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# June 2019 Newsletter

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## Chelsea Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

Happy June! This is always an exciting month with the end of the school year around the corner, the warm weather and long evenings.

In May there were several special events and activities taking place at school. *Climate Change and Us*, an evening event organized by the grade 5 classes was very well attended and four inspiring speakers shared their stories with the audience. We also welcomed Louis Mercier, a French Canadian Folklore presenter who performed for students in kindergarten to grade 5. This year all students participated in a French cultural event paid for by the Home and School fundraising efforts! We finished the month with a week of Jungle Sport and students had the opportunity to participate in approximately 4 hours of climbing activities over the week!

June is very busy with activities and end of year trips! Please check the calendar in this newsletter and watch for information coming home in your child's backpack!

Preparation for the next school year is underway. If you have a class placement request that you would like to have considered, please email it to [agage@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:agage@wqsb.qc.ca) with the subject: Class Placement Request 2019-2020. Please understand that this process is for requests that you feel will impact your child's success. All requests received will be considered however, I cannot guarantee that all will be accommodated. Children's friendships are always considered when groupings are made!

This month's value is courage. Encourage your child to step outside of their 'comfort zone' and try new things. Courage is also recognized when children stand up for others and their beliefs. We will explore the importance of courage and bravery throughout the month.

Next year's school calendar is attached. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing the children in August!

Sincerely,

**Andrea Gage**  
Principal

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### Upcoming Events

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - PD Day
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - Chelsea Stars @ 8:30 a.m.  
Kindergarten going to Altitude  
Gym
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - WQSB Softball Tournament  
- Grade 6 Montreal Field Trip
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - Grade 4 Camp Fortune
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Grade 3 students Mini Putt
- June 12<sup>th</sup> - Kindergartens Mini Putt  
- Ms. Camus' Class Pond Trip  
- Play for Daycare @ 4:00 p.m.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - Grade 2 to Visitors Centre  
- Ms. Empey's class overnight with Mr. E.  
- Governing Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Cycle 1 Activity Paposse Aki Storyteller
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - Grade 4 Picnic at Centre  
- Ms. Deanna's Class overnight with Mr. E
- June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - Cycle 2 & 3 Hoop Dancing Workshop
- June 20<sup>th</sup> - Ms. Empey's class to Hendrick Farm  
- Graduation Gr. 6 @ 10:30
- June 21<sup>st</sup> - End of Year Assembly @ 10:15  
Chelsea Stars  
- Picnic/BBQ @ 11:35 a.m.

## The Board Blurb

Some of the items covered at our meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, were as follows:

- 2018/2019 School Budget review: Principal Gage reviewed the school's spend over the past year and we are in a good position as the school year comes to an end
- 2019/2020 School Budget approval: The governing board reviewed and adopted the school budget for 2019/2020, as proposed and presented by Principal Gage
- Educational Project: Formerly known as the "School Success Plan", the Educational Project was presented and approved by the governing board. This document is a five-year plan that was put together to outline Chelsea Elementary's commitments within the Ministry's mission. In putting the plan together, the committee considered CES's academic success as well as the social and emotional well-being of our students to identify the objectives, goals and action plan that will guide activities and decisions at the school level. The Educational Project will be presented to the WQSB on May 31<sup>st</sup> and posted on the school's website once it is approved. Many thanks to the committee members for their contribution and to Principal Gage for leading the project.

Our next (and final) meeting will be held Thursday June 13<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, Secretary ([abeehahassan@gmail.com](mailto:abeehahassan@gmail.com))
- Patrick Hall ([1patrickhall@gmail.com](mailto:1patrickhall@gmail.com))
- Jennifer Olson, Parent Committee Representative on WQSB Parent Committee ([olson\\_jenny@yahoo.ca](mailto:olson_jenny@yahoo.ca))
- Marty Thomas, Board Chair ([marty.thomas123@gmail.com](mailto:marty.thomas123@gmail.com))

## Daycare

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. the Daycare Drama presentation of an adaptation of The Little Mermaid. Parents are invited to attend.

All Daycare fees for the year must be paid by Wed. June 19<sup>th</sup>. Any outstanding fees will be referred to the School Board for collection action.

A reminder that registration forms for Daycare for the 2019-2020 school year were sent home and need to be returned by June 3.

## E-mail contacts

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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. Burns 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:

As temperatures heat up, please ensure that your child is dressed in cool, comfortable clothing. Hats and sunglasses protect against the sun. All sunscreen should be applied at home.

### Lost and Found:

We have lots of items in our lost and found. If your child is missing any article of clothing please drop by. **Unclaimed items will be donated on June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## Summer Reading

Summer is a wonderful time to continue to develop a love of reading with children. Summer reading is very important in avoiding academic regression. Research shows, reading over the summer can significantly improve academic achievement, especially at the beginning of the new school year. Summer is such a busy time for families, so here are a few tips to encourage summer reading in your household.

- ❖ Don't change your reading routines! Whatever you did during the school year, e.g. reading with parents before bed or after dinner... Keep it up!
- ❖ Summer is a great time to experiment with fun locations to read. A nice hammock? Under a favorite shaded tree? On the beach?
- ❖ Reading during road trips is great for keeping the peace in the back seat! Or a great time to try out some children's audio books.
- ❖ Be a reading role model. Most strong readers come from families where adults are sharing their own love of reading. When your child is reading, find yourself a good book as well!
- ❖ Keep it fun! Don't make summer reading stressful. Have a variety of reading materials that encourage choice (books, magazine, comics, travel brochures, manuals...)

## Outdoor Learning Centre Update!

After a few delays with the tender process and other projects in the school board, we are happy to announce that Chelsea's Outdoor Learning Centre's construction process will begin on June 6<sup>th</sup>. You will see fencing off of the road running along the soccer field and swings to allow access during the school day. The back yard will also have fencing so that the students can continue to play in most of back yard. We are looking forward to welcoming students back in August with a brand new learning space outside in our beautiful school yard.

## Anti-Bullying Violence Prevention Update

The Anti-bullying and Violence Prevention (ABVP) Committee is currently reviewing the ABVP Plan for the current school year. The Plan emphasized reporting, enhanced supervision, classroom discussions (on values, themes, etc.), open communication, reinforcement of exemplary behaviour and inclusive attitudes, peer mediation, social/emotional learning, peer support for students with special needs, etc.

One of the key findings from the past year, obtained from a survey of students (grades 4, 5 and 6), was that students are more likely now than in the past to tell an adult at school when they perceive or experience an act of bullying or intimidation. Teacher reps on the committee observed that students are indeed more aware of, and sensitive to, bullying situations. The survey found that 82% of students at Chelsea have a sense of belonging and 72% felt there are safe ways to report incidents. Bearing in mind the more favourable attitude towards reporting, it was also found that 26% of students indicated that they had experience some form of bullying. The most common place for this was the school yard and of the incidents, 68% of these were verbal or social. While 26% is consistent with past data for Chelsea and reflects the Canadian norm, it falls short of our school target (17%) for the school.

In addition to increased vigilance at school (including investigation of schoolyard hot spots and increased supervision), the committee wishes to encourage parents to reinforce anti-bullying measures by emphasizing to their children the importance of telling an adult at school and/or at home of inappropriate behaviour, and reminding students that problems can be solved respectfully, without resorting to aggressive behaviour, whether physical or verbal. Parents are encouraged to communicate any concerns to the school. Working together is the best way of ensuring that school is a safe, respectful and inclusive place for everyone!

The ABVP plan is available on the school website.

## Home and School News

May events were a great success as we drew on themes of the environment and rallied school spirit around the Spring Fling! All of this comes together due to generous volunteerism which is at the heart of our school community. A huge shout out to all volunteers and donations this month as many highlights came to fruition:

**Bag2School** closed with lots of donated textiles to reuse and recycle!

- **Spring Fling** was once again a great success thanks to the many volunteers, donations from the community and high spirits by all. What rain? A highlight every year, no matter the weather, everyone jumped into games, slides, activities, raffle baskets, scholastic summer reading purchases and bbq!
- **Butterflies** have been delivered and will soon be ready to spread their wings across our gardens as the annual butterfly project takes flight this month.

We are pleased to introduce our new Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 school year:

President: Tracy Mui (returning)

Vice-President: Christina Staniszewski

Treasurer: Michelle Hoyt

Secretary: Keri George

Membership Chair: Asha Boucher

We would like to thank our outgoing Executive members Georgina, Ann, Fiona and Meghann for all their hard work this past year. We could not have been successful without your help.

All parents are welcome to check out Home and School to volunteer in any way that fits your interests and availability. **Next meeting is June 5th at 6:30, Chelsea School.** Please send us an email and we will add you to our volunteer distribution list.

Join: Facebook (**Chelsea Home & School Association**)

E-mail: [chelseahands15@gmail.com](mailto:chelseahands15@gmail.com)

Web: <http://chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca/home-school-association/>

# June 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8/9
PD Day	Mazzola	Shawarma  Chelsea Stars @ 8:30 a.m.  Kindergarten going to Altitude Gym	Mazzola  Softball Tournament in Poltimore  Grade 6 students Montreal Field Trip	(Pizza - Last Day)  Grade 4 students at Camp Fortune	
10	11	12	13	14	15/16
Grade 3 students Mini Putt	Mazzola	(Shawarma Last Day) Kindergartens Mini Putt at Dunn D's  Ms. Camus' Class going on Pond Trip  Daycare Play @ 4 p.m.	Mazzola  Grade 2's to the Visitor's Centre  Ms. Empey's Class overnight with Mr. E.  GB @ 6:00 p.m.	Cycle 1 Activity Paposse Aki Storyteller	
17	18	19	20	21	22/23
NO FOOD PROGRAMS THIS WEEK  Cycle 2 & 3 HOOP Dancing Workshops  Grade 4 Picnic at the Visitor's Centre  Ms. Deanna's Class overnight with Mr. E	Cycle 2 & 3 HOOP Dancing Workshops	Cycle 2 & 3 HOOP Dancing Workshops	Ms. Empey's class to Hendrick Farm  Grade 6 Grad 10:30 a.m.	End of Year Assembly @ 10:15 a.m.  End of Year Picnic/BBQ @ 11:35 a.m.	

**HAVE A NICE  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**