



Community Week at a Glance

Nov. 5, 2018 – Nov. 9, 2018

Monday, November 5	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30PM Senior Boys Volleyball Practice
Tuesday, November 6	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:45 Junior Boys Volleyball
Wednesday, November 7	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:40 Student Action Team Meeting 1:00PM Grade 4-6 Brott Music Trip 3:30pm Senior Boys Volleyball Practice
Thursday, November 8	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo Re-Take Day 3:20PM Mad Science 3:45PM Senior Boys Volleyball
Friday, November 9	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:20AM Remembrance Day Assembly in Gym Gatestone Community is welcome to join. McMillan Orders Due Grade 5 Scholar's Writing Contest begins next week!

IMPORTANT UPDATES

UPDATE FROM PARENT COUNCIL

McMillan Fundraiser

McMillan food orders are due Nov.9th. See link for menu. Order forms are available at our main office and have been distributed to every student.

macmillans.ca/brochures/2018/fall/brochure.html

Annual Craft Show

Gatestone's Annual Craft Show is November 30th. Please reserve your table if you are looking to participate in this year's Craft Show.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Graham @ (905) 516-8223

Doors will be open from 9:00AM-7:00PM

Parent Council met on Monday, Oct. 29. Meeting minutes are posted under the Parent Council Page of the website.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES - SECURE SCHOOLS

At Gatestone, we will be practicing our "**Secure Schools Procedure**" with Constable Masters on Tuesday, November 28. A Lockdown is used when there is a potential risk of harm to people within, or outside the school setting. Although one can never predict when a violent or potentially harmful situation may arise, schools can prepare for responding to such an incident through intentional, scheduled practices, much like what we do with Fire Drills or Emergency Evacuation Drills. The goal of the practice is to minimize the risk for staff and students during a time of crisis. In the event of a "real" lockdown, the Hamilton Police Services will be responding to the situation.

A Hold and Secure practice, Shelter in Place practice and Bomb Threat - Emergency Evacuation practice, will also occur at least once each year as well. Gatestone has already practiced three Fire Drills this year and will continue to practice three more in the spring.

All staff, students and volunteers who are regularly in the school buildings are required to know the emergency procedures. The students will have emergency procedures explained to them ahead of time.

The following terms and language will be used to ensure everyone is using the proper terminology.

HOLD AND SECURE

- is used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school that requires all persons to remain in the building (e.g. bank robbery near a school)
- the school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved
- a staff member posted near each entrance to ensure no one leaves the building
- all movement in and out of the school is restricted
- exterior facing windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed, where possible
- police will notify the school when it can come out of 'Hold and Secure'

SHELTER IN PLACE

- is used for an environmental, or weather related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them (e.g., may include chemical spills, blackouts, explosions or extreme weather conditions)
- people enter and remain in a building with the doors and windows closed fans, including heating and air conditioning units, should be turned off to prevent outside air from entering the building
- normal operations may continue within the building.

LOCKDOWN

- is used only when there is a major incident or threat of serious violence within the school, or in relation to the school
- the threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff
- all movement within the school and into and out of the school is restricted
- doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- Police will notify the school when Lockdown is ended

· The “Safe Location” for our school is St. Mark Elementary School

The above terminology is used to ensure consistency across the province. Common language across the province allows for easy integration when staff, students and other emergency service personnel are transferred from one jurisdiction to another.

Along with this information being presented at school, we encourage parents to talk with their children about the need to always be safe and well prepared for an emergency situation.

BOMB THREAT

- students will evacuate the school if there is a report or discovery of an explosive device. St. Mark Elementary is our evacuation site.

COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES IN SECURE SCHOOL SITUATIONS:

HWDSB will post safety updates on its website www.hwdsb.on.ca and Twitter @HWDSB.

Where appropriate... Phone messages will be sent to the parent/guardian’s contact phone number provided to the school. HWDSB will be in contact with local media outlets. Monitor broadcast and print outlets.

During such events, cellphone use between parents and student is restricted.

Phone lines must be free for emergency services.

Thank you Gatestone community for joining us in some Fall celebrations this year! Our Student Action Team raised \$500.00 at our Halloween Dance on Wednesday!

