

## **Fun Club News**

Parents are reminded that they must contact the Daycare Technician directly if they wish to make any changes to their child's schedule that effects Daycare attendance. This includes additional days, change of days and if you wish your child to attend on a Sporadic basis.

## **GOVERNING BOARD**

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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:

- Welcome Abeeha Hassan! Abeeha answered the call out to Chelsea Elementary parents to replace one of the parent reps who had to step down. Like all of the parent reps, Abeeha is available to represent the concerns of parents/caregivers of Chelsea Elementary parents and bring any questions you may have to the Governing Board as a whole. We look forward to having her contribution to the Board.
- Sexuality Education: Principal Gage proposed the framework through which the new Sexuality Education Curriculum will be integrated into classrooms beginning April 2019. The framework was approved by the GB

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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](mailto:Chelsea@wqsb.qc.ca).

## **Change of daily routine for any student:**

In order to keep students safe and on track at the end of day, parents must send written note in the morning for any end of day changes. **If notification is sent to the office later than 1:30 pm, we CANNOT guarantee that we will be able to accommodate the request.** Thank you for your understanding.

## **Dressing for the weather:**

Hopefully the Spring will arrive shortly! As the snow melts and the yard becomes messy, please be sure that your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor play! Splash pants and rubber boots are recommended to help your child stay warm and dry. **ALLOUTDOOR ITEMS SHOULD BE LABELLED!**

and the school is now working to ensure parents will be kept apprised of key subject matter in an appropriate and timely manner.

- The parent and staff reps of the GB provided input on, and approved, the 2019/2020 criteria for school principal. This is a standard request from the Western Quebec School Board as part of their annual planning process, and allows for input from the GB into any new appointments.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. 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:

- Correne Giles ([cgiles@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:cgiles@wqsb.qc.ca))
- Matthieu Hack ([write2matt@gmail.com](mailto:write2matt@gmail.com))
- Abeeha Hassan ([abeehahassan@gmail.com](mailto:abeehahassan@gmail.com))
- Patrick Hall
- Jennifer Olson, Parent Committee Representative on WQSB Parent Committee
- Marty Thomas, Board Chair ([marty.thomas123@gmail.com](mailto:marty.thomas123@gmail.com))

## **Homework Club**

The third session of Homework Club & Enrichment Activities is beginning the first week in April. Thank you to our parent volunteers who make the enriching opportunity available. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon, our program coordinator: [sharon.gaston@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.gaston@gmail.com)

## **Home and School News**

### **Chelsea Elementary Vernissage**

A great big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the very successful art show. Orders will be arriving the first week of May, just in time for Mother's Day.

### **April**

Come and join us Thursday, April 18th for dinner and a spring themed Craft Night. More information to following in the coming weeks.

### **Looking Ahead to May**

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 **May 21st** (drop off days will be Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th). To help raise the maximum funds for our school, please ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to go through their closets too – a team effort makes all the difference! Just a reminder, we accept old textiles, clothing, hats, belts, purses, footwear (tied in pairs), stuffed toys, linens, etc. - textiles only. A reminder, no toys, plastic, glass or wood please.

### **Executive Committee Position**

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? Please email us for more information!

### **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.

#### **How to get involved - next meeting is Wednesday, April 3th 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](mailto: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!

Contact us anytime at: [chelseahands15@gmail.com](mailto:chelseahands15@gmail.com)

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## April 2019 STEWARDSHIP- ACTION FOR THE EARTH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
	<b>Mazzola</b>  Autism Awareness wear blue	<b>Shawarma</b>  H & S Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>Mazzola</b>  PWHS BAND 1:00 p.m	<b>Pizza</b>  WQSB Basketball Tournament	
8	9	10	11	12	13/14
	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Shawarma</b> Grade 6 NAC	<b>Mazzola</b> Governing Board @ 6:00 p.m.	<b>Pizza</b>	
15	16	17	18	19	20/21
	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Shawarma</b>  Music Makers @ Palais des Congres 5:30 p.m.	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
22	23	24	25	25	27/28
<b>Easter Monday</b>  	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Shawarma</b>	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Pizza</b>	
29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3	
	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Shawarma</b>	<b>Mazzola</b>	<b>Pizza</b>	