



Chelsea School Community News
(22 December) January 2012 Newsletter
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IMPORTANT DATES ARE:

January 19th – Governing Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

January 21st – The Skating Party from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 24th - Home and School Meeting – all are welcome

February 13th – P.D. Day and First day for Kindergraten Registration

February 20th – Second day for Kindergarten Registration

A/4 News:

With mixed emotions we are seeing Erin Joyce off to a new career. Erin has been a talented and trusted Day Care Technician for Chelsea. We think we have found an ideal candidate to help us with organizing our day care routines: Sylvie Duchesne. Sylvie is adding her experience as a Day Care Technician and post-secondary training, including Group Dynamics Studies certification from St. Paul's University, to the day care team. We hope parents will join us in welcoming Sylvie aboard.

A4 Update: Our Camp Fortune ski and snowboard program will be starting on January 10th and running every Tuesday evening with the last ski night being February 28th. Please note that all registration packages need to be handed in to the office by December 22nd at noon, there are only a few spaces still available if your child is interested in joining us.

Please note that our winter program will be starting when we return in January, the children can look forward to skating, sliding, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and many more fun filled activities!

Cycle 3 – Mission Update

A very special activity took place at Chelsea Elementary on December 20th, 2011.

Two weeks earlier, Samantha Laprade from the Ottawa Mission came in and presented to our cycle 2 and 3 students. She told us about the Mission, asked questions and made our theme on homelessness real for all of the students. Cycle 3 students read a story "December" by Eve Bunting, we watched a documentary on the Ladybug foundation and most importantly on Dec 20th we cooked a meal for 250 men at the Ottawa Mission. While listening to Christmas music in the background, many parent volunteers and all of the 5/6 and 6 classes made 35 loaves of sandwiches, 6 big pots of homemade soup and the 4/5 and 5 classes baked cookies. Many classes from cycle 2 and 3 made gorgeous decorations that will help to bring joy to the men at the Ottawa Mission over the holidays. This activity was very special for all of the students, teachers and parent volunteers. We were giving to people less fortunate and feeling the joy of helping the homeless in our communities. Thank-you boys and girls, you really did a great job and brought the true Christmas spirit to our grand hall and to the entire school!

WQSB Tournaments: Every year Chelsea Elementary School students are invited to several different WQSB tournaments. This past fall we went to soccer and touch football.

Coming up in 2012:

- Cycle 3.2 students are invited to the WQSB Volleyball Tournament hosted here at Chelsea on Thursday, February 16th, 2012. Practices will begin in January 2012.





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- Cycle 3.2 students (and occasionally Cycle 3.1 students) are invited to the WQSB Basketball Tournament hosted at Pierre Elliot Trudeau School on March 21st, 2012. Parent support for the day is greatly appreciated for this outing.
- Cycle 3.2 students are invited to the WQSB Softball Tournament hosted in Gatineau on Wednesday, May 23rd. (Rain date-May 24th).
- Track and Field Meet this year will be hosted at Philemon Wright High School on Thursday, June 14th, 2012.

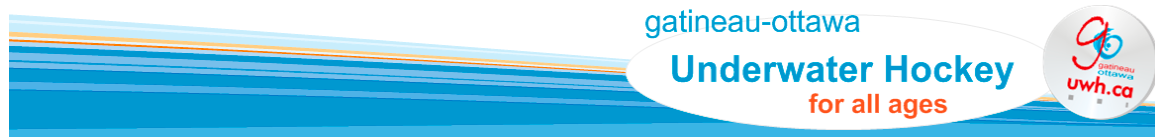
Home and School Update: Thank you to all who participated in the cookie dough fundraiser... There are a few tubs left, e-mail if you are interested jenny@smithtaylor.ca

The Christmas Family Fun Night was another amazing event! Thank you to all those who attended and for all those who helped out!

If you haven't bought your Christmas Tree yet -- go to Hogan's Fruit Stand (2 locations, one in front of Doozy Candle the other beside La Cigale) and bring your \$5 coupon (available at the school front desk) -- with each purchase of \$45 or more, \$5 will be donated to Chelsea Elementary School.

Mark your calendars! Next event -- **The Skating Party** -- January 21st - 2PM-4PM at the rink outside the school.

As always, don't forget to check out the Home and School Blog
<http://chelseaelementaryhomeandschool.blogspot.com/>



Introduce your child to this new sport!!

- What:** Underwater Hockey
- Who:** Nemo Club (Children ages 6 – 11 years)
- When:** Starting January 14th 2012 from 4:30 to 5:50 pm
- Where:** Gatineau Sports Centre, 850 boulevard de la Gappe,
Gatineau (QC)

Please visit our website for registration (<http://go-uw.h.ca>) or to receive more information about this amazing sport!

We hope to see you soon,

The Nemo coaches!!



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January 2012					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
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HOLIDAYS					8
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First day back to school	A4 Ski Program				15
16	17	18	19	20	21
	A4 Ski Program		GB Meeting		21 Family Skating Party 2:00 – 4:00
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23	24	25	26	27	28
	A4 Ski Program Home and School Meeting				29
30	31				
	A4 Ski Program Grad Photos in MPR at 12:45 p.m.				

