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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Community,

Finally some warm weather, enjoy it as I'm sure we will be complaining that's it too hot soon enough. As is always the case the next two months are super busy at Gatestone. We will endeavour to keep the website up to date and once the front sign is fixed that updated as well.

Trips

We are entering year end trip season. We are pleased to be offering new experiences for our students as well as some time honoured trips at the end of the year. Our gr 7/8 students are off to Ottawa May 9-11, Our year end trips are being subsidized through the fundraising efforts of the school. A large portion of this money comes from pizza and milk sales. Volunteers for these trips are also needed. Please remember that HWDSB policy is that we have a police check for all Volunteers. It's easy to get and adds a layer of security in our plan in keeping students safe. To run trips we need the following ratios. In FDK 1:6, in Primary (gr 1-3), we need 1:8, in Junior (gr 4-6), we need 1:10 and in Intermediate (gr 7-8), we need 1:13.

Open House

Open House is May 10th from 5-7 pm. We are pleased to offer Burgers Priest again for a dinner option. We are also welcoming Soccer World Hamilton, who will provide some fun activities for kids on our back field. Parent Council will also be offering a basket and Great Wolf Lodge fundraiser. Tickets for the Great Wolf fundraiser can now be purchased through School Cash Online. Sales will also occur on the Open House night. The Scholastic Book fair will also open May 8. Stop by the library during Open House.

EQAO

Gr 3 and Gr 6 EQAO occurs May 22-24 and May 28-29 and 31 respectively. Staff have been working hard to organize and get the students ready. We are still in need of volunteer scribes. Please contact Mrs Burleigh if you are able to help.

Police Protocol

Parent Council has been asking about our Police Protocol. We have had an official Hold and Secure this year and we would like for everyone to know what our response is during these situations. As a reminder, the in school safety request earlier this year was NOT a lock down as defined by the Police Protocol. The link is here <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Hamilton-Police-School-Board-Protocol-2016.pdf>. If you go to our website the link can be found on the newsletter post for easier access. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Graduation

Grade 8 Graduation is on WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018. It will be held in our gym. Information regarding tickets, times and the dinner dance after for grads will be coming home shortly, if not already.

Hydration Stations

Parent Council has approved the installation of two hydration stations, one for each floor. Each station will have a chiller unit. In September, we will offer water bottles for sale in Gatestone colours and our logo/name on it. Great way to keep plastic out of our landfills and allow kids to have water in class. Thanks to our collective fundraising efforts in making this possible.

Mental Health Week May 7-11

Special thanks to Mrs Dunstall and Mrs Moore for helping us organize fun activities to promote mental health and well being. We strive to create a culture of well-being that exists all year, however we spend this week recognizing that it is work that needs to be on-going and always talked about. This corresponds to the HWDSB's strategic direction of Well-Being and the launch of our boards We Help program. A letter is attached to the newsletter which explains more. One particular fun event is a litter less picnic lunch outside with the whole school on May 9th second break (weather permitting). Just a great way to come together in wellness and enjoyment.

Big update this month, next month preview, staffing and class assignments will be posted for coming year as well as supply lists for next years classes.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 FDK Grad Pictures Pita Pit Lunch	9 Spirit Day for Book Fair School Wide Picnic	10 Open House Wear Green	11	12
Mental Health Awareness Week						
Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip						
Scholastic Book Fair						
13	14	15 Subway Lunch Violin Lesson Showcase @1245	16	17 New to FDK Orientation 530pm	18	19
Scholastic Book Fair						
20	21 Victoria Day No School	22 Gr 3 EQAO Quesada Lunch	23 Gr 3 EQAO	24 Gr 3 EQAO	25 Spirit Day—Twin Day	26
27	28 Gr 6 EQAO Parent Council 630 pm	29 Gr 6 EQAO	30	31 Gr 6 EQAO		

Key Dates in June

June 1—Dance a thon
 June 5—Crazy Sock Day
 June 8—PD Day
 June 11—Track and Field Sr
 June 20—Grade 8 Grad
 June 22—Volunteer Appreciation
 June 22—Reading Celebration
 June 25—Report Cards go home
 June 26—Play Day
 June 28—Last Day of School
 June 29—PD day