



Community Week at a Glance

June 10, 2019 – June 14, 2019

Seek to understand. Choose to care.

Monday, June 10	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Track & Field Meet
Tuesday, June 11	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Day Kinder Science & Play • 1:00PM School Wide Picnic (see Positive School Climate Team if any questions) • 3:20PM Talent Show Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 12	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Band & Grade 8 at Canada's Wonderland • 10:40AM Volunteer Tea in Library • 2:00PM LLI Celebrations
Thursday, June 13	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Vaccinations in Library • 11:30AM Talent Show • 3:35PM Crayola Workshop • 3:45PM Community Coffee Chat in Staff Room – Raising Gritty Kids
Friday, June 14	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Wide Dance-a-thon

Upcoming Dates:

Grade 8 Graduation – June 19 5:00PM

Play Day – June 24 (Rain Date June 26)

Staffing Update:

Staff Announcements:

We would like to thank our staff members that are currently preparing for new adventures and opportunities in HWDSB for their hard work and dedication at Gatestone!

- Ms. Turner will be the Vice-Principal at Hillcrest starting in September 2019.

- Ms. Vlietstra, Ms. Morrallee, and Ms. Hau have accepted new teaching positions within HWDSB
- Thank you Mr. Culic who filled in for an Educational Assistant position this year

Congratulations and we wish you all the best!

Welcome to the following staff members joining Gatestone in September 2019:

Mrs. S. Del Mastro – Vice Principal

Ms. S. Batista – Classroom Teacher

Ms. S. Bass – Classroom Teacher

Ms. T. Caco – Classroom Teacher

Ms. J. Gerster – Educational Assistant

We are excited to have you support our students and programs at Gatestone!

Class Placements and School Organization

Information about School Organization and Class Placements was shared in the Principal Report on the School Council Page of our Website.

Class placements will be communicated to families with Term 2 Report Cards on June 26. Families were provided with the opportunity to share their thoughts and input in regards to the type of learning environment they feel would best meet the specific needs of their child. This input was due in May and will be considered during our class building. The office will not be accepting any other requests or changes to class placements.

The practice of selecting a specific teacher is contrary to all that we believe in terms of respecting all members of the Gatestone community and learning to work together. With our current focus on grade team planning and implementation of our instructional program, all classes of the same grade will have a similar curriculum focus and delivery. Given that the curriculum will be aligned across the classes in the same grade, parents can be assured that the instructional program their child receives will be of equal caliber across the grade team. While we know that parents sometimes have a preference for a specific teacher, we believe it is important for our students to learn how to cooperate and function in an environment with a wide range of personalities and educational

philosophies, which is a life-long skill that is imperative to meeting with success in any group or workplace.

School Organization for 2019-2020

3 Full Kindergarten Classrooms (1 Teacher, 1 DECE in each Kindergarten Classroom)

1 Kindergarten Class of 15 (1 Teacher)

2 Grade 1 Classes

1 Grade ½ Class

2 Grade 2 Classes

2 Grade 3 Classes

1 Grade ¾ Class

2 Grade 4 Classes

2 Grade 5 Classes

1 Grade 5/6 Class

2 Grade 6 Classes

2 Grade 7 Classes

1 Grade 7/8 Class

2 Grade 8 Classes

1 Comprehensive Class (Special Class Grade 6-8)

Soccer Fun at Mohawk

It was a close one Gatestone! Congratulations on making it to the Finals!



Working Hard at the Saltfleet Special Olympics



Appetite & Applause Celebrating Students of the Month



KIWANIS AWARDS

Congratulations Linda Bajcinca and Ahmed Almomani for your dedication, perseverance, and hard work this year at Gatestone.

