



Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone to the new school year and hope that your children have enjoyed their return to class! It is wonderful to see them after the long shut down.

The school's focus continues to be on the whole child, emphasizing development in both academic and social-emotional domains. The students are already demonstrating their resilience and adaptability as they adjust to the changes at school. Open communication and collaboration between home and school is very important; please reach out to your child's teacher or the administration at any point if you have questions or concerns.

Chelsea Elementary explores and celebrates monthly values. Every month, students from each class will be recognized for demonstrating the monthly value during a school-wide Chelsea Stars Assembly. This September we are exploring the value of RESPECT.

The staff at Chelsea Elementary is a truly inspiring group of educators. I am pleased to welcome back our teaching and support staff. New to the team this year is Ms. Isabelle Gagnon (FSL, grade 3 /4 homeroom), Ms. Kelly Butler (grade 3 homeroom) and Mr. Lucas Brown (grade 4 homeroom). We are pleased to welcome back Mr. Matt McIntyre (grade 6 homeroom) and Ms. Kaitlin Butler, who has moved into The Centre. Ms. Devon Gable (grade 6) will continue to support administrative duties as staff assistant.

Please review the calendar and Important Dates section. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to help your child(ren) have a rewarding and enriching school year!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage

Principal,
Chelsea Elementary School

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1 – Cycle 1 students only
All kindergarten students in

Sept. 2 – All students in

Sept. 7 – Holiday

Sept. 14-16 – Cycle 3
outdoor building project

Sept. 18 – PD Day –
Daycare open

Sept. 21-22 – Cycle 3
outdoor building project

Sept. 24 – AGM –
OUTDOOR 6 pm

Sept. 25 – Terry Fox Run

Governing Board: Annual General Assembly (AGM)

The Governing Board is a great opportunity for parents to become involved with the school. The governing board is comprised of 12 members: 6 parents, 6 school staff, the principal and two community members. The purpose of the governing board is to make decisions about the aims and objectives of the school and how to realize them. This includes voting on policies and overseeing the implementation of the school success plan, the budget, fundraisers, field trips, school fees and other important items. Meetings take place in the evening on a monthly basis. If you are interested in becoming involved in the school through this organization, please be sure to attend the Annual General Meeting on **September 24, 2020 at 6 pm**. Each parent term on the governing board is 2 years in length. At the AGM, parents present will be able to nominate parent representatives and vote on the candidates to fill vacant positions. Parents will also vote on the member of the board that will represent them at the Parent Committee.

Election for representative to Parent Committee

Once governing board representatives are elected, the parents present will vote on the member and an alternative to represent Chelsea on the Parent Committee (WQSB).

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Parents who wish to take part in the WQSB Special Education Advisory committee, will have an opportunity to submit their name for consideration at the AGM. Interested parents must have a child with an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Representatives to SEAC are selected by the WQSB Parent Committee.

Meet the Teachers Evening

In order to help keep our community healthy and respect guidelines to limit gatherings, Meet the Teacher sessions will be conducted virtually this year. More information will be shared shortly.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox fundraising event will be held on September 25th this year. An adjusted format is being organized to allow students to participate in activities while respecting our closed class groupings. Your child will bring home fundraising information shortly; all fundraising will be done on-line.

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 Adele McLaughlin at 819-827-0245 ext. 1 or e-mail at chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca.

Change of daily routine for any student:

In order to keep students safely on track at the end of day, we ask that parents send in a written note **in the morning** or an e-mail for any change to end of day plans. Please limit changes as much as possible. **Phones/e-mails will not be answered after 1:30 and no changes should be communicated after this time.**

We cannot guarantee that your communication will be seen if it is sent after 1:30 pm and your child will continue with their regular end of day plan.

Thank you for your cooperation.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Are you available to support student safety during drop off in the morning from 7:45-8:15? Please email adelemclaughlin@wqsb.qc.ca if you are willing to help!

Student Drop off/ Pick up procedures:

The following procedures have been running safely and smoothly and I thank everyone for their collaboration.

DROP OFF /PICK UP PROCEDURES GRADE 1-6

- 2 lanes of cars will travel on Graduation Lane towards the school
- 3 student unloading/loading zones have been created
- Students cross the road on our cross-walk (marked with pylons) with two supervisors present
- Cars advance only when instructed by the supervisor

Morning Drop off begins at 7:45 am. To help the morning drop off procedure, please have your child sit with their backpack on their lap. If your child needs assistance, parents are asked to provide it. If you arrive to morning drop off after 8:05 and a supervisor is no longer outside, parents must park and sign their child(ren) in at the front foyer.

Afternoon pick up begins at 2:45. Parents are asked to arrive on time and display their child's name sign in the front window of your vehicle.

DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURES KINDERGARTEN/ SPECIAL NEEDS

Parents of Kindergarten students and students with special needs are asked to drop off and pick up using the parent parking lot. A supervisor will be with the students in the butterfly garden/gazebo area to assist you. This will give you the necessary time to unload and load safely; siblings of students using this area will also use this zone.

BIKING AND WALKING

It is fantastic that we have parents/students walking and biking to school! The bike stand is located in the parent parking lot near the opening in the fence to the front sidewalk. Parents should safely navigate to this point to drop off and pick up their child. Please ensure a supervisor sees you and your child prior to pick up or during drop off.

Outdoor Learning

Teachers are embracing the beautiful weather and classes have been spending more time learning outdoors. Please make sure your child is dressed properly to be comfortable outside in the elements. When students aren't outside, teachers are opening classroom windows in order to increase the ventilation in our classrooms. It is a good idea to send a sweater to school with your child so they can put on extra layer if they get a chill.

Cycle 3 students will start an outdoor building project with MR. E mid-September. Our senior classes will be building cedar benches to create outdoor seating/tables that will facilitate outdoor learning. Homeroom teachers will provide more information about this exciting initiative!

After School Program News

Our first P.D. Day will take place September 18th. Registration forms will be going home later this week with students who are regular users of the Daycare. Forms must be returned by the date indicated on the form. NO registrations will be accepted after that date.

Students who do not use the daycare on a regular basis can register for P.D. Days, however, they will only be able to attend if there is room. Parents will be advised if there is room.

If you have any questions or if you are not a regular user of the Daycare and would like a form please contact hberesford@wqsb.qc.ca

Home & School Association - September News

Welcome back Chelsea Families!

As we navigate these unprecedented times, we are exploring new and innovative ways to fundraise for our children. We welcome any suggestions you may have. Please forward them to chelseahands15@gmail.com or reach out to any of our members.

Ways to Help:

If you would like to show your support for Chelsea Students & Teachers though this time of Covid you can **Donate** at Chelsea Home & School Association Online <http://chelsea.wqsb.qc.ca/online-store/>. Depending on the amount of funds raised at the end of each month, items will be purchased in close collaboration with the school's administration.

Home & School Email List:

Chelsea Home & School Association will be taking our events online this year. We will be sending out email updates regarding upcoming fundraising events, school spirit events and other important information as it pertains to Home & School.

Please consider signing up for our mailing list to receive up to date information! <http://bit.ly/ChelseaSchool>

School Start- School Supply Kits:

****IMPORTANT UPDATE****

Please note that we have been informed that the Hilroy Sketchbooks are currently on back order at School Start. If your child was to receive one you will be receiving it in the mail as soon as they arrive at the School Start head office. Your kits have been shipped and this item will come as soon as possible.

Shipping Update- We had a guaranteed receiving date of August 24th for any kits ordered before August 17th. Please note that if you ordered your kit by this date but did not receive it by the 24th from Purolator that School Start will be refunding you \$6.50 for the shipping fees you paid. You should receive an email from School Start once they process your refund.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at chelseahands15@gmail.com should you have any questions!



Chelsea 2020-2021 School Values

Respect for All, By All

Each month the following monthly values will be explored at school. Please discuss these values and why they are important with your child at home.

September: Respect

October: Appreciation

November: Curiosity

December: Commitment

January: Confidence

February: Empathy

March: Creativity

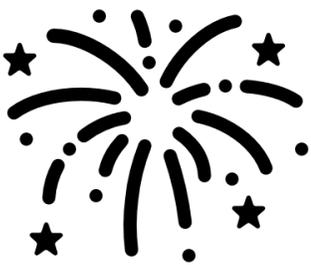
April: Stewardship/Caring for the Earth

May: Cooperation

June: Enthusiasm

Chelsea Elementary September 2020 Value=RESPECT

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cycle 1 students only All kindergarten students in	2 All students in	3	4
7 HOLIDAY	8	9	10	11
14 Cycle 3 Outdoor building project	15 Cycle 3 Outdoor building project	16 Cycle 3 Outdoor building project	17	18 PD day
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28	29	30		



WELCOME BACK

