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# May 2020 Newsletter

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## Chelsea Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

This May is presenting a unique situation to both Chelsea school families and staff. The re-opening of the school and the voluntary return of students has had many in our community asking important questions about what this new reality will look like given health guidelines and adjustments to the daily routines and staffing. I urge all parents to carefully read the letter sent by the school on April 30<sup>th</sup>, so that you can be will informed of the current situation as you make your decision as to whether your child(ren) will be returning to school for the remainder of the current school year.

As the school adapts to meeting the needs of all students, some who are learning at home and others at school, I want to recognize the incredible community that Chelsea Elementary is. Throughout this situation there has been amazing heart demonstrated by all as we navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19. The Chelsea staff have done an exceptional job of reaching out weekly to every student in order to provide structure, learning support, and maintain critical connections. Likewise, parents have been quick to offer support, flexibility and understanding, which are critical in fostering contact with staff. **The Rainbow Video** challenge is an excellent example of staff, student, and parent collaboration.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our Governing Board and Home and School organization. These groups have continued to volunteer their time and have worked hard to support and promote our values of community, inclusivity, equity and excellence.



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### Upcoming Events

**May 10-** Mother's Day

**May 11-** School re-opening

**May 18<sup>th</sup>-** Victoria Day holiday

**May 22-** PD Day

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the new virtual aspects of Chelsea, from the morning announcements to virtual meetings between students and staff. Even the Chelsea Stars assembly has gone digital in recognizing the recipients of the KINDNESS AWARD.

At this time of year, plans for the next school year start taking shape. Please ensure that you have completed the re-registration process; support can be accessed through the School Organization Department at 819-684-2336 or by emailing [admissions@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:admissions@wqsb.qc.ca).

I invite parents to email me [agage@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:agage@wqsb.qc.ca) if you have a request that you would like considered as we form classes for next year. Several factors, including student friendships, weigh in when children are placed in classes. I would ask that parent requests be limited to emotional/ academic considerations for their child and, while I cannot guarantee all requests will be feasible, they will be carefully reviewed.

As we head into May, I hope that you and your family are healthy and able to maintain a sense of optimism despite the current challenges. We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

*Andrea Gage*

Principal,  
Chelsea Elementary School



## **Governing Board**

Dear Parent Community,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. We also hope that if you or your children are struggling, as we all do from time to time, you have or know where to get the resources to support you through this difficult time. We would like to start off by thanking, yet again, our incredible principal and staff for all they've done to support our kids since March. Whether it be the one-on-one and group Zoom calls, or daily announcements full of challenges and jokes, or bringing us together and brightening our day with a beautiful video full of rainbows and uplifting messages, your efforts are truly appreciated.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the GB met to discuss a number of items related to the 2020/2021 school year including:

- **Subject Time Allocation:** We reviewed, discussed and approved the proposed STA for next year outlining, among other things, which classes will be taught in English vs French. STA will remain the same as this past year and we will continue to work on identifying ways to increase our kids' exposure to French while maintaining Chelsea Elementary's excellent academic track record
- **Bell Schedule:** GB approved the bell schedule for next year which will remain the same as this past year.

Our next meeting will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, likely via Zoom conference call. As always, parents are welcome to bring any questions or concerns to the GB parent representatives 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 and have an understanding of what you'd like to bring forward). Next month we'll be approving a number of items for the 2020/2021 school year including the Chelsea Elementary Code of Conduct, the School Supply Lists and School Fees. Should there be anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of us below.

**Your parent reps are:**

Keri George ([kerigeorge@hotmail.com](mailto:kerigeorge@hotmail.com))

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## **Anti-Bullying Violence Prevention**

### *Chelsea School Spirit T-shirts*

Chelsea School will be making a new order of our blue Chelsea School Spirit t-shirts. These shirts not only foster a sense of belonging and community but communicate our anti-bullying rules: We help, We tell, We include. We will distribute an online survey in the coming week to determine how many t-shirts we need to order. We ask that you only order a t-shirt for your child if your child has outgrown theirs or has never received a Chelsea t-shirt. In the fall, we will make it possible for parents who wish to pay for an additional shirt to do so. Watch for this survey; we want for everyone to be able to proudly wear their Chelsea blues!

Anne Geldart,  
ABVP committee member

## **Home & School Association - May News**

Hello Chelsea Families! We at Home and School hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. Together we will get through these trying times and move forward to better days ahead.

### ***Mother's Day Contest... .. Who's your inspiration?***

Mother's Day is approaching and we would love to hear from Chelsea students about a special female role model in their life - who inspires you and why. Visit the Chelsea Home and School Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/chelsea.homeandschool/> and leave a video message or text message telling us about a special female in your life. If you do not have access to Facebook, please email your entry to [chelseahands15@gmail.com](mailto:chelseahands15@gmail.com) with Mother's Day in the subject line. Entries will be accepted until May 29th. All entries will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 4 \$25 Chelsea Pizza & Shawarma gift certificates. Winners will be announced May 31st!

### ***Annual General Meeting (AGM) May 27th at 7:00pm***

Chelsea Home and School Association's AGM is scheduled to be held via zoom on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm. All Chelsea parents and Staff are welcome to attend the AGM.

By-laws and constitution links: [CHSA By-laws 2016 CHSA Constitution – 2016](#)

At the AGM we will be electing the Executive Committee positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Membership Chair for the next school year. Note that only paid members of Home and School are able to nominate and hold Executive positions. Anyone can become a member at any time. You do not need to be a paid member to attend Home and School meetings, however, you may not vote on matters presented.

If you have any questions about the AGM, are interested in an executive position, would like a description of each position and nomination form or would like to learn more about Chelsea Home and School Association, please visit the home and school link on the school web site [www.chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca](http://www.chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca) or contact our President, Tracy Mui at [chelseahands15@gmail.com](mailto:chelseahands15@gmail.com)

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### ***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](mailto:chelseahands15@gmail.com)

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

### **School Fees**

If you have outstanding school fees, you will be contacted shortly for payment options.

### **Contact Information**

If your contact information (phone number, email) has changed, please advise the school immediately so that we can make the necessary changes in our system.

### **Food Programs**

The pizza, shawarma and Mazzola hot lunch programs will NOT resume following the May 11<sup>th</sup> reopening of the school. As per the directives from Public Health and the Minister of Education, the school will not be allowed to provide students with food and parents must pack enough food for their child(ren) for the day. If you have not been contacted by the office regarding your refund, please email Ms. Adele [adelemclaughlin@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:adelemclaughlin@wqsb.qc.ca).

### **Re-Registrations Forms 2020-2021**

Parents are asked to re-register their child(ren) for the 2020-2021 school year by visiting the **Mozaik Parent Portal** and selecting the Registration tab. The deadline to complete the re-registration process is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you require assistance, please email Ms. Margaret [mburns@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:mburns@wqsb.qc.ca).

## **E-MAIL CONTACTS**

[agage@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:agage@wqsb.qc.ca) (Principal)  
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[nboudreau@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:nboudreau@wqsb.qc.ca) (Daycare)

### **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 us an email at: [chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca) or a written note in the morning for any changes. Please ensure that you include first and last names of students.

Phones and e-mails will **not be answered after 1:30 p.m.** as last-minute changes are difficult to manage. Thank you for your understanding.

## Daycare

Please join us in saying a big “THANK YOU” to all our staff that assisted at the Emergency Daycare Centres. They generously gave their time and energy to assist our community emergency response workers by providing them with a safe place for their children. Thank you!

# May 2020



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9/10
					<b>Mother's Day</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16/17
<b>Welcome back!</b> 					
18	19	20	21	22	23/24
<b>Victoria Day Holiday</b>	\			<b>PD Day</b>	
25	26	27	28	29	30/31

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