

Gatestone Community Updates

# October 15 – October 18

Monday, October 14	Day 0	Thanksgiving Gatestone wishes all families a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy time with families and friends.
Tuesday, October 15	Day 4	
Wednesday, October 16	Day 5	Strings Program Today
Thursday, October 17	Day 1	<ul> <li>Nya Weh Program today (Leader: Allison)</li> </ul>
Friday, October 18	Day 2	

## **Important Updates**

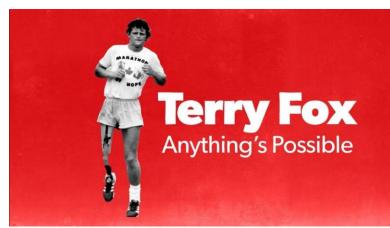
### **OCTOBER 7 MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

A letter for families was posted on our website in regards to an emergency situation that took place at Gatestone on Monday, October 7. The response from police and paramedics was due to a student medical concern. We appreciate our community's understanding, support and well wishes. Student safety is of the utmost importance at Gatestone. We thank the Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton Paramedic Services for their efforts. We also thank the staff for their leadership and students for their cooperation. We are also happy to report the student is currently working through recovery.

Please see the resource Tips for adults supporting children and youth after distressing events online at <u>https://bit.ly/2LTQBcn</u>. Should you have any further question, please connect with our main office.

#### **TERRY FOX**

Students participated in the Terry Fox run on Friday, October 11. Stay tuned as Mr. McNab and Mrs. Nash will be sharing our total fundraising. Thank you families for your support here!



#### HALLOWEEN PARADE

We will continue to celebrate Halloween on Thursday, Oct. 31. Students are welcome to wear costumes. Costumes that portray violent characters and props such as swords, knives and guns are not permitted. **Kindergarten to Grade 5** students can participate in the Halloween Parade which will begin at **9:15AM**. The Grade 6-8 Dance will occur in the gym periods 5,6. Candy, chips and healthy alternative snacks will be sold during this time.

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Students have now practiced 3 fire drills this fall. We will continue to practice various emergency procedures in our building throughout the year. Our Lockdown drill and Hold and Secure drill will take place in November. More details will be shared with families closer to the date of the drills. Fire drills will also begin again in the spring.



GATESTONE CORE VALUES



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**ENGAGEMENT** - TRULY CARE ABOUT OUR LEARNING. FOCUSED IN THE LEARNING.

TEAMWORK - WORKING TOGETHER IN EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.

*COMMUNITY* – GATESTONE FAMILIES AND STAFF WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF GATESTONE SCHOOL. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY VOICE VALUED.

SAFE & SUPPORTED - SEEK TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER. CHOOSE TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.