



October 5 – October 9

## Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, October 5	Day 5	<p><b>Terry Fox Recognition this week continues...</b>  <a href="https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/whats-your-40/">https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/whats-your-40/</a></p> <p>Families interested in donating to Terry Fox Foundation, please use the following link below;  <a href="http://www.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneyCreek">http://www.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneyCreek</a></p>
Tuesday, October 6	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10:50AM Shelter in Place Drill</b></li> </ul> <p>A Shelter in Place 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 Shelter in Place drill or real emergency. Students may also use the washroom if necessary. Students are not able to go outside during a Shelter in Place emergency.</p>
Wednesday, October 7	Day 2	
Thursday, October 8	Day 3	
Friday, October 9	Day 4	

## Gatestone Updates

### 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 as soon as possible. We would like to re-distribute our technology into classrooms for our in-class learners.

## Daily COVID-19 Screening

HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist should be completed daily before arriving at school. Our checklist has been revised. If your child fails the daily screener, please contact the school and Public Health (905) 974-9848 for further direction.

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

## Safe School Procedures

We have practiced 3 Fire Drills and a Hold and Secure. We will practice a Shelter in Place drill this 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!*

