



September 21 – September 25

Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, September 28	Day 5	<p>Terry Fox Recognition all week</p> <p>https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/whats-your-40/</p> <p>Families interested in donating to Terry Fox Foundation, please use the following link below;</p> <p>http://www.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneyCreek</p>
Tuesday, September 29	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:50AM Hold & Secure Drill <p>A Hold & Secure drill occurs when there is a threat in the area outside of the school. During our drill, students remain inside their classrooms until the drill is complete. Students may continue with routine learning during a Hold & Secure drill or real emergency. Students may also use the washroom if necessary. Students are not able to go outside during a Hold & Secure emergency.</p>
Wednesday, September 30	Day 2	
Thursday, October 1	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Drill (Time will be announced depending on weather)
Friday, October 2	Day 4	

Gatestone Updates

Parents - Mandatory Masks on School Property (Entrance, Playground Area & Field)

A friendly reminder to our families that masks are mandatory to wear on Gatestone property including walkways, the field and blacktop. If you are unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons, please maintain physical distance of at least 2 metres from others. Students should wear their masks during entry and dismissal times when areas on our playground and field are busy. Students are not required to wear masks outside during nutrition break within their cohort zone.

Technology Returns

We are still missing a bulk of technology that our in-class learners borrowed during our school closure. If you have technology to return, please place the technology in a clear bag, return the ipad, charger and cube and label your child's name on the bag. Homeroom teachers will collect the bagged device and deliver it to the office. Please return the technology by Tuesday, September 29. We would like to re-distribute our technology into classrooms for our in-class learners.

Terry Fox Recognition

It's the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope and we are excited to launch "**What's Your 40?**" classroom/individual based Terry activities, to help you celebrate safely and have fun. This week students will work through a variety of activities in their classroom to learn more about the marathon of hope. Teachers will also engage students in physical activity to celebrate 40 years of hope (e.g., 40 jumping jacks, 40 squats). Students will participate in activities within their cohort only.

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Parking Lot Routines

A friendly reminder that our parking lot is closed during entry and dismissal to allow for safety at our entrance areas. We encourage students to walk to Gatestone rather than be driven. If you choose to drive your child to school, **please do not park right in front of the school or across the street.** This is a high traffic area. Please park on adjacent streets and walk your child to the front entrance (if needed). Let's work together to make arrival and dismissal as safe as possible for our students and families.

Daily COVID-19 Screening

HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist should be completed daily before arriving at

school. The checklist is found on the Parent Portal as well as on the [HWDSB website](#). If you answered YES to any of the screening questions, or if you refuse to answer the questions, the student has failed the screening and must not attend school. The family should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report the absence.

There is now a code in SafeArrival parents can use if your child has Covid-19 symptoms. If your child is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms the child should isolate at home. Siblings may still attend school if they are not presenting with any symptoms. Parents are encouraged to have their child tested. If the Covid-19 test is negative students stay home until 24 hours without symptoms. If parents choose not to send their child for a test, then the child stays home at least 14 days and needs to be without symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, then siblings must also remain at home. The child with the positive test will self isolate for at least 14 days and can return to school after 24 hours without symptoms. Siblings are encouraged to be tested. If not tested, siblings remain home for 14 days and may return to school as long as they are symptom free after 14 days.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Safe School Procedures

We have practiced 2 Fire Drills this week and will continue to practice on more Fire Drill next week. Students have responded well to our fire drills and have maintained physical distance in their lines after exiting the building. Well done Gatestone! We will practice a Hold & Secure drill next week. Below are the processes staff and students follow during emergencies.

Fire (Evacuation) - Refer to HWDSB Fire Evacuation Procedures

Bomb Threat and Other Explosive Devices (Emergency Evacuation)

In the event that a bomb threat is received, an explosive device is discovered or reported, or an explosive incident takes place the school will evacuate.

- A person receiving a bomb threat by telephone should try to keep the caller on line;
- All bomb threats should be taken seriously and reported to the Principal or designate in the building;
- Principal or designate should contact Superintendent and Corporate Communications;
- Ensure main entrance is unlocked for police to enter.

Upon receiving a phone call regarding a BOMB THREAT:

1. Record exact wording of threat.
2. Record phone number
3. Ask questions. *What time will the bomb explode? Where is the bomb? What does it look like? Where are you calling from? Why did you place the bomb? What is your name? Identify characteristics (e.g., male, female, age, voice, emotion). Identify time of call and date.*

Lockdown Procedure

A procedure used in response to a major incident or threat of violence with the school, or in relation to the school. Defined by police as the restriction of movement during the time of a potentially serious violent threat or violent incident that would endanger the lives of students and staff.

- Used when there is a violent incident or thread of serious violence within the school, or in relation to the school;
- The threat is inside the school, or is on school property, and poses an immediate threat to the students and staff;
- Police will notify the school when Lockdown is ended.

Hold and Secure

A procedure used when the school is secured due to an ongoing situation outside and not related to the school that requires all persons to remain in the building, but continue with regular programming (e.g., bank robbery near the school).

- School continues to function as normal, but all persons must remain in the building;
- All movement in and out of the school is restricted;
- Exterior windows should be covered or blinds drawn, lights dimmed;
- Police will notify the school the Hold and Secure is done.

Shelter in Place

A procedure used when there is an environmental, or weather related situation, where it is necessary to keep all occupants within the school to protect them (e.g., chemical spill outside, extreme weather conditions).

- People remain in the building with doors and windows closed;
- Normal operations continue in the building. Fans including heating and air conditioning units, should be turned off to prevent outdoor air from entering the building.

Let's have a great week Gatestone!

