



GATESTONE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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January 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

Happy New Year everyone, we wish you all the very best in 2017. You will be pleased to see that the fence has come down around our new field. We kept it up to give it a chance to freeze and harden. We will monitor the conditions ongoing to ensure the best possible result. We would like to thank parent Council and our Trustee once again for making this field correction possible.

Report Cards come out next month on Feb 17th. This would be a great time to connect with your child's teacher to check up on their progress. Please remember that this report card covers progress made from September until January.

A ski-trip has been planned for students in grades 5-8 on Feb 8th. Information was sent out prior to the break. A parent information session has been planned for Thursday Jan 12 at 6:00 pm in the library.

Just a recap from December's newsletter about the weather. "Please ensure you are sending your children to school appropriately dressed. As a reminder of HWDSB policy, students will remain inside if the temperature outside is -15 WITHOUT windchill or -20 WITH windchill. We monitor the temperature continually during cold spells. We use the weather network to keep informed. If we have large snow falls, HWDSB will post on its website, on social media via its Twitter account, and on CHML 900 if schools are closed. HWDSB will endeavour to make these announcements by 6:30 am. Please do not call the school, as school office staff do not start until 8:00 am. By the way, if we answer after that time we are open!! If schools are closed staff do not report to school."

Please review the calendar for important dates. One in particular is that Grade 8 grad photos will be taken January 25th in the library.

We will be continuing to move away from the use of cash in schools and towards to the use of SchoolCash online. If you have not yet set up your account please call Mrs Ashton or Mrs Osmond if the office for help getting setup. Starting in September 2017 all trips will be paid for using this service. Milk sales will also become available starting in March 2017. This will be optional until September 2017.

Please remember that the school website, the school sign out front and the school twitter accounts get updated regularly. These are the best sources for up to date information. If you haven't gone online yet please try it out.

Lastly, thanks to all the parents and community at large for donating and/or contributing to the fundraisers offered here at Gatestone. Your support goes a long way to providing those few little extras that make the school environment a better place. We appreciate it.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9 First Day Back	10	11 Dental Screening	12 Dental Screening Parent Ski Trip Info ses- sion 6:00 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18 Booster Juice Day	19	20	21
22	23	24 Pita Pit Lunch	25 Grad Photos	26	27 PD Day No School	28
29	30 Parent Council 6:30 pm Library	31				

Upcoming Dates
Feb 8 Ski Trip
Feb 17 Report Cards home
Feb 20 Family Day