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The Chelsea Team and Community Newsletter

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A truly Canadian fundraiser is underway at Chelsea School!

We're raising money for indoor/outdoor games and equipment for our 'homerooms'. So...if you'd like to help, here's what to do:

Simply bring in your Canadian Tire money!

We'll collect it in...The Grand Hall

Our goal is to fill the container to the brim!!

We'd like to begin the week of December 1st...and carry on 'til the container is full!

Thanks... as always...for your great support!

Science and us (La science et nous): our FSL program includes science and we have an opportunity for parent volunteers to help us with our *challenge* project :

THE DISASTER RELIEF OPERATION (DROP) DESIGN-ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

The Scenario: In recent years, many natural disasters such as Hurricane Ike have devastated regions on Earth and left many people homeless. Often, relief supplies must be dropped to survivors by air, as all roads have become blocked. The supplies must arrive undamaged and land as close as possible to the disaster site.

The Challenge Activity:

Student teams (3 to 5 students) must design and build a package to carry and drop the "supplies" – a raw egg – down a ramp and onto a target that is 1.75 metres below, and located 1.75 metres away from the drop point. The package must be sturdy so that the 'supplies' arrive intact. Judges will evaluate the projects based on performance, accuracy of reaching the target, creativity and innovation.

Time Commitments:

- 1 orientation/training session: January 21, 2009 (4:00 to 6:30 p.m.)
- 3 or 4 visits to the classroom (2-3 hours) in February
- Final Event Day: February 27, 2009 (optional participation)

If you have a science/engineering background and you would like to help out, please contact cbrault@wqsb.qc.ca or lfavreau@wqsb.qc.ca

SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee): SEAC is an integral component of school life in the WQSB. Interested parents should note that the next SEAC meeting will be on February 2, 2009.

Revised Pedagogical Development: we have an opportunity to complete some training for the entire teaching team at Chelsea in 2009 which has led to the following changes:

January 5th PD will now be January 9th, and June 5th has been moved to February 27th.

We apologize ahead of time if the date changes cause you to change your plans (vacation time for example). A revised calendar will be posted on our school site and hardcopies are available in the office. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me by phone at Chelsea or by e-mail: rmason@wqsb.qc.c

√ Provincial Election: 8 December – Chelsea School and Day Care are closed to students in accordance with provincial regulations.

Picture orders: due by 4 December. After the 4th, feel free to take orders directly to Photomania in Gatineau



Christmas performance: to celebrate the holiday season, we have a Christmas performance coming up on **17 December**. Cycle 1 and 2 at 9am, recess from 10:30-10:45, Cycle 3 10:45-11:40



Home and School will be selling more of our t-shirts, hats and hoodies. There will be a bake sale to help stock your Christmas pantry or at least provide some goodies between performances.

Pick-up / drop off: it is very important that parents provide **written** requests or confirmations when children are leaving the school. The same routine holds true with our Day Care service. Note that the Day Care phone line is operational: 819 827 4581.

Recycle for Education and think green. Bring in your empty toner and ink cartridges and we will turn them into cash for the school. Thank you!



Final note: We have initiated a Choir at the school for Cycle 2.2 (G4), 3.1 (G5) and 3.2 (G6) students. All of the members are invited to perform at St. Stevens Church on the weekend of 20/21 December. Details to follow first choir practice this week.

