
October 2020 Newsletter

Chelsea Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Chelsea Community,

September was a busy month at Chelsea Elementary School! The staff regularly took advantage of the beautiful weather and engaged their classes in outdoor learning opportunities. Cycle three students participated in a special activity with Mr. E building cedar benches and all the students have been putting them to good use.

This year's Terry Fox Run was organized differently in order to respect our stable class groupings. The staff coordinators designed an orienteering activity that provided our students with a unique and challenging experience. Thank you to the parent volunteers who provided additional supervision. Chelsea Elementary has a fund raising goal of \$5,000- please donate online if you are able:

<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referrer%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fterryfox.org%252f&TeamID=906166>

I would like to extend a big thank you the Chelsea Home and School Association for organizing the equipment drive. The donated and purchased items were compiled to provide each class with a bin of great recess equipment.

At the end of September, Chelsea hosted a virtual AGM as well as virtual Meet the Teacher sessions. If you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's teachers for any information missed. In October, you will receive your child's first official communication, the Progress Report. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding this.

The health and safety of our students and staff is top priority. All parents are asked to complete a daily health check with your child before sending them to school. Should you have any question as to whether your child should attend school, please contact Public Health at 1-877-644-4545.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage
Principal,
Chelsea Elementary School

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7 –Home & School meeting 6:00

Oct. 12th- Thanksgiving Day

Oct. 14th-Progress reports released

Oct. 14th-Governing Board meeting 6:30

Oct. 15th & 16th-PD Days

Oct. 30th-Chelsea Star Awards

Governing Board

At the Annual General Assembly on September 24, the 2020-2021 Governing Board (GB) was formed. As a decision-making body, the GB will work together throughout the school year with the aim of ensuring the educational needs of all students are met. Pursuant to the *Education Act*, some of the general functions and powers of the GB include: adopting and overseeing the implementation and evaluation of the school's educational project; approving the anti-bullying and anti-violence plan; approving the rules of conduct and school safety measures; and adopting the school's annual budget.

In addition to Principal Andrea Gage (agage@wqsb.qc.ca), composition of the 2020-2021 GB is comprised of the following representatives:

Staff Representatives:

Sandrine Bedard, Kindergarten (sanbedard@wqsb.qc.ca)
Lucas Brown, Grade 4 (lucasbrown@wqsb.qc.ca)
Devon Gable, Grade 6 & Staff Assistant (dgable@wqsb.qc.ca)
Dahlia Tanasoiu, French (dtanasoiu@wqsb.qc.ca)
Leslie Fumerton, Resource (lfumerton@wqsb.qc.ca)
Heather Beresford, Daycare Technician (hberesford@wqsb.qc.ca)

Parent Representatives:

Keri George, Board Chair (kerigeorge@hotmail.com)
Abeeha Hassan, Secretary (abeehahassan@gmail.com)
Eric Advokaat, Parent Committee Representative (eric.advokaat@gmail.com)
Jennifer Olson, Member (olson_jenny@yahoo.ca)
Amanda DeGrace, Member (amanda@amandadegrace.ca)
Jessica Takacs, Member (jessica@jessicatakacs.com)

The first GB meeting is scheduled for **October 14 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**. Should you wish to attend as an Observer, please check the school's website closer to the meeting date for additional details. Composition of the GB also typically includes two community representatives. Should you have a recommendation for the GB to pursue, please email the GB Chair (Keri George) with your suggestion(s). As well, there is still an opportunity for a parent representative to sit on the WQSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). This individual is designated by the Parent Committee at their first meeting each school year (in October). Please email the Parent Committee Representative (Eric Advokaat) should you be interested in learning more about this position.

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 track of where children should be, we ask that parents send in a written note in the morning or an e-mail for any change. **Phones/e-mails will not be answered after 1:30** as last minute changes are difficult to manage. Thank you for your understanding.

After School Program News

Our next P.D. Days are October 15 & 16. There is an error on the form *Around the World-Day 2 Pd Day Registration Form* (tan paper), **the date should read Friday, October 16**. Forms are due Monday, October 5th. Please make sure that your child is dressed warmly on P. D. Days. We do the majority of the activities outside unless it is raining, or until it gets very cold.

LOST AND FOUND

In previous school years our Lost and Found was fantastic for collecting all those forgotten clothing items and for sharing a warm pair of gloves when a child's went missing. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 health protocols, we will not be able to house a LOST and FOUND for student items.

Please read the below suggestions in order to help your child track their belongings:

1. **LABEL** - Label everything that can be removed. Sweaters, hats, gloves (we all shop in similar places), coats, rain pants, shoes boots.....We will do our best to return labeled items to the students cubby.
2. **Gloves and mitts** will be removed to sanitize hands on the way into the building. Put a string on each pair and thread them through coats. This way students won't have to juggle belongings whilst entering the building.
3. Keep the conversation going at home about being careful and mindful of clothing, dressing appropriately for the weather, and being responsible for items when they are taken off. Please empty your child's school bag daily.
4. Students really do not like having wet socks so an extra pair of socks in your child's school bag is a great idea!

Items that are found around the school will be collected, washed and then donated, so as not to be wasteful. We will be conscious of returning anything we can to students however, there will not be a collection point for students to check for items or to borrow from as it is simply not safe to have a communally accessible collection. Thank you for your attention to this!

Pick up and Drop off Reminders

Morning drop off is from 7:45-8:05. At 8:05, outdoor supervision ends. **If no supervisor is present at the drop off location, do not drop off your child; Parents must park and bring their child into the front office.**

End of day pick up runs from 2:45- 2:55 pm and parents must arrive at school prior to 2:55 pm.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6	7 Home and School Meeting 6:00 pm	8	9
12 Holiday	13	14 Progress Reports Released Governing Board 5:30-7:30	15 PD Days	16 PD days
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30 Chelsea Star Awards

