



Chelsea Intermediate School News- August 2009

Note from the Main Office

Dear Parents,

Every new school year represents a new beginning and an element of change. This is particularly true this year, as we celebrate the grand opening of our new addition to Chelsea Intermediate School. The addition provides for up to twelve new full size classrooms, coupled with the flexibility to transform three of those areas into a larger multi-purpose room. Thanks to the generous donations of the 157c Education Foundation, we also had the good fortune of completing our library renovation with a beautiful mural depicting the "Magic of Books". Finally, we were able to add an entirely new playground to the south side of our school next to the track. The equipment is developmentally appropriate for 3rd-5th graders, and we can't wait to see our kids enjoying recess in their new space!

While facility improvements capture our attention because they are a tangible part of our daily experience at school, it is the relationships that we build as we embark on the beginning of a new school year that matter most. It has been remarkable to see the connections students and staff have already made in such a short time. We saw hundreds of children rushing into Chelsea on the first day filled with excitement and energy. Their enthusiasm, coupled with that of the staff is what makes this such an exciting start to the 2009-2010 school year.

We look forward to sharing more information with you regarding the educational opportunities we have available at Chelsea at our curriculum night scheduled for August 27th. The 3rd grade Curriculum Night is from 6:00-7:00, while the 4th and 5th Grade Curriculum Night is from 7:30-8:30 that same evening. Please note that the time is different than the time listed in the Calendar and Handbook.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Simpkins, Principal Ms. Scolaro, Assistant Principal

Reminders

Buses:

In order to provide safe transportation for all of our students, children must ride the same bus to and from school each day. They will not be able to switch buses without written permission from the building administrators. Permission will only be granted for emergencies, which do not include babysitting arrangements or going to a friend's house.

If you are going out of town and your child will be staying with a friend or relative, we ask that you make alternate transportation arrangements as we will not be able to change their bus route for this reason.

Students also need to use their designated bus stop for boarding and drop off each day.



Reminders Continued:

Visitors:

For the safety of our students and staff, all visitors must sign in at the main office. This includes before, during, and after school hours. Please have a picture ID available when you check in.

We understand that you will periodically need to talk with your child's teacher. You are always welcome to do so, but we do ask that you arrange for a date and time in advance with your child's teacher. This will ensure that they are available to talk with you when you arrive.



Car Riders:

Please remember that the building is not open for students until 8:45 in the morning. Please do not drop your child off before this time, as the children will not be allowed in the building and we do not have supervisors on duty prior to 8:45. Our primary concern is the safety of your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A.M. and P.M. drop off and pick up is located in the South Parking Lot which serves as the main office entrance. Parent cars are not allowed to use the circle drive off of 80th Avenue (bus loading area) nor the North Parking lot off Sauk Trail (no student or visitor entrance).

Birthday Celebrations:

We know that your child's birthday is an exciting time for them. We welcome the opportunity to acknowledge their special day at school. We do ask that you follow the guidelines below when planning for your child's birthday celebration at school.

We strongly encourage non-food items for birthday celebrations. If, however, you choose to bring in food items for your child's birthday, the food cannot be prepared at home. Any food items distributed in school must be pre-packaged, individually wrapped and include a complete list of all ingredients. Please note that no food items that contain any peanuts or peanut products will be allowed in the building for birthday celebrations. A list of safe food options is included on the back of this flyer. Please send only enough food for your child's class. Extra items will be re-packaged and sent home with your child at the end of the day.

We recognize that many parents like to have a special lunch with their child occasionally throughout the year. If you plan on doing so, please bring a lunch for your child only. We will not be able to accommodate small group pizza or fast food lunch parties during the school day.



Hot Lunch Forms: Packets will go home with students on 8/21. They include information specific to your child's school. If you are missing a form, they are available online and in the school office.



The Frankfort School District 157C announces online payments via their RevTrak web-store. Payments for 2009-2010 are currently being accepted online for hot lunches, party fees, spirit wear and the FSP directory. Simply go to www.fsd157c.org and click on the "online payments" link. The online payment service powered by RevTrak allows you to make your payment via Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards as well as any debit card with the Visa or Mastercard logo.

Welcome!!! On behalf of the PE department we would like to welcome you to another fun and exciting school year.

As some may already know, here at Chelsea we take great pride in our PE department. It is our belief that mind and body are very much connected in the learning process. In addition, we also believe that Physical Education teaches children sportsmanship, honesty, and self discipline. These are just a few core values that we will be trying to instill in your child this school year.

Some activities that we will have this year include speed stacking tournaments, Halloween Safety talks, Turkey Trot, Jump Rope for Heart, Nintendo Wii, Dance, Dance, Revolution, Climbing Wall Activities and Field Day. For all of these activities, we will need parent volunteers to make these experiences memorable for your children.

We are available to you for questions or concerns regarding the PE curriculum. If you need to contact us, please use the following email addresses:

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 Linda Nelson lnelson@fsd157c.org
 Dan Prorok dprorok@fsd157c.org



Note from the Nurse

The following is a summary of the policy on medication given during school hours and school related activities for Frankfort School District 157-C.

- * All medications, both prescription and non-prescription, must be prescribed by an Illinois licensed prescriber.
- * The student's parent/guardian and the prescribing physician must complete a Medication Authorization Form.
- * MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IN THE ORIGINAL OR A DUPLICATE BOTTLE WITH THE CORRECT PRESCRIPTION LABEL ON THE CONTAINER INCLUDING STUDENT NAME, MEDICATION NAME, DOSAGE, ROUTE, PRESCRIBER NAME, AND PHARMACY INFORMATION.



Non-prescription medication must have the manufacturer's original label indicating the ingredients. The student's name must be affixed to the container.

- * Unless it is a medical emergency, all children must be able to self-administer their medication. This requires that they be able to take the correct amount of medication (pour the prescribed amount of liquid, and obtain the correct amount of pills) and use proper inhaler technique with adult supervision.

We realize many children are able to attend school because of the effective use of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities, learning disabilities or illnesses. It is recommended that the first dose of medication be given at home. This policy enables us to supervise medication administration in a safe and informed manner. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

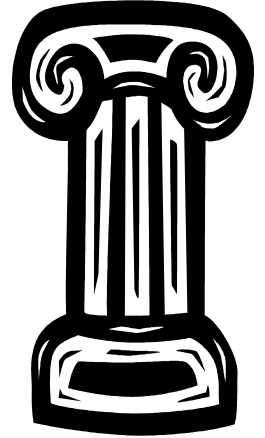
August/September Chelsea Dates to Remember

- 8/21 Fifth Grade Band Rehearsals Begin
- 8/27 Curriculum Night at Chelsea 6:00-8:30 PM
- 8/28 School Improvement Day-12:00 Dismissal
- 9/07 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- 9/10 Picture Day at Chelsea for students/staff
- 9/11 Hot Lunch Forms Due
- 9/21 Board of Education Meeting 7PM
- 9/25 FSP Family Fun Night 5-7:30 at Grand Prairie
- 9/29 Athletic Booster Bosco Snack



Character Counts

This year we will continue with our district-wide Character Counts Program. Here at Chelsea, our school social workers, Mrs. Boskey, Mrs. Fagan, and Miss Ventrella will do a lesson in each classroom, teaching one of the six pillars each month. The PE teachers will reinforce these lessons as well. The Pillars are: Responsibility, Respect, Caring, Fairness, Trustworthiness and Citizenship. We will begin in October with Responsibility.



Technology Time

Welcome 3rd graders and new students! Welcome back 4th and 5th graders!

Technology Time happens once per week for 40 minutes. Check your homeroom teacher's handouts for which day you have technology.

I am Ms. Plestina, and I will be teaching our students about technology using computers. I love teaching 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students! I am fascinated by all types of technology. There are constantly new developments that mean new concepts for me to learn and share with our kids.



Parents, we have some housekeeping items with which we need your help. Your child is expected to have the following items for Tech Time:

- 2 Pocket Folder with first and last name on it
- Pencil
- Loose-leaf Paper
- Ear Phones
- Ziplock Bag with first and last name on it

The earphones can be inexpensive. Some dollar stores carry them. The part you plug into the computer should be the same size as the ones your children might use for MP3s, Nintendo DS, etc.... *I do need the ear phones to stay at school.* We will keep all the supplies in the homeroom bin. To maintain sanitary conditions ear phones need to be put in a bag that can be sealed, opened, and resealed by your child. The bag only needs to be big enough for the ear phones.

This month we are organizing our supplies. We are also learning about what our Tech ID, user name, and passwords are. We are logging on to the computers and learning about the new desktop image. Finally, we will explore the Tech Time Rules!

3rd Graders and new students: You each have a 7 digit password. The sooner you memorize it; the faster you will log on. At the end of September, I would like you to have it memorized which means knowing it without having to look at it.

All Grades: I am excited to begin the school year with you! More details about our first technology project will be in Chelsea's September Newsletter.

Happy to help,
Dawn E. Plestina
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SUGGESTED PEANUT FREE SNACKS

Please check ingredient list before purchase.

Each item must be in an individually wrapped package and an ingredient list must be included.

Fruit	Sweets
• Any fresh fruit	• Marshmallows
• Applesauce	• Oreos
• Fruit cups	• Starburst
• Fruit by the Foot	• Twizzlers
	• Sweet Tarts
Crackers	• Smarties
• Graham crackers	• Suckers
• Teddy Grahams	• Popsicles
• Premium, Club, Pepperidge Farm	• Hostess Suzy Q's, cupcakes, HoHos
• Cheez-Its	
• Goldfish	
Potato Chips	Dairy
• Jay's, Ruffles, Sun Chips, Lays	• Cheese
• Doritos	• String cheese
• Cheetos	• Pudding cups
• Rold Gold, Pepperidge Farm pretzels	
NO Snyder's pretzels	
• Pringles	

AVOID FOODS THAT CONTAIN PEANUTS OR THESE INGREDIENTS

Artificial nuts
 Beer nuts
 Nu-Nuts
 Ground nuts
 Nut pieces
 Peanut butter
 Chili
 Egg rolls
 Marzipan
 Sunflower seeds
 Arachis oil

Mixed nuts
 Monkey nuts
 Goobers
 Mandelonas
 Peanut
 Peanut flour
 Chocolate candies and candy bars
 Enchilada sauce
 Nougat
 Cold pressed, expelled or extruded peanut