
January 2020 Newsletter

Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the winter holiday. We hope you enjoyed the Holiday concert and had a restful break.

The new year is a time to reflect on the past and renew priorities for the future; the Elementary community will begin the year doing just that. As part of our Educational Project, we identified the need to examine our school's mission, vision and values. This is an important process to ensure that we are collectively aiming for shared goals and ideals. As part of the collaborative process, students, families, and staff will share their input. Please watch for opportunities to add your voice.

Beginning this month, funded by a Ministry Grant, all students at Chelsea Elementary will be engaged in yoga and mindfulness learning. Facilitated by Lori Morrison, the students will participate in sessions geared toward increasing their ability to focus, self-regulate and reduce anxiety. Lori is an Integrated Wellness Practitioner and has worked with several WQSB elementary and high schools. She has training specific to children and youth on the Autism spectrum and we are looking forward to her sharing her knowledge to support student wellness.

Please look carefully at the calendar for important dates and school events. The Home and School Association is planning the Annual Winter Carnival for January 24th. Don't miss this fun event!

All the best,
Sincerely,

Andrea Gage

Principal, Chelsea Elementary

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 7th – 1st Day back to school after the holidays
- Jan. 8th - Shawarma & Pizza order forms go home
- Jan. 14th - Shawarma & Pizza orders due
- Jan. 15th – ABVP committee meets 3pm
- Jan. 21st - Cycle 1 Trip to Lac Beauchamp
- Jan. 29th – Kinder Registration by appointment only between 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29th – Chelsea Stars 8:30
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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 an email or a written note in the morning 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,

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Kindergarten Registrations will take place on Wednesday, January 29th and Thursday, January 30th by appointment only between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. both days. Please call Margaret at 819-827-0245 ext. 1 to make your appointment.

You will need to bring the following documents:

- 1) Child's long version birth certificate with both parent's names on it.
- 2) Parents birth certificate or passport
- 3) Certificate of Eligibility (if you have one)
- 4) Proof of residency in our catchment (Chelsea/Cantley)
- 5) Vaccination records of child

We have all other forms that you will need to complete when you come in.

SHAWARMA/PIZZA PROGRAMS

On Tuesday, January 8th, Green forms for the second part of this school years' food programs will be sent home with your child. If you wish to continue the programs from February 3rd to June 11th inclusive for Shawarmas and from February 5th to June 13th for Pizza. Please complete the form (one per family) and return to school with payment. You can pay in cash or come in and pay by Visa/MC or debit. We do not accept cheques. All orders must be in by January 14th, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS!

CHANGE IN E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ATTENDANCE:

We now have a dedicated email address for all attendance and end of day notifications: chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca

DAYCARE

Fees are due Friday January 24th, students who have a balance remaining will have service suspended.

Daycare will be starting a new program allowing students to make a daily choice of activity. We will no longer be sending out calendars for students to choose ahead of time. If you have any questions, please contact me at Nboudreau@wqsb.qc.ca.

Outdoor Plan Items Wanted!

If you have quality pails, shovels, trucks or snow molds that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to the school. Recess time is an important part of the day and we want to ensure that our students have equipment to engage them in creative exploration and construction while in the yard. These donated outdoor toys will be used by our kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 students.

(ABVP) ANTI-BULLYING AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The ABVP Committee is seeking parents who are interested in becoming a member! Meetings are held monthly and parents are asked to serve a two-year term. Please contact Principal Andrea Gage (agage@wqsb.qc.ca) for more information!

GOVERNING BOARD 2019-2020

On December 12th, the GB met to discuss and provide guidance on some of the day to day decisions that affect the life of the school such as planned fundraisers and outings as well as approval of the 2019/2020 Anti-Bullying and Violence Prevention Plan.

As parent representatives, we're here to bring your questions and concerns around school governance to the table with Chelsea staff for discussion, so please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the parent reps listed below or, join us for the public forum portion of the meeting (but please reach out to Marty Thomas ahead of time so we can accommodate the time needed). Our next meeting is Thursday, February 20th at 5:30 p.m. From all of us on the Governing Board, we wish you all the very best over the holidays and a happy, healthy new year.

Your parent reps are:

Keri George (kerigeorge@hotmail.com)

Jennifer Olson (olson_jenny@yahoo.ca)

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

Abeeha Hassan (abeehahassan@gmail.com)

Najla Sater (najlasater@gmail.com)

Jessica Takacs (jessica@jessicatakacs.com)

HOME AND SCHOOL

Home & School Association - January Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were restful. Our first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, January 8th, at 6:30m. All are welcome to attend.

We are already busy planning our January event, the annual Winter Carnival which will take place on Friday, January 24th, 2020 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Please mark your calendars! As usual, we will have food and plenty of outdoor games for children and parents to enjoy. More information, along with a volunteer sign-up sheet will follow in the coming days.

Our February event will focus on the exceptional staff of Chelsea Elementary. Can you help us make Staff Appreciation Week extra special for our staff? We are looking for donations so that we can kick off each day with a draw (or 2... or 3!) to be conducted by students during morning announcements. We think this will be a fun and motivating way to start each day. If you are able to donate something small (\$5 gift card? school supplies?) it will be greatly appreciated!

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/>

January 2020 - Leadership

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
		1	2	3	4/5
		HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	
6	7	8	9	10	11/12
PD DAY DAYCARE IS CLOSED	1 st Day back to school after holidays Mazzola	Shawarma  Shawarma/Pizza order forms go home	Mazzola	Pizza 	
13	14	15	16	17	18/19
	Mazzola Shawarma orders due	Shawarma  ABVP Committee meets	Mazzola	Pizza 	
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
	Mazzola Cycle 1 Lac Beauchamp	Shawarma 	Mazzola	Pizza 	
27	28	29	30	31	February 1
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