



GATESTONE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Gatestone Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

Its been a great September!! Lots of action in terms of school teams, settling into routines, and staff getting into the instructional core. As always please communicate directly with your child's teacher if you have any questions. I would suggest making contact early if you have concerns.

A few messages and reminders from last year. This is the time when lots of clothing disappears into our lost and found as students wear warm clothes to school that get taken off during warm afternoon recesses. Please label your clothing (sweaters, coats etc.) on the tag, makes finding owners much easier. The lost and found is located at the office now.

Our first School Council meeting was Sept 25th. It was great to see so many parents out wanting to have their voices heard. A big thank you goes to the Fundraising committee for organizing our first movie night. Council has also decided to run two fall fundraisers. One is Macmillans, the other is Bath Bombs. MacMillans will start Oct 5, a flyer and order form will be sent home that day. The orders are due Nov 9. Delivery of order will be Thursday Nov 30, 3:30—6 pm. NO CHQS please. Our next parent council meeting is Oct 30th at 6:30 pm, please join us.

As a reminder, visitors must use the visitor parking spots at the front of the school. The only exceptions are the two 10 minute day care drop off spots and the 2 handicapped spaces at the side of the school. All other spaces are staff only. Bylaw will now enforce the lot once again. When you are picking up or dropping off you may use the turnabout. Please do this safely. I have personally observed drivers speed out of our lot, pick ups and drop offs in the middle of the roundabout and cars being parked in the roundabout. When we can, we talk to the drivers, in some cases they are too fast to catch. I would respectfully ask that these behaviours stop. This is highly unsafe for everyone involved. Student safety is our primary goal. Let's work together to ensure a safe arrival and dismissal for everyone.

Inclement weather rain/cold. On rainy days or very cold days please try to arrive no earlier than 8:45. This is the time when supervision begins. We will let students in the same door they always go in. As usual students should not use the front door. Please refer to the website for cold day policies.

Meet the teacher is this coming Thursday October 5th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Burger Priest will be there. We will also be selling the raffle tickets to determine which lucky winner(s) get to throw the pies in support of our Terry Fox run.

The calendar for October is packed, please have a look for key dates. Please continue to check out the website. More and more information will be added there daily. The school sign is a great source of information as well. Finally, I would like to say thank you to our Custodial Staff, especially on Monday Oct 2nd for National Custodian Day, and on Oct 5th for World Teacher Day.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 National Custodian Day	3 Book Fair Begins	4 Dress like a Cow(Boy/Girl) Bike/Walk to School Day	5 Meet the Teacher 5-7 World Teacher Day MacMillans Fundrasier Starts	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving No School	10 Book Fair Ends	11 Cross Country meet	12	13 Picture Day	14
15	16	17	18	19 Gr. 7 Vaccinations	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Parent Council Pasta Day Lunch	31 Halloween				

Upcoming Dates:
 Nov 3- PD Day
 Nov 9- Picture Retake Day
 Nov 9- MacMillans Order due
 Nov 10- Remembrance Day Assembly
 Nov 18- Vendor Fair in Gym
 Nov 27- Pasta Day Lunch
 Nov 27- Parent Council meeting
 Nov 30- MacMillans pickup