

March 2019 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parent Community,

March has arrived and will begin with the March Break holiday. I wish everyone a relaxing time to reconnect with family and friends.

February was a busy month and included Hundred's Day, Défi Génie - Engineering Challenge, the WQSB volleyball tournament, and our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising campaign. Thank you to all the parents who were involved in supporting their child(ren) and the school in these events!

A big thank you goes to Home and School for organizing Staff Appreciation Week this month; thank you to parents for the staff acknowledgments and contributions for a very memorable week. There were no blank spaces left on the bulletin board THANK YOU FOR LAUNCHING OUR LEARNING and the lunch was a nourishing gift!

This month will include numerous special learning activities for students so please review the Calendar of Upcoming Events. This month the Chelsea choir will begin practices in preparation for the Music Makers performance on April 17th. The choir is supported by two volunteers, a parent and a grandparent, as well as two teaching staff and is an enriching experience for students from grades 1-6.

Next month, the value we will be exploring is CREATIVITY. Creativity is an important skill for both educators and parents to nurture in our children. Creative intelligence allows our children to access various forms of expression and to respond to the ever changing world. Creativity in this sense is not linked solely to the arts; it is a mindset that allows students to think critically, generate ideas and test these ideas. It also promotes the acceptance of set-backs as natural within a creative process. Please explore these ideas with your child and make the ordinary extraordinary!



Upcoming Events

March 4– 8th

MARCH BREAK ☺

March 11th – Report Cards go home

March 12th – Epilepsy Awareness
(Wear Purple)

March 14th – In School Concours
d'Art Oratoire

March 14th – GB @ 6:00 p.m.

March 15th – **Wear Green St-
Patrick's**

March 19th – Parent Workshop

March 20th – Grade 4 Vaccinations

- Grade 1 & 2
Museum of Nature

March 21st – Parent-teacher
meeting 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Budding Artists Art Show &

Gr. 6 Bake sale

March 22nd – PD Day
- WQSB Concours
d'Art Oratoire

March 29th

Chelsea Stars Awards @ 8:30
WQSB Debating at Lord Aylmer

Term 2 ended on February 15th; parents should expect term 2 reports to come home on Monday March 11th. Parent teacher interviews will follow during the evening March 22 from 5:00- 7:30 pm. If you wish to meet with your child's teachers but did not receive an interview request, please contact them directly to schedule a meeting. The Budding Artist Fundraiser and Art Show will be held during the interviews; please stop by to see the talent on display and enjoy a snack from the grade 6 bake sale!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage

Upcoming Parent Workshop (see last page)

Chelsea Forest School will offering two free parent workshops on the benefits of getting children outside.

Workshop #1- Tuesday March 19- 7-8:30 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.

Re-registration Forms 2019-2020

Many re-registration forms have come in but some are still missing. Reprints will be sent home to those who have not returned them. 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 indicate this.

Fun Club News

March 22nd P.D. Day forms have gone out February 27th. Registration forms must be returned by Friday, March 15th. 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

Below are a few highlights from the items discussed at our February 7th meeting

- Use of grants: All money from successful grants applications is now in. As part of a planning exercise on how this should be spent, the Staff provided a list of priorities areas that they felt would be most useful.
- GB Member Replacement: one of our parent reps, Sarah Gay, has had to step down from sitting on GB. A call was put out to Chelsea parents inviting them to connect with Marty to show their interest in joining GB. We'd like to thank Sarah for the time, effort and insight she has brought to the board since September and wish her all the very best.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday March 14th 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)
- Matthieu Hack (write2matt@gmail.com)
- Patrick Hall
- Jennifer Olson, Parent Committee Representative on WQSB Parent Committee
- Marty Thomas, Board Chair (marty.thomas123@gmail.com)

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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.

Home and School News

February's Staff Appreciation Week - what a fun and amazing week it was. We want to thank EVERYONE who participated in order to make the week so special for our staff. Highlights of the week included:

1. Dozens of appreciation notes written and displayed on our space-themed bulletin board (shout out to Sarah Crouch for designing the board!)
2. An INCREDIBLE staff room makeover by a very talented team of creative parents! The staff LOVE it!
3. Daily draws for the staff including: gift cards - Starbucks, Tim's, Les Saisons, M-Le Studio, La Cigale; school supplies; fair-trade coffee, hand-stitched items (BEAUTIFUL!), greeting cards featuring local photography, and essential oil products. Most of these were donated anonymously. THANK YOU to everyone who donated. The draws were a real highlight each day.
4. Gifts for all the staff of pens, hi-lighters, sharpies and dry-erase markers.
5. The annual staff luncheon, which is always very much enjoyed by the staff. Thanks to all who donated items for the luncheon.

Our March Event

Your child has had the opportunity to create a special work of art for a fundraiser at the school! The launch of this fundraiser is a **Vernissage**, an art show to showcase your child's art and give you an opportunity to purchase keepsake items featuring your child's art.

When: Thursday, March 21st from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

Where: In the MPR at school

What: Your child's art will be displayed and you can order items with their art on it (e.g. t-shirts, mugs, handbags, tiles)

A bake sale with goodies and refreshments will take place from 5pm to 7pm.

Cash, cheque or credit card will be accepted at the event. The estimated delivery date for your items will be the first week of May - just in time for Mother's Day!

If you are unable to attend the Vernissage, your child's original artwork and an order form with instruction for **online orders** be sent home on Monday, March 25th and are due on Friday March 29th.

All proceeds from this event will go back into the school community to support a visit to see a French language play at the National Art Centre.

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, March 13th 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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March 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
				1	2 /3
				Gr. 3 Skate	
4	5	6	7	8	9/10
 MARCH BREAK					
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
Report Cards go home Gr. 4 Skate	Mazzola Epilepsy Awareness (Wear Purple) Gr. 5 Skate	Shawarma Gr. 6 Skate	Mazzola In School Concours d'Art Oratoire Gr. 3 Skate G.B. 6:00 p.m.	Pizza Wear Green – St.Patrick's Star Dome in MPR Gr. 4 Skate	
18	19	20	21	22	23/24
Gr. 5 Skate	Mazzola Gr. 6 Skate	Shawarma Grade 4 Vaccinations Gr. 3 Skate	Mazzola Parent-Teacher Meeting 5 – 7:30 p.m. Down Syndrome Day Gr. 4 Skate	PD DAY 7:30 – 5:30 WQSB Concours d'Art Oratoire Gr. 5 Skate	
25	26	27	28	29	
Gr. 6 Skate Environmental Artist Workshops	Mazzola Meet the Author Visits Gr. 3 Skate	Shawarma Gr. 4 Skate	Mazzola Gr. 5 Skate	Pizza WQSB Debating at Lord Aylmer Gr. 6 Skate	



CHELSEA FOREST SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH CHELSEA
ELEMENTARY PRESENTS FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Outdoor Play, Risky Play and Child-Led Learning

Facilitator: Michelle Hegge, Teaching Director Chelsea Forest School

Workshop 1 : Benefits of Outdoor Play and Child-Led Learning (1.5 hours) - March 19th - 7:00 PM

- Importance of Outdoor Play in children's development
- Forest School principles
- What is child-led play
- Educator or parent's role

Workshop 2: Risky Play (1.5 hours) - April 30th - 7:00 PM

- Risk vs Hazard
- Taking appropriate levels of risk
- How to manage 'risky' situations

Please see Louise in the office for
registration

