



# GATESTONE JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Gatestone Newsletter

June 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Community,

Another year has come and gone. It's been a great year with many things to celebrate and be proud of. With the dedication of staff, the perseverance of our students, and your continued support, Gatestone has enjoyed a very successful academic year. Many of the assessments we use to track student progress (beyond the report card) indicate that our students are achieving well overall. More importantly, through our interventions and targeting programming those few students who struggle have made great gains towards their own personal academic goals. A wonderful accomplishment by all.

Our sports and arts teams have continued to enjoy huge successes. We have won a number of City Championships and tournaments throughout the year. A big thank you to all the coaches, parent drivers and student athletes/participants for a great year.

Our upgrades to the school thanks to the Heritage Green Community Trust, are now complete. A new gym score board, sorely needed gym chairs, a brand new sound system, and stage drapes have already made a significant impact. Our new playground field is taking nicely and students are using it during gym class and recess times.

We will complete our 3 year plan for School Cash Online coming this September. All trips will be posted online for payment. Close to 90% of our community uses school cash online. This makes tracking payments easier, accounting at the office easier, and overall much safer without having money in the school. Thank you everyone!!

Your child's next years class will be listed on the report card in June. Included in this newsletter is a staff list. At the time of printing we still have one job that is currently being posted for.

A reminder to our Courtesy Transportation students, your transportation ends June 30 2017. You will need to reapply in September 2017.

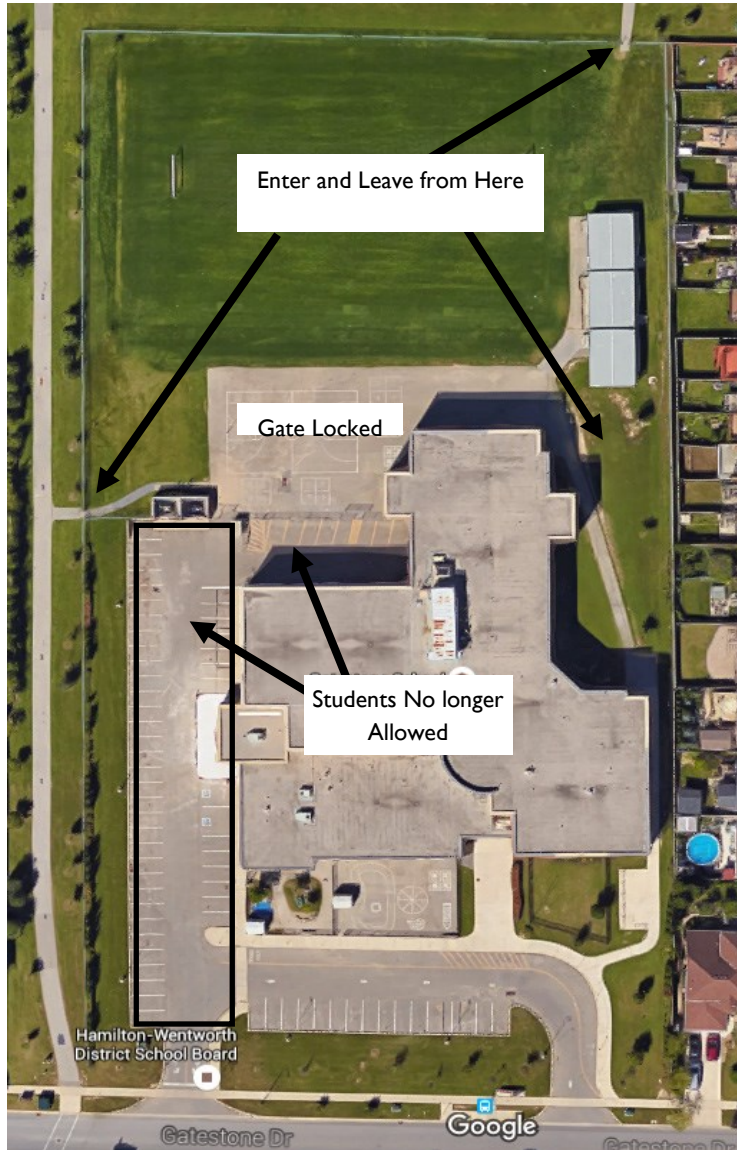
Enjoy the summer, have a safe and happy holiday.

M.Castellani

Staff	Assignment
Benedict, K. / Oliveri, C.	FDK A—Teacher / DECE
Pliura, M. / Tortula, K.	FDK B—Teacher / DECE
Schmidt, K. / Pauls, S.	FDK C—Teacher / DECE
Vinall, G. / Boutcher, B.	FDK D—Teacher / DECE
Whittle, J.	Grade 1A
Nighswander, J.	Grade 1B
Cino, R.	Grade 12A
Brown, A.	Grade 2A
O'Marra, C.	Grade 2B
Nash, C.	Grade 23A
Flis, A.	Grade 3A
Macnab, A.	Grade 3B
Kuczerepa, M.	Grade 34A
Gould, B.	Grade 45A
Johnson, P.	Grade 4A
Bartlett, M.	Grade 5A
Lamarre, J.	Grade 5B
Taylor, J.	Grade 56A
McEwen, R.	Grade 6A
Morrallee, K.	Grade 6B
Vlietstra, R.	Grade 7A Math/Eng/Drama plus 7A and 7B science
Penner, J.	Grade 7B Math/Eng/Drama plus all Middle School Art
Whitley, L.	Grade 78A Math/Eng/Drama plus 78A,8A,8B Science
TBA	Grade 8A Math/Eng/Drama plus all Middle School Music
Graham, S.	Grade 8B Math/Eng/Drama plus all Middle School His/Geog
Lo, D.	Class 68
Barber, M.	Learning Commons Coverage
Dunstall, L.	Learning Resource
Moore, M.	Learning Resource
Doody, K.	Junior French
McCormack, S.	Gr 6 French, Primary/Junior Coverage
Verbeek, A.	Grade 6-8 French
Lane, D.	Physical Education
Murray, D.	Physical Education
Burke, C.	Educational Assistant
Barnett, P.	Educational Assistant
Kersley, K.	Educational Assistant
Lebel, K.	Educational Assistant
Gatehouse, N.	Educational Assistant
Matchem, S.	Educational Assistant

## Students Entering and leaving the Playground Beginning and End of Day

Students may enter from the gate along the south city path, the west back gate or the north walkway beside the building. The parking lot fenced area will have gates added and will be locked. This is for the safety of our stu-



## WARM WEATHER PRECAUTIONS AND DRESS CODE

We hope June brings lots of sunny days, but with the sun comes high UV days.

To keep your child safe, please apply sunscreen (SPF 50 is recommended) before school and ensure that they have a hat to protect their faces from the sun.

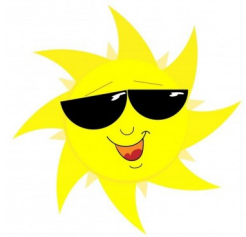
It is also recommended that every student brings a refillable water bottle to school.

We will watch students closely if the weather becomes very hot and if the Humidex hits 44C, we will have the students stay inside rather than going out for Nutrition Break.

Sunny days also bring summer clothes.

Please be mindful that we need to follow the Dress Code: no short shorts, tube tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.

Our School Twitter feed sends an automated weather update daily at 8:00. As with any weather report, it could be subject to error or a change in weather conditions.



## Grade 8 Graduation Info

Gatestone will commemorate Grade Eight Graduation in our traditional manner with a ceremony followed by a Student Dinner and Dance. Please mark the following dates in your calendar:

Graduation Rehearsal: Wednesday, June 21st, 2017, 1:40—3:20pm

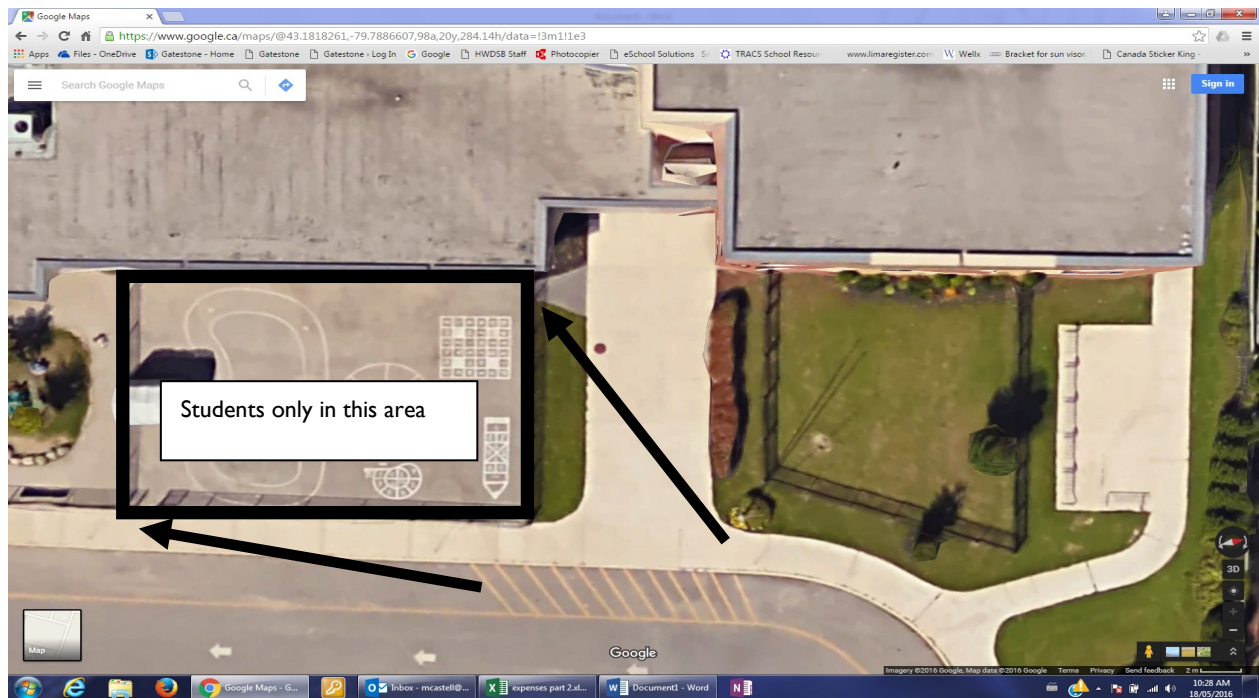
Graduation Ceremony: Thursday, June 22nd starting at 5:00- Family Reception 6:15—6:45 @ Gatestone School

Student Dinner/Dance: Thursday, June 22nd from 7:00 to 10:00 pm @ Grand Olympia, Stoney Creek

## JK/SK Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

As part of our plan to maintain a safe environment for all our students, we will be making a change to the drop off and pick up areas for our JK/SK kids. This change is consistent with what many other schools are already doing. It is also based on our learning about maintaining a safe environment after the unfortunate event at Earl Kitchener a couple years back. We already implement the safe hand off procedure and will continue to do so in the future.

Starting in September 2016, parents will no longer be allowed to enter the JK/SK area to pick up or drop off students. See the black square on the map below.



All parents will remain outside the fenced area.

### AM Procedure:

Supervision starts at 8:45 am. If you arrive earlier than that please remain outside the playground area. When supervision arrives, students can be dropped off at the gate. You can remain until the bell rings, but you will need to stay outside the playground.

### PM Procedure:

Students will be dismissed from the pen or from outside the front entrance. This is the hand off to known, authorized, adults only. Again parents are to remain outside the playground area. Handoff will occur at the gates.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 Bike to School Day	3
Bike to School Week						
4	5	6	7	8 Dance a Thon 	9 PD Day No School	10
Grade 6 Camp Wanakita						
11	12 SR Track and Field Meet Appetite and Applause Lunch	13	14	15  Class 7/8 Splitsville	16 Gr 8 Wonderland Talent Show PM	17
18	19	20 JR Track and Field Meet	21 Grad Rehearsal P5 and P6 Gr 2 LEGO-LAND Trip	22  Grad in Gym	23 Gr 7 Waterworks Trip Volunteer Tea 10:00 am LLI and Empower Celebration 2:00 pm	24
25	26	27 Gr 1-2 Mountsberg Trip Gr 3 Crawford Lake Trip Gr 5/6 classes to Pier 8 FDK Picnic PM	28 FDK Lunch McDonalds	29 Last Day of School	30 PD Day No School	

**Key Dates for September 2017**  
**First Day Back Gr 1-8 Sept 5 2017**  
**First Day Back Year 2 FDK Sept 6 2017**