

## Chelsea Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

Dear Chelsea Elementary School community,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is approaching so quickly. Spring Fling was a great evening and highlighted our amazing community and the dedication of staff and parents. An enormous thank you to the Home and School Association for organizing this event and the many spirit events and fundraising throughout the year!

Diversity, Belonging and Representation: these are the three words explored and illustrated in the new mural painted in the grand hall. Two artists, Jimmy Baptist and Stephanie Babij, worked with students to explore and capture these themes. The mural brightens and energizes our school space and we are appreciative of the experience these artists shared with our students. See below for some pictures of the art!

As always, June is going to be a busy month with end of year trips and activities! Please review the Upcoming events section, the calendar, and **check your child's backpack daily for forms and notices!**

The value for the month of June is perseverance. When our children are faced with challenges, we want them equipped with skills and attitudes that will help them persist. Please join school staff as we explore the **power of perseverance!**

Class lists for next school year will be established shortly. Parents are able to send specific requests that they would like considered by **June 20th**. Please reserve requests for **unique** situations that you feel will have a significant impact on your child's experience. Requests can be emailed to [andreagage@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:andreagage@wqsb.qc.ca); I cannot guarantee that all requests will be possible.

It is privilege to work with your children. I wish you a wonderful month of June and a safe and happy summer!

*Andrea Gage*

Principal, Chelsea Elementary School



### Upcoming Events

June 01-Grade 5 field trip

June 02- Track and Field (off-site) **NO LONGER A PD DAY**

June 07- Graduation  
Fundraiser: Popcorn sale

June 07-09- Grade 6 Math exam

June 13 - Governing Board  
6:30 – 8pm

June 14- School Track and Field event

June 15 – Last day for Hot Lunches

June 16 – Last day for Pizza

June 16 – Grads to Mont Cascade

June 20 – Graduation 10:30 – 12:00 (Rain date June 21)

June 22 - Chelsea Star Awards

June 23 – Last day of school/End of Year BBQ

### 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.



Offices of Ms. Margit and Ms. Adele

A friendly reminder that school fees are posted and due.

All students arriving after the school bell (8:05) must be walked into the school and signed in by parent/guardian.

If your child is sick, please keep him/her home to avoid infecting others.

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***From Ms Adele who is retiring at the end of the school year:***

The time has come to say goodbye.  
My time at school is up.  
The ups and downs and covid frowns  
Have all been turned around,  
Smiles and giggles are what fills our halls  
As another school break calls.  
The joy has been mine  
As I watched your kids shine.  
Memories to keep and fondly recall.  
It has been a pleasure to treasure one and all.

To all the parents and students of Chelsea Elementary School, I wish each and every one of you the gift of happiness and peace. Parents enjoy your children. I sure have. Thanks for the memories!

Farewell,

Ms. Adele

## Outstanding Volunteer Award:

The outstanding Volunteer Award for 2022-2023 is being awarded to a parent in our community who has participated in Governing Board, helps with class trips, and has been a member of the Chelsea Home and School Association for many years. Congratulations to Amanda DeGrace! Amanda works tirelessly to support the students and staff at Chelsea Elementary School! Amanda will receive an plaque at the end of year assembly in recognition of her contributions and to demonstrate our appreciation for all she does!

## After School Program News:

On Friday, June 9, we will have a PD Day. A reminder that the PD day hours are from 7:30-5:30 pm.

On Friday, May 26, registration forms were delivered with your children, and they are to be returned by Friday, June 2.

Parents of Daycare, if you have not completed your re-registration for 2023-24, please do so as soon as possible and turn it in to the office or me. If you do not re-register, you may have difficulty starting A4 the following academic year.

June Daycare fees will be invoiced on June 5 and are due on June 19. Do not forget to make your online payments on time; if that is not an option, you can pay at the school using our Debit/Credit machine.

Remember that starting next school year Daycare will be closing at 5:30pm and not 6:00pm.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and to extend my gratitude for having me as your replacement Daycare Technician; it was wonderful getting to know you and your kids

Elisa Rivas Perez  
Responsable de Service de Garde  
Daycare Technician [erivasperez@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:erivasperez@wqsb.qc.ca)  
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## The Island:

The Island! We are looking for...

- Any old iPhone that you may be able to donate. For many students music is the gateway to feeling safe, included and supports self-regulation. Given this, I am looking for iPhones (coz I know how they work!) that can allow students the opportunity of music to calm - an added tool for us all to use.
- Empty yogurt pots like the picture below. These are excellent to use in the yard as scoops and bucket. Best yet they are free! I know the students will love these. Please send clean containers to school.



## Anti-Bullying and Violence Prevention Committee:









The Anti-Bully and Violence Prevention committee has worked on several initiatives this school year to increase student sense of belonging and reduce unkind and bullying behaviours. Through our day-to-day experience, and supported by student-based data, we know that many children encounter challenge in the playground. Some students prefer a more structured environment, and we know that alternate recesses and extra-curricular activities are key! Students at Chelsea Elementary have regular opportunities to engage in these activities and our participation rate is high. The outdoor supervision teams have an extremely important role to play; they ensure that all areas of the yard are carefully monitored, are highly visible (wearing safety vests), and respond quickly to student needs. Inside the school, the office staff is equally ready to support students who require adult help during the recess. Our goal is to make recess time fun and safe for all students.

The Centre of Excellence for Behavior Management ([www.cebm.ca](http://www.cebm.ca)), is an organization that includes in its mandate to serve the English speaking school boards in Quebec. There are many excellent resources freely available on their website, many of which we used to guide us in the steps we have taken to providing a safe place for our children to learn.

Of particular interest – and to get you started with accessing the resources available we invite you to read and enjoy the following article. <https://www.cebm.ca/post/good-fit-friends-helping-kids-navigate-peer-relationships>

This committee remains dedicated to always improving and adjusting our practices to best serve our children.

Stephanie Austin  
ABVP Chair

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			01 Gr. 5 students to Mr. Es 	02 <b>Track and Field</b>  <b>REGULAR SCHOOL DAY</b> 
05	06 	07 <b>Home and School 7:00 pm</b>	08 	09 PD Day
12 Ms Goulais/ Ms Jen/ Ms Melanie's 4s to mini-putt	13 Ms Gillich/ Mme Michelle  mini-putt Governing Board 6:30 – 8pm	14 School Track and Field event	15 Ms Resendes/ Ms Butler to mini-putt 	16 Grade 6 Mont Cascade 
19	20 Graduation Day 10:30 – 12:00	21 (Graduation rain day)	22 Chelsea Stars Assembly	23 <b>Last day of school</b>   Family and Staff BBQ at lunch