



Chelsea School Community News

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Public Speaking: Cycles 2 and 3 are now in the process of preparing for the annual Public Speaking project. Students will be presenting their speeches in class the week of November 16, leading to the Grand Finale on November 21. Parents of all finalists will be notified and invited to attend.

Dental Hygienist visit: The dental hygienist will be visiting our cycle 1 students in the coming weeks. Nov 8, 10 and 11 for Kindergarten and grade 1, and Nov 14th for grade 2.

Remembrance Day: On November 11, cycle 3 students will be going to the Chelsea cenotaph for the community Remembrance Day ceremony. Cycles 1 and 2 will be making wreaths and participating in a small ceremony at school.

National Gallery Program: Chelsea School will be hosting the National Gallery's "Looking at Pictures" outreach program this month. Volunteers from the gallery will visit the school and show art reproductions to our cycle 2 and 3 students then encourage the children to discuss "what they see". The program awakens an interest in art, provides children with "looking" skills, helps them articulate their observations, and develops confident, enthusiastic responses to art. Dates are November 9 for grades 3, 3-4, and 4; November 14 for grades 4-5, 5, and 5-6; grade 6 will be scheduled at a later date.

Governing Board Meeting: November 17 at **6:00** p.m. Parents who are concerned about school-wide issues are welcome to attend Open Forum. Feel free to contact the Chair of Governing Board, Patricia Steeves, or Ralph: rmason@wqsb.qc.ca.

Policy re: toys from home: Just a reminder that we kindly ask that all toys from home do not come in to school, unless otherwise cleared by a teacher for a specific activity (ie: show and tell for Kindergarten, etc.) Thanks for your cooperation!

School Photos: Reminder, all school photo orders are due by November 10th!

Report cards: Report cards are scheduled to be distributed on November 18.

Parent –Teacher interviews: Mark your calendar! Parent –Teacher interviews will take place the evening of November 23. Details will be sent home with your child.

Professional development days: Wednesday November 23, Thursday November 24, and Friday Nov 25

SEAC Meeting: There will be a meeting of the SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) at 7 p.m., Monday, November 7, at the WQSB offices, 15 Katimavik St.

Book fair – Volunteers needed! Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be on Nov. 22 and 23. Students will have a chance to visit the book fair on Nov 22 to create a wish list of books, and the fair will open that day at 3-5:30 for parents to purchase books. On Nov. 23, the Book Fair will run from 9-7 p.m., during parent-teacher interviews. Back by popular demand will be the "teacher's wish list", should you wish to purchase books for your child's classroom.

Parent volunteers are needed to run the book fair -- if you are interested, please contact Debbie Picard at dpicard@wqsb.qc.ca.

We need parents to help:

Nov. 22: 8-10 set-up, 10-3 help students fill out wish lists, 3-5:30 sell books during A-4

Nov. 23: 9-12, 12-5, and 5-7:30 sell books

Nov. 24: 9-11 take down book fair and count money for deposit.

Enyandeni School and Book Donation update: Many of you will remember last year's initiative to collect books for the local Library serving Enyandeni Primary School, our twin school in Zimbabwe. Well, after a long journey, Chelsea school's donation of 3000 books has



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made it safely to a new home in the Edward Ndlovu Memorial Library in Gwanda, Zimbabwe. This library is the main resource for surrounding rural settlements in Matabeleland South, including Enyandeni.

The team at the Edward Ndlovu Memorial Library is currently running a “book box” program for 27 local schools, including Enyandeni. Through this program they reach more than 10,000 people including children, teachers, parents and school leavers. The book boxes serve as mobile libraries for these smaller communities and schools that would otherwise not have access to a library. In order to maintain this program, a reserve stock of about 8,000 books is needed, and our donation has gone a long way to beefing up this reserve.

Jackson Ndlovu, the head librarian, expressed his gratitude to us, via Oxfam program officer, Emily Wilson:

“The books that you have given to us have meant so much to me. They will go a long way towards solving our commitment to these schools. I want to thank everybody in Canada – every person – who donated, no matter how many books – I want to express my sincere gratitude and my happiness towards people who have recognized this as a viable, worth-supporting library in Africa....Thank you very much.”

To all our Chelsea school families who generously donated books, we say “**Siyabonga Kakhulu!**” (‘Thank you very much’ in Ndebele, the local language)!

A-4 news: The A-4 program will be offering full day care on the three upcoming PD days, November 23rd, 24th and 25th. We are still waiting for final confirmation for Wednesday, but as of now on the 23rd we will be going to Tubes et Jujubes, on the 24th we will be enjoying an interactive blues performance by Maria Hawkins in the morning and a visit from Little Ray’s reptiles in the afternoon and on the 25th we will be off to the movies. If you would like to register for one or all the PD days you can do so either in person or by email at ejoyce@wqsb.qc.ca, a list of the students who are registered to attend the PD days is posted in the office. Please note that on PD days the A-4 program opens at 7:30am and closes at 5:30pm.

Home and School committee update: We have started the year with a few very successful events!!!

Magazine Fundraiser – thanks to all the hard work of the students, the Magazine Fundraiser raised well over \$4000 for us!!! It was closer to \$4,400. WOW – way to go!!! (This is up from \$3900 last year).

Halloween Dance Party – This was our 2nd annual Halloween Dance Party and it was a HUGE success. Thank you to all those who helped set up the event and a bigger thank you to all who attended. The MRP was full of dancing ghosts and goblins (DJ Andrew Avon did an amazing job again) and the Grand Hall was packed with visiting parents. This year we shared the space with the Children’s Garden Preschool who had their party in the Grand Hall from 6PM-7PM, and then Chelsea kids went from 7PM-9PM in the MRP. Looking around, there were lots of families from Grand Boise and a few from CCNS – this was truly an excellent community event!

Cookie/Muffin Dough – Last year the cookie dough was one of our biggest grossing fundraisers. This year we have switched dough providers, from Indeygo to English Bay (I have heard this is the batter that Subway uses....) AND we added Muffin Batter! Order forms went home on November 2 and the campaign runs until November 14. Delivery will be approximately Dec 7 – we will let you know as soon as we know. On pick up night we will need lots of volunteers to help – let me know if you can jenny@smithtaylor.ca Reminder – all cookie/muffin dough checks need to be payable to Chelsea Home and School Association



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Next Home and School Meeting – **November 29** – all are welcome.

Please check out our blog – www.chelseaelementaryhomeandschool.blogspot.com we recently added a calendar... you can add events directly to your own calendar from it!

Also we are on Facebook – Chelsea Homeandschool OR “like” our fan page Chelsea Elementary Home and School.

FYI - We will have a canteen set up on Parent Teacher Interview night.

November 2011					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	1	2	3	4	5
			Cookie Dough/Muffin Fundraiser		6
7	8	9	10	11	12
SEAC Meeting at WQSB 7:00 p.m.	Dental Hygienist K – Gr. 1		Dental Hygienist K – Gr. 1	Dental Hygienist K – Gr. 1	13
14	15	16	17	18	19
Cookie Dough/ Muffin Fundraiser Orders must be in today Dental Hygienist Gr. 2				Report Cards go home	20
21	22	23	24	25	26
Public Speaking Grand Finale	Bookfair (Student review)	Parent/Teacher Interviews 9:00 to 7:00 Bookfair during interviews	PD Day	PD Day	27
28	29	30			

