



GATESTONE APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Day of Pink

On Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, staff and students across HWDSB will join millions of people worldwide who wear pink for the Day of Pink. We do this because we want to make a statement that we stand against all forms of bullying. It also reminds us that when we stand up and speak out, we can make a difference. The Day of Pink began in Nova Scotia when two high school students saw a classmate being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. A few days later they were able to get their entire school to wear pink. That school sent a message that together we can stop bullying. We know that bullying is a problem in our schools and in our wider community. Bullying can happen to anyone, anywhere. Collectively, we can stand up and speak out against bullying. We will continue to support anti-bullying efforts that make our schools safe and welcoming places for all of our students. Please wear pink on Wednesday, April 11th You can learn more at dayofpink.org.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Community,

We would like to extend our congratulations to the Senior Girls Basketball team, who won the City Championship last month and to the Gatestone Dance team for delivering outstanding routines at a competition in late March. As a reminder, Pizza sale and Milk money profits are used to subsidize trips throughout the year. Staff are planning year end trips now and we are covering transportation for these events from that money. Parent Council is using their fundraising dollars exploring Hydration stations for the 1st and 2nd floors. We will keep you up to date as we proceed with that project. We have a long stretch of learning until the May long weekend. It is a perfect time to reach out to your child's teacher for an update. Especially if your child had some first term challenges. Reading with your child every day and quick and fun math challenges for 5-10 mins a day is a great way to support your child's learning. Math challenges in primary; one more two more, one less two less. So what's one more than 67? Two more, one less. etc. As they get good with the mental math, ask 5 more, 10 more. It's a great way to get kids thinking without too much prep work. I ask these questions during car rides, at dinner, or as part of our homework routine. Reading in Junior; Asking questions about what they think will happen? Or having them summarize what they read to you in their own words is great practice. These are just a couple quick things to do, ask your teacher for more ideas. It's not about the worksheets, it's about the thinking.

School Organization 2018-19

Class building is something we take very seriously. We use our knowledge of your child as a learner to make choices that will serve their academic interests. We also take into account historic information. While we strive to ensure that kids have a social connection with peers, their academic needs take priority. We will have a number of combined classes next year. There are a number of myths related to combined classes, such as the students in the lower grades are the strong academically and the students in the higher grade are not. We will not create classes that reflect this myth. We create classes that are diverse and balanced.

Any requests regarding your child's placement must be made in writing or by email to Mr.Castellani. Please do so before April 30th 2018 for it to be considered. No guarantees that requests will be accommodated.

We will post the organization with classes and staff in June once the staffing process is complete.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5  Bandfest	6	7	
8	9	10 Pita Pit Lunch	11 Day of Pink	12 	13	14	
15	16	17 Subway Lunch	18	19  Gr 7. Vaccines	20 Gr 7. Vaccines	21	
22	23	24 Quesada Lunch	25	26 	27 Spirit Day Crazy Hair/ Hat Day	28	
		Vision Cares—free eye test at school					
29	30 Parent Council Meeting						

Key Dates in May:

May 7-11-
May 8-
May 8-15-
May 10-
May 17-

Mental Health Awareness Week
FDK Grad Photos
Scholastic Book Fair
Open House
FDK Parent Night

**May 21-
May 22-**

Victoria Day
EQAO starts