

# Chelsea Public School

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## A Great Place For Students to Learn

February 15, 2008

Dear Parents,

Winter certainly has arrived as the snow, sleet and rain continues to fall day after day. I hope that students, parents and teachers will enjoy our time off next week, and recharge for the big finish. This is a very busy time of the year with basketball playoffs just around the corner and mid term progress reports schedules to go out on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Today is Winter Carnival, and events were planned all day. It has been nice to see students actively participating in the events, dress up days, and our snow sculpture competition.

### Delayed Start/ Early Release

Do to an unusual amount of poor weather conditions we have been forced to delay the start of school and also release kids from school early. We do realize that this can be a significant burden on parents but it is necessary in some instances for safety reasons. The town road crew and our bus drivers do an amazing job transporting our kids safely. If in the future if we do have a delayed start please do not drop your child off at school more then 35 minutes before the scheduled start time. In addition please be sure that your child's emergency forms are up to date so that we have a way to contact you when we are closing early. I am sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your support in this matter.

### Spanish Club

Hannah Barden will be offering a Spanish Club on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:30 beginning on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Club is open to students in grades 3-6. Please contact Hannah at 685-4551 ext 154 or [hbarden@chelseaschoolvt.org](mailto:hbarden@chelseaschoolvt.org) if you are interested. Students will need to have a note to stay after and a ride home. Please be sure to have transportation for your child at 3:30 as Hannah can not be responsible for watching students after this time.

### Help From the Community

On Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> Terry Libby and I will be working on removing snow from the school roof. We will be starting at 9am and ending 12 noon. Obviously this is a huge task and the two of us will not make much progress so I am asking community members, parents, and high school students to lend a hand during this time. We will work on getting a grill down to the school to provide volunteer helpers with hamburgers and hotdogs in addition to warm beverages. Bring your snow gear and a shovel if you can help as it will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or would like to help cooking food please contact the school and ask to speak with Terry or myself.

### NECAP Results

We have received the NECAP test results for those students in grades 3-8. I am giving our teachers in these grades time to look at the results to gain a better understanding of where we need to focus our instructions in the future. I plan to mail individual student results to parents on February 29<sup>th</sup> which is the Friday we return from vacation. If you would like a copy of your son or daughters test results sooner then that please feel free to stop by the school and we will provide one for you.

### Parking after Hours

I would like to remind folks who attend after hour school events that we need to keep the handicap parking section open for those who truly need it. I realize that we have limited space out front especially with the recent snow accumulation but there are elderly and handicap folks who need this accommodation. Please remember that there is room in the back parking lot for those who can not find a spot out front. I thank you for your continued support of our co curricular activities and encourage you to attend as many of the up coming playoff and tournament games that you can.

### The Chelsea School Newspaper

Mrs. Joyce is running a creative writing class that has and is going to continue publishing a school newspaper. The first edition of the Chelsea Chronicle was released yesterday February 14<sup>th</sup>. The class is interested in publishing student work that will include poetry, short stories, and editorials which can be submitted to a red marked box placed on the bulletin board outside Sandy's office.

### Upcoming Events

Winter Carnival	2/15
Winter Break	2/18 - 2/25
Snow Removal Day	2/20
Boys Basketball - Playoffs dates TBD	2/18 - 2/22
Girls Basketball - 2/19 H Twinfield	Playoffs dates TBD
	2/25 - 2/29

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**

*Barrett Williams - Principal*