

November 2019 Newsletter



Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parent Community,

November has arrived and with it, the cooler weather. It's time for students to bundle up and protect themselves from the inevitable wind, wet, and cold!

I would like to introduce and welcome Adele McLaughlin, who has joined the office staff of Chelsea Elementary to work alongside Ms. Margaret. You will soon see another new face in the office; I would like to wish a warm welcome to Natasha Bourdeau who will join our team, replacing Ms. Heather. Ms. Heather is taking a leave for the remainder of this school year and we wish her luck in her new adventure.

Term 1 Report cards will be accessible on the Parent Portal on November 19th. We want to go 'paperless' so please let us know if you need support registering. Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on November 28th between 5:00 and 7:30 pm and on November 29th between 9:00 and 4:00 pm. The interviews will be scheduled using Sign-Up Genius, an online service, and parents will receive an email with details on how to sign up. Please let the office know if you have any difficulties with this system.

The Chelsea Elementary Remembrance Day assembly will be held on November 11th at 10:45 am. We would like to extend an invitation to parents and family members who have or are currently serving in the Armed Forces, to attend as our guests. Please let the office know if you are able to join us.

Thank you to the Chelsea Home and School Association for all the hard work that went into the Halloween Dance! It was a fantastic evening and money raised will be directed toward school technology initiatives.

This month we are exploring the value of honesty with the students. Please take time to discuss the importance of being truthful with your child. Being honest means more than 'not lying', it also means making kind and responsible choices.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage
Principal,

Upcoming Events

November 1st – WQSB Touch Football at Lord Aylmer Elementary

November 4th – Yoga starts

November 6th – Home & School Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

November 8th – **School Photo Day**

November 11th – Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m.

November 13th, 14th & until 9:00 a.m. on 15th – Bag2School drop off

November 14th – Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

November 14th - 15th – PD Days

November 19th – Report Cards available on Parent Portal

November 26 – Chelsea Star Awards @ 8:30 a.m.

November 28th – 29th – Parent Teacher Interviews / Scholastic Bookfair

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 or e-mails will not be answered or checked after 1:30** as last minutes changes are difficult to manage. Thank you for your continued collaboration.

Library Volunteers

We are still looking for library volunteers. If you can spare some time and help us out, please send Margaret and e-mail as soon as possible. mburns@wqsb.qc.ca.

After School Program News:

The next P.D. Days are November 14 & 15. The themes are Science and Engineering. Forms went home the week of October 25 and must be returned before November 6.

I also wish to let you know that I will be taking a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year to accept a position at Lord Aylmer School which is a shorter commute. I will miss the students of Chelsea School and wish them a great rest of the school year. I am leaving the Daycare in the very capable hands of Natasha Boudreau who is joining us from Eardley School.

Governing Board 2018-2019:

On October 17th, the Governing Board met to discuss and provide guidance on some of the day to day decisions that affect the life of the school including

- Adoption of the 2019/2020 school budget
- Approval of a composting program for Chelsea Elementary. Many thanks to the private donor(s) who contributed resources to make the program a reality and to the teachers/staff at CES who will work with the kids to reduce our school's environmental impact.

Our next meeting will take place November 14th at 5:30 p.m. If you have a question or concern, please feel free to let Marty Thomas know that you'll be joining us during the public forum portion of the agenda or, reach out to any of the parent representatives and we'll be happy to bring you concern to the meeting.

Your parent reps are:

Keri George (kerigeorge@hotmail.com)

Jennifer Olson

Marty Thomas, Board Chair (marty.thomas123@gmail.com)

Abeeha Hassan (abeehahassan@gmail.com)

Najla Sater (najlasater@gmail.com)

Jessica Takacs (jessica@jessicatakacs.com)

ABVP Committee

The Anti-Bullying Violence Prevention Committee met in October. This committee is looking for parent involvement and representatives from parents of students in cycle 2 (grade 3 and 4) and cycle 3 (grade 5 and 6). This committee meets monthly and is responsible for the school's ABVP Policy. Please email the chair, Ms. Stephanie at saustin@wqsb.qc.ca if you would like to volunteer with us.

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 has an appointment. You can reach Ms. Margaret at 819-827-0245 or e-mail her at mburns@wqsb.qc.ca

Outdoor Learning Centre

From outdoor word work, language arts and mathematics, the outdoor learning centre has been busy with child-centered learning activities this fall. School wide, curriculum-based, monthly themes are explored and learning is put into a natural context. September saw students of all grades classifying, October was dedicated to measurement, and November's theme is patterns. Are you interested in supporting the next phase of the OLC? The committee will meet November 19th at 4:30. Please email Correne Giles, the chair of the committee at gilatoid@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend!

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.

Halloween Dance

A great big thanks to everybody who volunteered at the Halloween Dance and for everybody who attended. It was a very busy evening and the kids (and adults) had a lot of fun dressing up and dancing! We are still finalizing numbers but it looks like this was our biggest Halloween Dance to date!

Coming in November

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

The Bag2School fundraiser will run again in November. Drop off your items at the school on November 13th and 14th. Donations will also be accepted until 9:00am on November 15th. 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. No toys, plastic, glass or wood please.

The Scholastics Book Fair and Bake Sale is coming up Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and from 9:00am to 5:30pm respectively. Once again, we will hold a Scholastics Contest! This year's challenge will be to create a bookmark with the theme Snow Much To Read! Each student can submit one 20cm x 5cm bookmark related to this year's theme. Submissions must be completed and submitted no later than the end of the day Tuesday, November 26th, 2019. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, November 27th! First prize winners (one per cycle) will receive \$20.00 in spending money at the Fair! Second place winners will receive a poster. Please be sure to stop by and browse the wide selection of books, maybe even get a jump on Christmas shopping.

Like and follow us on Facebook (Chelsea Home & School Association) for more news and updates!

Contact us anytime at: chelseahands15@gmail.com

Check us out on the school website at: <http://chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca/home-school-association/>

NOVEMBER 2019 - HONESTY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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				<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">WQSB Touch Football Tournament @ Lord Aylmer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pizza </p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">End of term 1</p>	 <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Saturday night before bed</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9/10
Yoga starts	Mazzola	Shawarma  H & S Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.		Pizza  	
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
<p style="font-size: small;">Remembrance Day</p>  <p style="color: red;">@ 10:45 a.m.</p>	Mazzola	Shawarma  Bag2School drop off	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">PD Day</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Bag2School drop off</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Governing Board 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">PD Day 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Bag2School drop off until 9:00 a.m.</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23/24
	Mazzola Report cards on Parent Portal 	Shawarma 			
25	26	27	28	29	30/1
	Mazzola Chelsea Stars Assembly 8:30 a.m.	Shawarma 	<p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">PD DAY - 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	

