

# October 2019 Newsletter

## Chelsea Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

Dear Chelsea Community,

As we move into October I'd like to remind families of the upcoming Terry Fox run. This is an annual event at Chelsea Elementary that brings us together as a community, recognizes a Canadian Hero and raises funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. In addition to this special day, there are several activities coming up throughout the month. Please read the Upcoming Events section carefully so you don't miss anything (ex. school picture day!)

September was a wonderful and busy month. Thank you to all who attended our Open House and AGM. If you were not able to attend, please reach out to your child's teachers for any information missed. Throughout September new student registrations have continued and our school population is now at 312 students! I want to send a warm welcome to the new families that have joined our school.

Every fall the school practices emergency procedures. This month we will have a practice fire drill and a practice lock down. These practices are supported by the Fire Department and the MRC and are done to ensure an efficient response in the event of an emergency. Information regarding the drills is attached; please let me know if you have any questions.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> your child's progress report will be available through the parent portal. See attached information for signing up if you haven't already done so. If you require a paper copy, email Margaret at [mburns@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:mburns@wqsb.qc.ca).

Thank you to the Home and School Association for the back to school BBQ!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Grade 4 vaccinations

**Oct. 3<sup>th</sup>**- Chelsea Stars for September @ 8:30 a.m. in the MPR

Terry Fox Run @ 10:30 a.m.

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** – Cross-Country Meet in Papineauville, QC

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** – WQSB Soccer Tournament Onslow Elementary

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Holiday

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Progress Reports accessible Parent Portal

**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** – H & S Halloween Dance

**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** – PD Day

**Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Photo Day**



**Oct. 31<sup>th</sup> - Halloween**

## **Governing Board**

At the AGM on September 19th, Chelsea Elementary's 2019/2020 Governing Board (GB) was formed. Throughout the year, the GB will work together at the school level to provide guidance and make decisions that affect the life of the school. This includes voting on policies and overseeing the implementation of the school's Education Project, fundraisers, budget, school fees, school trips and other such items. In addition to Principal Gage, the GB is comprised of the following elected parent and staff representatives:

### **Staff Representatives:**

Anne Geldart- Attendant  
Dahlia Tanasoiu-FSL/Cycle 2  
Devon Gable-Cycle 3  
Heather Beresford- Daycare Coordinator  
Leslie Fumerton-Resource  
Sandrine Bedard-Kinder/Cycle 1

### **Parent Representatives:**

Abeeha Hassan  
Jennifer Olson  
Jessica Tackas  
Marty Thomas  
Najia Sater

In addition to determining the members of the GB, Marty Thomas was elected as Board Chair, Abeeha Hassan as secretary and Najia Sater was acclaimed the Parent Committee Representative on the WQSB Parent Committee with Jennifer Olson acting as back up.

As Parent Representatives, we are there to voice the concerns and viewpoint of the parents and caregivers of our students. Please feel free to reach out to any one of the Parent Representatives throughout the year and we'd be more than happy to bring your concern or comment to the rest of the Board. You also have the opportunity to voice your comments directly at the Public Forum, which is a standing agenda item at all of our meetings.

## **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 at 819-827-0245 ext. 1 or e-mail her at [mburns@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:mburns@wqsb.qc.ca).

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Please note that we are **no longer taking personal checks**. This has been the policy for a few years but we are enforcing it this year. Parents can pay by; cash, debit, Mastercard or Visa. Thanks for your understanding.

## **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 minutes changes are difficult to manage. Thank you for your understanding.**

## Home and School

### Who We Are and What We Do

The Chelsea Home and School Association (CHSA) is an independent, not for profit, volunteer organization registered with the Quebec Federation of Home and Schools Association (QFHSA). We plan and run events throughout the school year to raise funds for various initiatives. Last year, we raised over \$10,000.00 and funded several projects including new books for the library and classrooms, cultural events, butterfly raising kits, food & refreshments for graduation ceremony, teacher appreciation week and other smaller projects. Funds raised over the past few years were allocated to the construction of the new Outdoor Learning Centre. This year, our focus will be on technology and cultural events.

### Coming in October

Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Staff Lounge at the school. Please feel free to join us.

CHSA is very excited to once again be offering our popular Halloween Dance on Thursday, October 24th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Family Admission is \$10 and Pizza Food Combos are also available for purchase for \$6 each.

Pizza will be served between 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and the dance and activities will begin at 6:30p.m.

Pizza MUST be pre-purchased. There will be no on-site sales for pizza.

Please purchase your family admission and food ahead of time at: <https://squareup.com/store/chelsea-home-and-school-association>

Note: There will be additional treats (food and non-food items) for sale on site as well.

This event is not possible without volunteers so please consider volunteering even just 30 minutes of your time. You can sign up to volunteer here - <http://bit.ly/ChelseaVolunteer>

What is coming for November

We are hoping to once again run our Bag2School fundraiser in November. Drop off dates still to be confirmed. To help raise the maximum funds for our school, please ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to put aside their old and tattered summer clothes – a team effort makes all the difference!

The Scholastic Book Fair and Bake Sale will again run in conjunction with the Parent/Teacher Interviews November 14th and 15th from 4:00pm - 7:00pm and from 9:00am - 5:30pm respectively. Please be sure to stop by and browse the wide selection of books, maybe even get a jump on Christmas shopping. All funds raised at this event goes back to the school in support of classroom libraries!

Like and follow us on Facebook (Chelsea Home & School Association) for more news and updates! Contact us anytime at: [chelseahands15@gmail.com](mailto:chelseahands15@gmail.com) Check us out on the school website at: <http://chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca/home-school-association/>

## Fun Club News

This year during daycare all students from Grades 2 to 6 have 20 minutes of homework time (Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 have story time.) This is a quiet period for students to work on any homework assigned by the teacher. If a student does not have any other homework they are expected to do quiet reading. We have asked all students to have a book that stays in their cubby or in their school bag.

Next P.D. Day is October 25. Theme still to be determined. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their child is registered for a P.D. Day.

September fees are now past due. If you have not paid yet, please do so. Students with a balance owing will no longer have access to the after school program.

## The Island

Some of you may have heard about, "The Island," from your children. This year we are happy to say that this room is open all day. But, what is the island?

The Island is a safe, engaging room in our school, where students can access a space and support throughout the day.

The Island is set up to service students who experience short or long term social and or emotional challenges. It is an "Island" away from the stresses and rigours of the day, but it is much more than just a physical space. The Island represents an approach by staff to support the child's needs first whether it is academic, social, physical or emotional. The Island is supervised by me, Ms. Steph, and it is my privilege to interact with the staff and students here at school.

Whilst visiting The Island children can find an engaging environment and when they are ready they can discuss concerns they may have. As a facilitator, I consult with other staff to provide the support each child needs. For some it is a simple check in and leave, for others a quiet place to work and for even others a place that they are accepted for who they are mistakes and all.

It is my philosophy that my time spent with the children is authentic and flexible. If I am in the building then I am available to help. It is my privilege to gain the students' trust. It is also my responsibility to provide opportunities for each student to reach for the next step in developing into a responsible being capable of giving back their community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [saustin@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:saustin@wqsb.qc.ca).

# CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - OCTOBER 2019

## VALUE - GRATITUDE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	1	2	3	4	5/6
	Mazzola Hot Meals	Shawarma Program  Grade 4 Vaccinations	Mazzola Hot Meals  Chelsea Stars @ 8:30 a.m.  Terry Fox Run @ 10:30	Pizza Program  Cross-Country Meet in Papineauville	
7	8	9	10	11	12/13
Thanksgiving HOLIDAY	Mazzola Hot Meals	Shawarma Program  Home & School Meeting 6:30	Mazzola Hot Meals	Pizza Program	
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
	Mazzola Hot Meals  Progress reports accessible today	Shawarma Program	Mazzola Hot Meals	Pizza Program	
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
	Mazzola Hot	Shawarma Program	Mazzola Hot Meals  H & S Halloween Dance		
28	29	30	31		
	Mazzola Hot Meals  PHOTO DAY 	Shawarma Program  HALLOWEEN	Mazzola Hot Meals  HALLOWEEN		