



***November 2 – November 6***

## **Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021**

Monday, November 2	Day 4	<b><i>Parent Portal</i></b> <i>Please complete Student Verification forms and Media Consent forms in our Parent Portal.</i>  <b><i>Staff will be connecting with their new students that have a class placement change or a new teacher.</i></b>
Tuesday, November 3	Day 5	<b>School Re-organization: New Classes Begin</b> Students will proceed with direct entry on the first day. Staff will support students to their new classes.
Wednesday, November 4	Day 1	
Thursday, November 5	Day 2	
Friday, November 6	Day 3	

### **Gatestone Community Updates**

#### **Safe Schools Survey Grades 4-8**

A message was sent to families on Thursday, October 29 for students in Grade 4 to Grade 8 to complete a survey regarding safe schools. At Gatestone we continue to work on making school a safe and inviting place for students to learn. Students are experts on school safety, so their voice is important. We would like to know about the things that happen at school that may affect how safe or unsafe students feel so that we can do a better job for all students.

Here is the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/HWDSB>

Our school code is 22

Due to the current limited technology in our building and COVID-19 protocols around sharing devices, we are requesting parents to support their child in completing the survey from home using the following link. The survey is anonymous and voluntary.

Prior to starting the survey please share the following information regarding bullying.

***“There are a lot of different ways students get bullied. Bullying can be physical, verbal, social, or online. A student who bullies wants to hurt the other person (it’s not an accident), and they do it more than once and in an unfair way (the person bullying has some advantage over the person they are bullying). Sometimes a group of students will bully another student. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or popularity have an argument or disagreement.”***

Thank you for your time here.

### Clocks

A reminder that all clocks go back one hour on Sunday, November 1.



### Outdoor Play & Physical Distance

We continue to work on strategies to support students in outdoor play with appropriate physical distancing. Teachers have shared various games, modelling of appropriate distancing, reminders over the school announcements and during supervision times, and visual announcements as well. We are still finding our students struggle to social distance during outdoor play when time is unstructured. Please support the safety in our building and speak to your child about the reasons we need to physically distance from other students at all time (e.g., spreading COVID-19, getting sick, caring for the safety of all our peers).