



June Updates

Dear Gatestone Families,

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board supports the [Ministerial Order](#) as an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we engage the direction to close schools.

Public schools will remain closed until the end of the school year. A friendly reminder to families and students that Gatestone school property is also closed to the public during this time. This means that play structures, the school field, black top area, walkways and the school parking lot will remain closed.

Family Access to School to Retrieve Student Belongings

Gatestone Families will have access to Gatestone Elementary School to retrieve student belongings. To respect physical distancing, a schedule has been created for families to sign up for specific 15 minute time slots on Thursday, June 4th or Friday, June 5th. There will be some evening times available on Thursday, June 4th. The schedule can be accessed on our website, “Family Access Booking Calendar” starting Tuesday, June 2. Here you will select your child’s homeroom teacher and be able to book a time to enter the school.

Students, accompanied with **one** parent/guardian, will enter the building and head to their classroom to pick up their belongings. Items will be left in clear bags on students’ desks of their homeroom classroom. Bags will have students’ names labelled. Students that need to retrieve belongings from a locker can do this during the scheduled time as well. Families should bring a bag to pack any locker items.

If a student needs to drop off a school resource (**e.g., library book, text book, school uniform, LLI readers**), there will be a table in the front foyer for families to hand in

school resources. We are not collecting devices at this time as online learning will continue until the end of June for families that have borrowed school technology.

For further information around accessing student belongings and following Public Health requirements, please visit our Covid-19 updates under “Picking up Personal Belongings”.

Grade 8 Graduation

Consent for Virtual Graduation Ceremony

As part of our recognition of graduating Grade 8 students, Gatestone will be creating and sharing a commemorative video/presentation with congratulatory messages from the principal and teachers, as well as reading aloud the names of graduating students and acknowledging those who have received awards. The video will be shared on The HUB and HWDSB credentials are required to access it. Recipients will be discouraged from sharing the video with people who would not normally attend the ceremony. Posting publicly, including social media, is prohibited although it is important to know that HWDSB cannot guarantee that recipients will respect this requirement. Parents/guardians who do not want their child recognized as part of the commemorative video should contact their student’s homeroom teacher by **June 5th**.

Grad Composites and awards of achievement will be delivered to schools in the Fall, once schools open, for parents to retrieve. The school will communicate with the families of Grade 8 students when these items arrive. We appreciate your understanding here.

Grade 8 graduates’ certificates will be mailed to students’ homes over the summer months.

PD Days

A reminder to families that our originally scheduled Professional Development days (June 5, June 26) are regular school days due to school closure.

GATESTONE SPIRIT DAYS OF MAY
THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR FRIDAY SPIRIT
DAYS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. WE ENJOYED
SHARING YOUR PHOTOS WITH YOUR CLASSMATES AND
ON OUR SCHOOL TWITTER!

- *CREATIVE SOCKS
- *READING WITH FAVOURITE STUFFED TOY
- *GETTING ACTIVE
- *GATESTONE SPIRIT WEAR



Spirit Days of May

Thank you students and families for participating in our Friday Spirit Days in May! We appreciate all of the wonderful photos shared and spirit during school closure!



Reading with Favourite Stuffed Toy!

