



*Community Week at a Glance*

June 17, 2019 – June 21, 2019

*Seek to understand. Choose to care.*

Monday, June 17	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:00AM Kindergarten Groove</li> <li>• 12:20PM Grade 8 Picnic</li> </ul>
Tuesday, June 18	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Track &amp; Field</li> <li>• 9:15AM School-Wide Assembly in Gym</li> <li>• 9:45AM-3:20PM Grad Rehearsal in Gym</li> </ul>
Wednesday, June 19	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten Special Lunch</li> <li>• 4:30PM Grade 8 Grad Arrive at Gatestone</li> <li>• 5:00PM Grade 8 Grad Ceremony Gatestone</li> </ul>
Thursday, June 20	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1-1/2 Excursion (Royal Botanical Gardens)</li> <li>• Grade 7 Excursion (Lunch &amp; Movie Trip)</li> </ul>
Friday, June 21	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 2 End of Year Trip (Legoland)</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Dates:**

*Play Day – June 24 (Rain Date June 26)*

*Reports Go Home – Wednesday, June 26*

**School-wide picnic was a hit on Friday!**



# Dance-a-thon

*Students enjoyed great music and creative fun!*



**Thank you to our volunteers for  
their dedication and kindness!**

**Gatestone is lucky to have your support!**

*Volunteer Appreciation was celebrated on*

*Wednesday, June 12.*



**Congratulations to our young readers for their hard work and perseverance this year!**



## *Previous Updates*

### *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)