
September 2019 Newsletter



Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I am honoured to welcome all the students and parents to Chelsea Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year! Although the summer seemed to fly by, I hope that you spent some time relaxing in the company of family and friends.

With the first few days of school completed, the staff is excited to dive into the year ahead! The school's continued focus will remain on the whole child, emphasizing development in both the academic and social-emotional domains. We will continue with monthly values, which can be found in the newsletter, and will celebrate these values each month at the Chelsea Stars Assembly. In September, we are exploring the value of optimism.

With the completed construction of the Outdoor Learning Centre, a dedicated team of teachers and parents will help guide staff as we further integrate outdoor and environmental learning across the curriculum. The OLC will be 'base camp' for all grades as they explore learning in the natural environment.

The team at Chelsea Elementary is a truly inspiring group of educators. I am pleased to welcome back Ms. Guthrie (grade 5/6), Ms. Armstrong (grade 2) and Ms. Bardell (grade 4). We have some new faces on staff including Mr. McGuire, who will be teaching Physical Education (cycle 1 and 3), Mr. Fleming (grade 3), Mme. Piche (FSL, grade 4) and Ms. Butler (Grade 4). I would also like to introduce Devon Gable (grade 6) as staff assistant. In my absence, Ms. Gable will address administrative issues as necessary. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the team at Chelsea Elementary. It is through collaboration that we best support each child's success.

September is a busy month! Please review the calendar and Important Dates section. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to help your child(ren) have a rewarding and enriching school year!

Andrea Gage, Principal, Chelsea Elementary School

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 6 – Welcome Back BBQ**
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 – Shawarma & Pizza**
order forms go home.
- Sept. 16 – All money for**
Shawarma & Pizza Programs
due.
- Sept. 19 – AGM & Meet the**
Teacher night from 5:00 p.m. –
7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20 – PD Day – School**
closed but A4 opened for
those registered
- Sept. 24 – 1st Day – Mazzola**
Hot Meals
- Sept. 25 – 1st Day – Shawarma**
Program
- Sept. 27 – Chelsea Stars**
Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 27 – Terry Fox Run @**
10:05 a.m.
- Sept. 27th – 1st day of Pizza**
Program

Governing Board: Annual General Assembly (AGA)

The Governing Board is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the school community. The Governing Board is comprised of 12 members: 6 parents and six school staff members, the principal and up to two community members. The purpose of the Governing Board is to make decisions about the aims and objectives for the school and how to realize them. This includes voting on policies and overseeing the implementation of the school success plan, fundraisers, budget, school fees, school trips and other important items. Meetings usually take place one evening every 6 weeks. If you are interested in becoming involved in your child's school by being part of this organization, please ensure that you attend the Annual General Assembly and Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 19th. On that evening, all parents present will be able to nominate themselves or another parent, and then vote for the candidate(s) of their choice to fill the four vacant positions that are up for election this year. Please see invitation posters attached for more details about the evening.

Elections for Representatives to Parent Committee (part of AGA)

Once governing board parent reps are elected, all parents attending the AGA will elect a representative and an alternate to the school board's Parent Committee from among the parent reps on governing board.

Special Education Advisory Committee (part of AGA)

Parents who wish to take part in the school board's Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.) will also have an opportunity to submit their names for consideration. Interested parents must have a child with an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.). Anyone can sign up and the Parent Committee will then select members of the S.E.A.C.

Appointments/Late arrivals:

We ask that parents notify the school by leaving a message or e-mailing when you know that your child will be late or have an appointment. You can reach Margaret Burns at 819-827-0245 ext. 1 or e-mail her at mburns@wqsb.qc.ca.

Library Volunteers Needed:

Did you know that our beautiful Chelsea School Library is run by volunteers? A dedicated group of parents and teachers ensure that the library is ready to welcome students from Kindergarten to grade six throughout the year.

Not only do volunteers offer story time to younger classes and help students find and check-out books, they also support the cataloguing and shelving of new books. If you are interested in helping please reach out to one of our parent leaders, Sherri: asldondainaz@gmail.com or our teacher leader Alison Goulais: agoulais@wqsb.qc.ca.

We also need volunteers for:

- Pizza and Shawarma Programs
- Head lice checks

All volunteers must have a valid Security Background Check.

Please advise the office if you are available.

Change of daily routine for any student:

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

Meet the teachers evening:

All parents and guardians are invited to join us on the evening of Thursday, September 19th to meet their child/children's teachers. The AGM will run from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the MPR and meet the teacher sessions will be held in classrooms from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Terry Fox Run:

Our annual school-wide Terry Fox fundraising event will be held on Friday, September 27th on the school grounds. Parent volunteers will be necessary on that day. More information will be sent in the next weeks.

Parking lot:

Cars are not authorized in the bus lane, soccer and baseball fields roads. These areas are a bus only zone during school hours.

Drivers are asked to come in through Chemin de L'Hôtel de Ville and go passed the bus route and the fire station and turn right into the staff and visitors parking lot. All visitors and parents dropping their children at school in the morning are asked to use the visitors' parking lot only. If the school day has begun, parents must walk their child into school.

After School Program News:

The first P.D. Day of the year is September 20th. Information went home the first week of school and registration forms are due by Fri. Sept. 13.

Any changes to your child's daycare schedule must be directed to the Daycare Technician by e-mail – hberesford@wqsb.qc.ca. This includes requests for a student to attend on a sporadic basis.

If you wish your child to attend on a sporadic basis you must complete registration forms and pay on a monthly basis, or the day that they attend if it is only a one-time attendance.

Home and School:

Welcome to the new school year!

Our first event, the Welcome Back BBQ is tomorrow Friday, September 6, 2019. We look forward to seeing you there. Orders should have already been placed the cut-off date was Wednesday.

The Chelsea Home and School Association has a number of events planned throughout the year. Our next event will be the Halloween Dance - more details to follow shortly. A list of our planned events will be published in a future newsletter.

We are currently continuing our membership drive for the coming school year, so if you are interested in planning or leading an event, join our group! You can complete the membership form [here](#), or send us an

email to the attention of Asha, our Membership Coordinator. Or, if you are interested in helping out at an event as a volunteer, let us know and we will make sure you are included on our distribution list.

Our first meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30pm in the Staff Lounge at the school. Please feel free to join us.

Hope to see you soon and thanks again for all of your support!

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

Homework Club Call for Volunteers

The ever popular Homework Club will be starting up again in the early fall. We are looking for parent volunteers that would like to share their expertise or enthusiasm for a sport, the arts, or other activity with students following completion of the homework portion of the program. The program is free and runs after school between 2:45 and 4:25. If you are interesting in finding out more information on being an activity leader please contact the program coordinator Sharon at sharon.gaston@gmail.com. We are particularly interested in connecting with visual artists in our community in order to offer a visual arts activity! Information for parents regarding student participation/registration will be coming soon!

CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2019

VALUE - OPTIMISM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
2 LABOR DAY 	3	4 School Assembly 10:15 a.m. - Chelsea Blues	5	6 Welcome Back BBQ 11:30 to 12:30	7/8 
9 Shawarma & Pizza order forms go home today	10	11	12	13	14/15 
16 All money for Shawarma & Pizza Programs due today (No late orders)	17	18	19 AGM & Meet the Teacher night from 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	20 PD DAY - School closed but A4 open for those who registered	21/22 
23 First Day of <i>Fall</i> 	24 (1st Day) Mazzola Hot Meals	25 (1st Day) Shawarma Program	26 Mazolla Hot Meals	27 Chelsea Stars Assembly @ 8:30 a.m. Terry Fox Run Day @ 10:05 a.m. (1st Day) Pizza Program	28/29 
30 Official school attendance. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time					