



## *Gatestone Community Updates*

### *June Updates*

Dear Gatestone Families,

Although faced with many new challenges this year, we are already at the end of June. I am sad to say good-bye to this school year through distance learning, however, I am happy to know that our Gatestone community is healthy and safe. At this time, we have many HWDSB committees working on school processes and routines for September. Although at this time we do not fully know how schools will look in September, HWDSB is committed to ensuring every student receives optimal learning experiences throughout the school year.

#### **STUDENTS RETURNING TO HWDSB WITH A BORROWED SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**

Students who have borrowed a school device (e.g., ipad, laptop) from Gatestone will keep this device until schools re-open. Please practice care over the summer months with our school equipment. Families, we appreciate your support here. Grade 8 students that have borrowed a device and our moving on to Secondary School within the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will keep this technology as well.

#### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO HWDSB WITH A BORROWED SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**

Students who are moving out of Board, including Grade 8 students moving to Secondary outside of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, must return their borrowed technology back to Gatestone on June 24 or June 25.

#### **GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

Congratulations to our 2020 Grade 8 Graduates! We will share our virtual ceremony with Grade 8 families on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The video will remain on our HWDSB platform for a

week so families have time to view the video. Graduate Composites and awards of achievement will arrive in schools once we re-open in the fall. The school will communicate with the families of Grade 8 students when these items arrive and are ready for pick up. We appreciate your understanding here.

The school will mail Grade 8 graduates' certificates to students' homes over the summer months.

## **REPORT CARDS**

Our HWDSB system will begin sending Report Cards to families through SchoolMessenger starting June 25. Please make sure you have signed up with SchoolMessenger. If you prefer not to sign up with SchoolMessenger, you may retrieve your child's report card in the fall when schools re-open.

You will need to have your child's OEN number to view the report card. You can find your child's OEN number on previous report cards. If you are having trouble locating this number, please connect with our Office Staff, Mrs. Mason or Mrs. Ashton by June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Ashton [kashton@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kashton@hwdsb.on.ca)

Mrs. Mason [camason@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:camason@hwdsb.on.ca)

## **GATESTONE STAFF 2020-2021**

Families can find their child's next year classroom placement on the report card. A letter went home in May to families about requests for a specific learning environment for your child. I understand that sometimes students may express concerns about moving to a new class with new peers and new teachers. At Gatestone, we understand these student concerns and worries. Our staff works hard to support all situations and to make sure all students feel welcomed and comfortable in their new classroom environment. For this reason, we **will not be** accepting requests to move students to other classrooms. Children need time to adjust to new changes, which is a part of life. Change is an important learning skill for students to develop. You may also notice due

to student enrolment numbers, we have many combined grade classes next year. Teachers differentiate for the needs of all learners in any classroom design and students receive the appropriate curriculum to match their learning needs. Combined grades are part of the school organization that we are unable to change. We support all of our Gatestone students to work effectively in a straight or combined grade.

If there are continued concerns about your child's placement after the first month of September, please feel free to reach out to our Main office in early October should you need to further discuss a concern.



## Gatestone Staff 2020-2021



Staff Name	Room # Extension	Assignment
Marie Pliura	114	Kindergarten 1 (A)
Jennifer Nighswander	110	Kindergarten 2 (B)
Krysta Tortola	110	DECE Kinder 2 (B)
Kylie Schmidt	111	Kindergarten 3 (C)
Sharon Pauls	111	DECE Kinder 3 (C)
Gillian Vinall	112	Kindergarten 4 (D)
Aleksandra Rego	112	DECE Kinder 4 (D)
Katie Benedict	108	1A
Jessica Whittle	106	1B
Roseanna Cino	107	1/2A
Andrea Brown	104	2A
Corene O'Marra	105	2/3A
Amanda Flis	103	3A
Andrew Macnab	102	3B
Penny Johnson	213	3/4A
Michele Wunsche	211	Junior Comp.
Melissa Kuzcerepa	209	4A
Melissa Bartlett	214	4/5A
Colleen Nash	212	5A
Jim (James) Smith	210	5/6A
Stephanie Bass	208	6A

LTO TBD (Jennifer Taylor)	207	6B
Tammy Caco	205	7A
Brenda Gould	215	7B
LTO TBD (Laura Lamarre)	202	78A
Suzy Graham	203	8A
Jessica Penner	201	8B
David Pidberezny	204	Intermediate Comp.
Melanie Barber	Library 121	Learning Commons & Cov.
Erin Salverda	Library 121	Learning Commons & Cov.
Lisa Dunstall	109/145	LRT
Marlo Moore	Workroom 2/145	LRT
Jamie Lamarre	Workroom 1	Int. Core French
Steve McCormack	Cart/Workroom 1	Music/French/Cov.
Amanda Verbeek	Room 206	Junior Core French
Dan Lane	142	Physical Education
Reading Specialist TBD	Library 121	Reading Specialist
<b>Educational Assistants:</b>  Alana Gaudin Katie Kersey Petina Barnett Cindy Kennedy Linda Rezo	101	
<b>Custodial Staff:</b>  Leon Plevel (Daytime Caretaker) Gail Minshall (Evening Caretaker) Zorka Brdar (Evening Caretaker) Rada Bilbija (Evening Caretaker)	113	
<b>Office Staff:</b>  Karen Ashton: Office Administrator Katy Mason: Office Administrator  Kelly Reilly-Scott: Principal Melissa Biederman: Vice-Principal	Main Office	

## GATESTONE STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *Welcome New Staff*

A special welcome to Mr. Smith who will be teaching Grade 5/6, Mrs. Munsche and Mrs. Kenndy who will be teaching our Junior Comprehensive Program, Ms. Rezo who will be supporting in our Special Education department, and Ms. Rego who will be working with Mrs. Vinall in our Kindergarten division. Our new staff will begin their educator roles at Gatestone this September. We are excited to have this wonderful crew join are Gatestone Team!

### *Special Good Byes*

Mrs. Del Mastro will be off to manage the closing of Mountain View Elementary in Lower Stoney Creek. I would like to welcome Mrs. Biederman who will be our Vice-Principal in September. Thank you Mrs. Del Mastro for all the time and care you put into supporting our Gatestone students and families! We wish you all the best in your new role at Mountain View!

Mr. Boutcher will be joining Memorial Elementary in lower Stoney Creek and Mr. Outhwaite will be joining James MacDonald Elementary in September. We wish you both all the best! Thank you for all your energy and the kindness you demonstrated daily at Gatestone to support our school community! We will miss you!

Best of luck to Mrs. Lamarre and Mrs. Taylor who will be off on leave with new family additions to support. We will see you back at Gatestone soon! Long Term Occasional Teaching Assignments will be announced at the end of the summer.

Thank you Mr. Morrallee, Ms. Mathieson, Ms. Boeckh, and Ms. Martinez Herrera for all your hard work and support in our Long Term Occasional Positions this year. We will miss you!

Kelly Reilly-Scott  
Principal