



GATESTONE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEVER MISS
INFORMATION
AGAIN, CHECK
US OUT
ONLINE
WWW.HWDSB.
ON.CA/
GATESTONE

CLICK
SUBSCRIBE TO
GET UPDATES
SENT TO YOU

Gatestone Newsletter

September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

Welcome back to our returning families and a warm welcome to all our new families who started this year. This summer was one of the wettest in recent history, but we hope that didn't interfere with a fun filled summer. We have a few staffing changes over the summer. We would like to welcome Ms. C. Mason, our new assistant office administrator. She is taking over for Mrs. Osmond who moved on to another school. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Bechar who is filling in for Mrs. Vlietstra, Mr. Troisi who is filling in for Ms. Lo and Mr Midgely who returns working with Mrs Taylor. Mrs. Marks and Mr. Culic join our Educational Assistant team. Finally welcome Mr. Cook who will be the first of a couple outstanding administrators, serving in the role of VP while Mrs. Turner is off on Maternity leave. Mrs. Turner delivered a beautiful baby girl mid-August. This is in addition to our new staff members announced in June 2017. They all are dedicated, passionate staff, whom we have the greatest confidence in filling these roles.

With the first few days behind us, staff and students are settling into the business at hand, the academic program. If you have questions about the program please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher. Staying involved and having open two way communication is the best way to stay on top of your child's progress. Staff have also been busy getting extra curriculums started as well. There are many opportunities for students to engage in. The first being 3-Pitch and Cross Country.

In terms of communication, we would like to highlight that the best way to stay informed about Gatestone events is through the website. www.hwdsb.on.ca/gatetstone It is always kept up to date and most of the time has newsletter items posted before the newsletter even comes out. We also have the school sign on the front lawn and our twitter feed. You should never feel like "you didn't know" because the newsletter gets lost on its way home.

Courtesy transportation requests are now being taken, check out the website for details or come into the office for a form.

Meet the teacher night is scheduled for October 5th, from 5:00—7:00 pm. Burger Priest will be on hand serving up delicious goodness.

That's all for now, M.Castellani

Inside this issue:

Playground Entrance	2
Parent Council	2
School Cash On-line	3
Parking	3
Sept Calendar	4

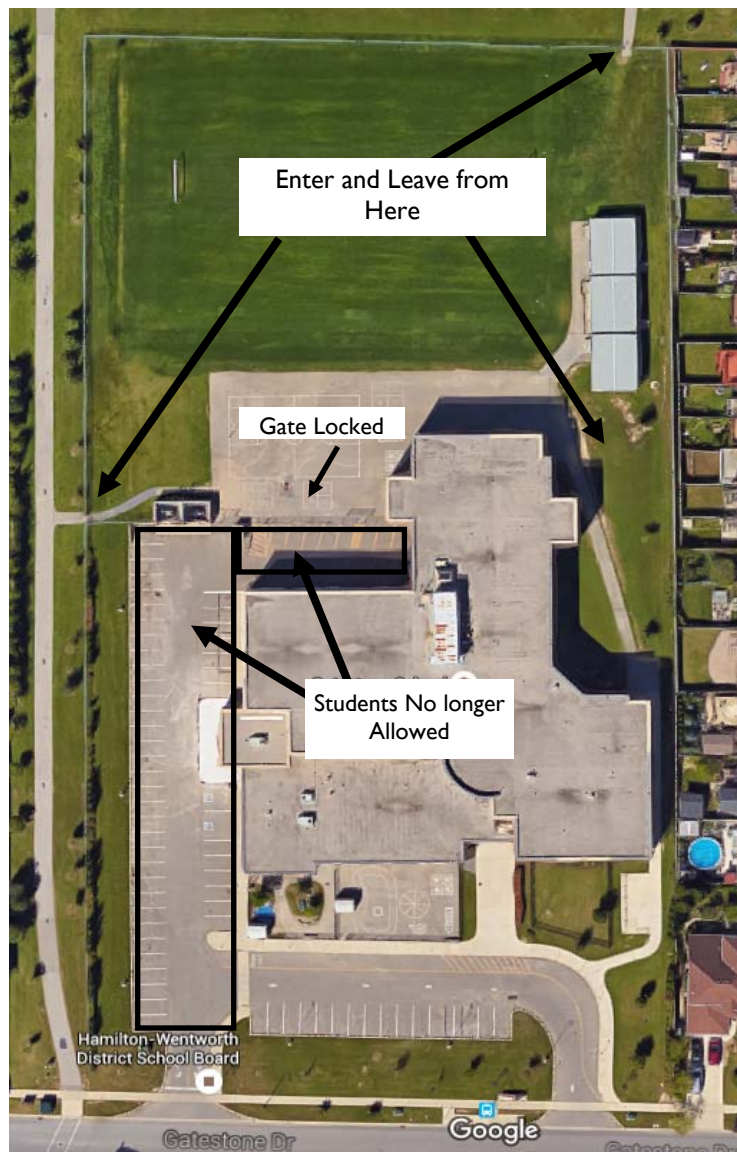
Terry Fox Run at Gatestone 2017

This year's Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, October 6th. The run will be at Erin-gate Park during Periods 5 & 6. Once again we have some brave staff who have agreed to have a pie thrown in their faces if we reach our fundraising goals. Our goal this year is to raise \$2000.00. Raffle tickets will be sold at Meet the Teacher to see who will be the lucky students who get to throw the pies. Pledge forms will be sent home, and for those who wish to donate online, a link is provided below.

<http://www.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneycreekON>

Students Entering and leaving the Playground Beginning and End of Day

As we continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment for all, a small change will be made to where the students can enter or leave the back playground as students will no longer be allowed in the parking lot. Students will no longer be able to enter on the south side through the parking lot. It's unsafe for children to walk across the lot at the back, especially as there is no supervision for that area. 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 students. A picture below shows the changes.



Parent Council

Come and join Parent Council this school year. Our first meeting is September 25th at 6:30 in the Library. All are welcome. This is a great way to volunteer for the school without a heavy time commitment. If you can't commit to this perhaps you'd like to be a call-up volunteer. We always need extra help during the 3 or 4 events we run during the year. If this fits better with your schedule please let the office know.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. School Cash Online is available at all HWDSB schools.

School Cash Online is an on-line payment service offered through the KEV Group. The KEV Group is Canadian owned and operates its head offices in the Province of Ontario. There are over 9,000 schools using KEV's solutions for managing school bookkeeping across North America.

The School Cash Online website is certified compliant with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standards. School Cash Online does not share personal information with any third party. They do not store credit card information on their own web servers, computers or other devices. With the exception of funds loaded into MyWallet, your payment information must be entered every time you checkout.

The KEV Group uses Moneris as the payment processor. Moneris is Canada's largest payment processor, processing over 3 billion credit and debit transactions every year.

We no longer need PIN numbers to register. To participate in using this service, please go to www.hwdsb.on.ca/gatestone for instructions on how to sign up.

Starting September 2017, all trips will be paid for using school cash online. If you have not yet registered, please do so. Any questions please call the office.

Parking

Please take note of the signs on the lot. By-Law will enforce the lot with tickets. Please go to www.hwdsb.on.ca/gatestone for maps and further information.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**GATESTONE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**MICHAEL
CASTELLANI
PRINCIPAL**

**GORD COOK
VICE-PRINCIPAL**

**127 GATESTONE DR.
STONEY CREEK, ON
L8J 3Z5
(905) 573-7731
905) 573-3127**

**GATESTONE@
HWDSB.ON.CA**

**WWW.HWDSB.
ON.CA/GATESTONE.**

**HTTPS://
TWITTER.COM/
GATESTONESCHOOL**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 First Day Back	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Movie Night	22 PD Day No School	23
24	25 Parent Council 6:30pm Library All Wel- come	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Dates

Oct 3—10 Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 5—Meet the Teacher
Oct 6— Terry Fox Run
Oct 9— Thanksgiving—No School
Oct 11— Cross Country Meet

Oct 19-Gr 7 Vaccinations
Oct 13— Picture Day