

# November 2020 Newsletter



## Chelsea Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parent Community,

The cold weather is coming! It is time for students to bundle-up and protect themselves from the wind, wet, and snow! We will continue to spend extra time outside so it is very important that your child is dressed properly for the weather.

This month, cycle 2 classes (grade 3 and 4) will be working with the WQSB's outdoor educator, Mr. E. Students will engage in activities related to map reading, the use of a compass, and orienteering. It's sure to be a great learning adventure!

Progress Reports, the first official communication on your child's progress, will be accessible to parents on November 20th on the Parent Portal. If you have not set up your account or need assistance accessing the report, please contact Ms. Margaret ([mburns@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:mburns@wqsb.qc.ca)). Parent /Teacher interviews will take place virtually on the 26th and 27th of November and information regarding setting up interviews will be sent following the release of progress reports.

The Chelsea Elementary library houses an impressive range of fiction, non-fiction, French and English literature. While our library room is currently closed for student browsing, the library is being mobilized! All classes will have access to these texts and books are quarantined between use for health and safety. Thank you to our teacher library leader Ms. Goulais and The Home and School Association for supporting this initiative.

This month we are exploring the value of curiosity with the students. By being curious we regularly ask 'why?' and are open to new experiences. Curious minds actively take in and learn about the world and, particularly this year, having an attitude of curiosity can help us feel positive despite challenges!

I would like to introduce and welcome two new staff members. Ms. Karen Jones, has joined the daycare staff at Chelsea Elementary and Ms. Kim Carlton has joined the teaching team as the homeroom teacher in Ms. Gable's absence. Welcome Ms. Jones and Ms. Carlton.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gage  
Principal,  
Chelsea Elementary School

### Upcoming Events

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**- 7:00 Home and School Meeting

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – PD Day

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**–  
Remembrance Day Assembly  
@ 10:45

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**-Governing Board 6:30-8:30

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**- Progress reports

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**- Parent / teacher interviews evening

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**- PD Day, Parent teacher interviews day

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Chelsea Star Assembly

### Change of daily routine for any student:

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 to: [chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca) for any change. **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.

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### **After School Program News:**

There are two November P.D. Days. November 9<sup>th</sup> deadline to register was October 30<sup>th</sup>. November 27<sup>th</sup>, forms will go home the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Students who do not normally attend Daycare can register for P.D. Days. Forms must be requested and must be returned by the due date indicated. Students will be accepted on a first come first served basis and only if there is room available.

### **Governing Board 2020-2021:**

At the October meeting of the 2020-2021 Governing Board, the membership adopted the school budget for the current academic year. Should you wish to review the meeting's full discourse, the minutes will be posted on the school's website following their approval at the Board's next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 6:30pm via Teams. To observe the meeting or participate during the public forum portion of the agenda, please contact Keri George ([kerigeorge@hotmail.com](mailto:kerigeorge@hotmail.com)) for details.

### **ABVP Committee**

The Anti-Bullying Violence Prevention Committee meets monthly and is looking for parent involvement! Representatives from parents of students are invited to email their interest to the committee chair, Ms. Stephanie at [saustin@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:saustin@wqsb.qc.ca). The committee meets once a month to implement actions related to the school's Anti-Bullying Plan.

### **Lunch, snacks, water and masks**

As the weather changes so do children's eating habits! Please ensure your child has ample healthy snacks, a hearty lunch and their water bottle each day. Some students are arriving to school without a mask; it would be helpful to provide a back-up mask in your child's school bag should they forget or need to replace their mask.

### **Chelsea T-shirt EXCHANGE!**

Chelsea is proud to wear our blue. Throughout the year we will have days where we encourage students and staff to "wear your Chelsea colours." Each child has been issued a blue shirt however we understand that some students have grown! If your child has grown out of their shirt you may return it for a better fit. In the interest of the environment and budgets we would like to encourage the reuse of shirts. Go Earth Team Chelsea!

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### **Appointments/Late arrivals:**

Parents must notify the school by leaving a message or e-mailing when your child will be late or has an appointment. You can reach Ms. Adele at 819-827-0245 or e-mail her at: [chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:chelseaattendance@wqsb.qc.ca)

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## Lost and Found

WOW! A big thank you to parents as our 'Lost and Found' has dramatically reduced. Children are obviously being mindful of belongings and we have also noted the increase in labels in clothing and accessories!

While the Lost and Found has greatly decreased, we are still accumulating a few items and we have found a virtual solution to create a COVID-19 safe Lost and Found!

1. Check-out **The.Chelsea.Island** on Instagram. Pictures of found items will be posted as often as possible. You can message Ms. Stephanie if you recognize anything.
2. If you are missing an item that you don't see on the Instagram site, contact Stephanie ([saustin@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:saustin@wqsb.qc.ca))
3. We will also organize a no-touch walk through for students to retrieve their belongings

## Home and School

### Chelsea Home and School November Events

We at Home and School hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. We are getting through this together!

- Our Next Meeting will be Wednesday November 4th at 7p.m. via zoom
- Tickets available for the The "Great One" Raffle- Draw takes place November 12th
- School Yard Clean up! Saturday November 7th 1pm-3pm-Volunteers Needed
- Scholastic Book Fair November 9th to 20th

Check out our H&S monthly newsletter (attached to this email) for full details on these and all other events

## Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC): Ahead of the Curve

As you may know, Chelsea School and Chelsea Home and School Association (CHSA) planned, fundraised, and carried out the construction of outdoor learning structures and pedagogical opportunities for learning outdoors over the past two years. How were we to know that outdoor learning and having outdoor learning places would prove to be so timely given the pandemic?

The OLC Committee is looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in helping the school and students learn in nature, learn outside, and/or learn about the environment, or you have skills such as landscape planning, curriculum building, or outdoor education please join our committee. If you would like to find out more please contact Fiona at [fduguid@gmail.com](mailto:fduguid@gmail.com).

Flowing through the DNA of Chelsea School is respect for the environment. The OLC aims to help students by learning outdoors. With the increase of outdoor time, due to pandemic protocols, this is an excellent opportunity for us to thrive pedagogically in this outdoor space.

# Chelsea Elementary November 2020

Value= Curiosity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Mr E with Mme. Gagnon's class	3 Mr. E with Mr. Brown's class	4 Mr. E with Ms. Bardell's class Home and School Meeting 7 pm	5	6
9 PD day	10	11 Remembrance Day Virtual assembly 10:45	12	13
16	17	18	19 Governing Board 6:30-8:30	20 Progress Reports released
23	24 ABVP meeting 3pm	25	26 Parent/ teacher interviews evening (5:00-7:30)	27 PD day Parent/ teacher interviews day (9:00-3:00)
30 Chelsea Stars Assembly				

