



Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear parents,

In November we welcomed Jefferson Drost, a local conservationist, to share information about bats with all students. It was an informative workshop and students built bat houses to provide necessary and safe hibernation locations. This event was made possible by our generous Home and School Association!

December is always an exciting month and once again, Chelsea Elementary staff and students would like to invite parents and family to our Holiday Concert on December 19th at 8:30 am. On the last week before the holidays, there will be a special theme every day for students and staff. Make sure to look at the calendar included in this newsletter for more details. I'd like to remind all parents to be conscious of any allergies in your child's class during this holiday season. If you are unsure, please ask either your child's teacher or inquire at the office.

During the parent-teacher interviews, the Home and School Association organized the Scholastic Book Fair and bake sale! This is an important fundraising event for our school and provides supplies for the classes. Thank you again to the Home and School Association.

The Chelsea Value in December is generosity. Whether it is the gift of time, friendship, or a physical item, teachers will be sharing with students the importance of giving to others. We will also be raising awareness of the diversity of cultural celebrations that take place at this time of year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful winter break and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage

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Principal,
Chelsea Elementary

CHANGE IN E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ATTENDANCE

We now have a dedicated email address for all attendance
chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca

Upcoming Events

December 4th – Home & School Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

December 5th – Photo Retakes
9:00 am

December 12th – Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

December 13th – Last day for December A4 fees to be paid & school fees

December 16th – Please wear red and green

Chelsea Star Awards 8:30 a.m.

December 17th – Wear holiday shirts and sweaters

December 18th – Wear holiday accessories

December 19th – Holiday Concert @ 8:30 a.m. & Wear Your Holiday Best Day

December 20th – PJ Day!

December 23rd – January 5th, 2020
Holidays

January 6th – PD Day -Daycare will be closed for workshops.

January 7th – Students return to school after holidays

CHANGE OF DAILY ROUTINE FOR ANY STUDENTS:

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. Please ensure that you include first and last names of students.

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

HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Chelsea Elementary is an exceptional learning environment and this is not possible without an engaged community. At this time of year, it is important to acknowledge the contributions that volunteers make to our students. The various ways volunteers support us include, but are not limited to: Home and School Association, Governing Board, Library volunteers, participation in school and school board committees, classroom support, field trip supervision, hot lunch program, sharing their expertise in an area. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

CHELSEA FOOD DRIVE

As the holidays are quickly approaching and we are exploring the value of Generosity, we ask that you remember all those in need.

Chelsea school is once again collecting food items for our annual food drive. It will commence on Monday, December 2nd and ends on Thursday, December 19th.

We are looking for non-perishable items such as: canned soup, dried fruit, nuts and seeds, canned meats, powdered milk, cans or jars of juice, cereal, crackers, crisp breads, pasta, rice, juice boxes, fruit cups, small boxes of raisins, tomato sauce, corn, salsa, ketchup, tooth paste, tooth brushes, dish soap, etc.

Donations of new or gently used mitts, scarves, and hats are also welcome.

All donations can be dropped off in the Grand Hall. Thank you for supporting local organizations and families.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

SCHOOL FEES

If you have not paid your school fees for the 2019-2020 school year, please come in and see Margaret as soon as possible.

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

December fees are due!

All fees must be paid in full by December 13th. Any students with a balance owing will not have access to the Daycare Service in January.

NOTICE: January 6th is a Professional Development day. The daycare will be closed this day for staff training opportunities.

AFTER 4 CHRISTMAS CAFÉ

Invitations were sent to parents for our Christmas Café on December 12th at 4:00 pm. We hope that you are able to join us for light refreshments and a chance to mingle with the daycare staff who helped our students organize the entertainment.

ABVP COMMITTEE

The ABVP committee is still 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.

OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

Students have been actively using the OLC this month as classes explored the theme of Patterns in Nature! The OLC committee is looking forward to finishing the landscaping and seating aspects of the project this spring.



Exploring fractions, Ms. Bardell's class

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Once again, the Bag2School fundraiser was a success with lots of textiles being saved from the landfill! We will run this event again in the Spring so hold onto those items not deemed fit for resale.



The Scholastics Book Fair was held on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Check the January newsletter for the amount raised for classroom libraries!

JANUARY EVENT

Save the Date - January 24th, 2020 for our Annual Winter Carnival! More details to follow in the January Newsletter.

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.

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/>

DECEMBER 2019 - GENEROSITY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7/8
	Mazzola Hot Meals	Shawarma  Home & School Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	PHOTO RETAKES 9:00 a.m. Mazzola Hot Meals	Pizza 	
9	10	11	12	13	14/15
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16	17	18	19	20	21/22
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23	24	25	26	27	28/29
HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	
30	31	January 1	2	3	4/5
HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	
6	7				
PD DAY DAYCARE CLOSED	1 st Day back to school in the New Year				