

Chelsea Elementary News

1 October 2010

Annual Terry Fox Run

October 1, 2010: watch for pictures in the Atrium

Once again this year the staff and students of Chelsea School are doing our part in the fight against cancer. Many thanks to the parent volunteers for helping out and to Ms. Joanne Jolliffe, Mr. Bob Butler, Ms. Amanda McKeown and Ms. Debbie Picard for their energy and persistence with this event. Special thanks to Ray Zahab for dropping in to inspire all of us.

Fire Drill and Emergency Procedures: we will have a formal practice of our fire drill on **October 5th**. The Chelsea Fire department will be on hand to oversee the practice and fire fighters will bring their message of fire safety directly to our students in an assembly after the drill. We will review our emergency procedures, again, with the our students at that time.

- There will be another unannounced drill in good weather within two weeks.
- Note also that we have a drill to bring the students off the playground rapidly should there be an external threat (a bear sighting for example).
- Please be re-assured that our drills will occur in dry weather.

Chelsea Elementary School Promotes Fire Safety

Following up on Fire Prevention Week, the Home and School Association and Chelsea Elementary School are holding a “**smoke alarm battery drive**” – a fund-raising campaign where batteries are offered at \$5 each. \$3 from each battery sold will stay with the School. The campaign will begin on October 18, 2010 and continue for 2 weeks.

For optimum safety, it is recommended that smoke alarm batteries be changed every 6 months. Support our local school and stay safe.

Funds are being used by the Chelsea Elementary Home & School Committee to update and add new playground equipment in the school yard. Your support will help provide the next generation of students at Chelsea Elementary School with a fun and safe school yard.

You can help by ordering Alive For 5TM Superior Quality 9 Volt batteries for your smoke alarms. Through your efforts you can provide much needed funds for our local school and promote fire safety to your family and community. Orders will be totaled and available for pick-up at the School. If you would like to support this program please contact the Chelsea Elementary School for details. Additional order forms will be available for interested parties to sign up supporters. Visit www.wqsb.qc.ca/chelsea for more information on Chelsea Elementary School.

As we take a step to protect our own homes, our families, and our neighbours from fire, may we become more conscious of the devastating impact that fire has and do what we can to stay safe.

Home and School News:

Chelsea Home and School Events 2010

Chelsea Home and School is in the second year of a two year fundraising blitz to raise funds for new playground equipment. (We currently have \$10K to spend on equipment and upgrades; we would ideally like to raise \$20K more). We have worked hard to come up with a variety of fundraisers for our Chelsea families to participate in. We hope that you find some to support. And don't forget to join us for our Family Fun Night.

New website launch Oct 4th.

www.chelseahomeandschool.blogspot.com

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OCTOBER

Magazine Campaign – Just order the magazines you would normally buy at the newsstand or treat yourself to something special and support our school in the process.

Sprit Wear Clothing – Order forms will be going home with your child. There are lots of colours to choose from. Sizes are on display at the school. Spirit wear is a great way for our students to show Chelsea pride.

Fire Safety and Prevention – H&S will be selling 9volt batteries for your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Change a battery – save a life.

Halloween Family Fun Night – Come spend the evening in costume playing board games with friends and family (date to be determined).

School Yard Clean-up – A group of parents has volunteered to clean-up the school grounds. Bring your rakes and shovels and join in. We still need access to a roto-tiller for turning the sand under the swings and play structures (date to be announced shortly).

NOVEMBER

Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Mmmm – what more can we say.

DECEMBER

Coffee Fundraiser – The coffee fundraiser was a great success last year, so we thought we would do it again just in time for Christmas.

Christmas Tree Sale – We are working with a local vendor with the hopes of selling Christmas trees...stay tuned more information coming.

Some events planned for the New Year include, the skating party, a Read-A-Thon, First Aid Training, a second Family Fun Night, Shop n' Save and more....

Chelsea's Awesome Motor Day + BBQ

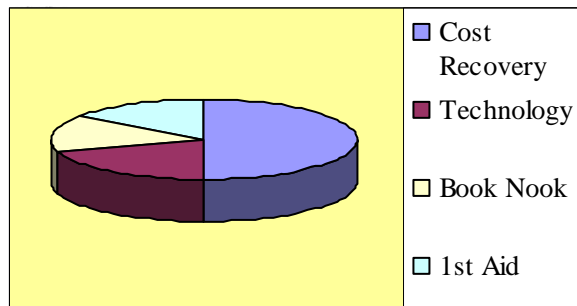
Saturday, 23 October 2010

Yes indeed, trucks, cars and more: come and see, touch and sit in/on all sorts of vehicles.

\$5.00 entry fee to see the static displays

- BBQ on site courtesy of Burnsy Burgers (local beef) with reasonable prices for BBQ fare and drinks.

- Photographer available to take your pictures near the cars and trucks you really like: \$10.00.



This fundraiser is designed to directly support the school and school team in our effort to modernize and upgrade the school while providing the opportunity for 1st aid training. It will be advertized across the Gatineau region and in Ottawa. If you know a car enthusiast that would like to display their project vehicle, please contact the principal: rmason@wqsb.qc.ca, while the static display spaces are available.

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Look Sharp – Photo Day: 27 October



A/4 News:

We are asking parents when picking their children up from After-Four to wait for them in the atrium; we are trying to reduce congestion in the hallways and encourage the children's independence. We will make all efforts possible to ensure that your waiting time as short as possible.

The After-Four program will be offering full day care on the upcoming October 6th, 7th and 8th PD days; on Wednesday October 6th we will be going to Saunders farm, Thursday the 7th we will be enjoying an interactive blues performance by Maria Hawkins and on Friday the 8th approximately 40 students will be off to the Sport Étudiant cross country running competition in Papineauville, while the rest of the group enjoys a fun filled afternoon at Cosmic Adventures.

Please note that the After-Four phone number is 819-827-4581, this is the number to call if you are going to be late picking your child up from the program or if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming PD days: please note that Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next week (Oct. 6, 7, 8) are WQSB sponsored PD days. A/4 will be offering full programming.

Please note that version of our calendar that appeared in August noted a floating PD day 14 March. This has been sifted with approval of the governing Board to 21 February.

2010-2011

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Legend / Légende

- Floating PD Days
- Holidays-Congés
- End and Beginning of Terms
- PD days - Journées pédagogiques

Resolution # C-09/10 -

Pd days 13 fixed days and 4 floaters (schools) Journées pédagogiques: 13 journées fixes et 4 flottantes(écoles)
183 school days/ jours de classe

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

Robert Frost (1874 - 1963)