



GATESTONE MARCH NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

March signals the beginning of Spring and here's to hoping that we have seen the last of cold snowy days. Our lost and found has collected large numbers of mitts, hats and other winter clothing. We will be bagging these items up for donation before the March Break. If you think you are missing items please drop by the office or ask your child to.

FDK registration continues and our FDK Orientation night has been set for May 17th. If you have not registered or know a neighbor who hasn't yet either please come by anytime. You will need your child's birth certificate and proof of address when registering.

We have noticed an increase in students crossing Gatestone drive at unsafe locations once again. Please assist us in reminding students to cross at the appropriate locations. We have crossing guards, they are expected to use them. The street is far too busy and congested at those times of day, to have motorists having the added distraction of kids darting across the road. We would also like to remind the community that our excellent neighbours across the street should not have cars parked or stopped at their driveway entrances. We enjoy a great relationship with those closest to us and we would like to continue so.

Our Ottawa trip is a go this year and to help offset some of the costs, the trip participants are fundraising. Beginning March 7th, Kernels popcorn will be on sale every Wednesday Nutrition Break #1. The cost is \$2.00 per bag. We have multiple flavours.

Congratulations to all our Student of the Month award winners. We will be having our second Appetite and Applause Lunch March 8th. A full list of winners can be found on the website. We also celebrated a school wide reward last week, with Tim Hortons Hot Chocolate being served to all the students. Way to go everyone. We are just 4 class rewards short of reaching our next school wide goal.

I would encourage everyone to either subscribe to our twitter feed or to the website. These two online media sites are the fastest way to get information. Often when events are cancelled or promoted, emergencies at or around the school occur, or just sharing the "goings on", you will know way faster than the paper copy. This will avoid the paper not getting home either.

Finally, I would like to welcome Ms J. Burleigh, who starts as Gatestone's Vice Principal effective March 1st. She will continue until June 30. I know the community will welcome her and she is very excited to be joining our team.

I can not say enough how much the staff, students, Ms Mason, Mrs Ashton and myself are thankful for the past two months with Mrs Boshier. As with Mr Cook before her, Mrs Boshier reenters retirement and is looking forward to well earned vacation. Mrs Boshier became part of our school very quickly, earning the respect of staff and student alike. Good luck and happy travels.

M.Castellani

MARCH CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 PD Day No School	3
4	5	6 Pita Pit Lunch	7 SkiTrip Make up date	8 Appetite and Applause Lunch 	9 Spirit Day Jersey's	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
March Break—No School						
18	19	20 Subway Lunch	21	22 	23	24
25	26 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm	27 Quesada Lunch	28	29 	30 Good Friday No School	31

Upcoming Dates
 April 2nd—Easter Monday No-School
 April 19-20th—Gr 7 Vaccinations
 April 30th—Parent Council Meeting