



October 19 – October 23

## Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, October 19	Day 4	<b>Parent Portal</b> <i>Please complete Student Verification forms and Media Consent forms in our Parent Portal</i>
Tuesday, October 20	Day 5	
Wednesday, October 21	Day 1	
Thursday, October 22	Day 2	
Friday, October 23	Day 3	<i>Time to have some fun and share your favourite appropriate joke or riddle for peers!</i>

### Gatestone Community Updates

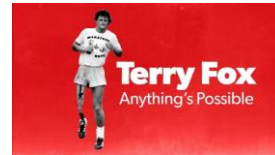
#### SAFE PRACTICES WHEN WALKING HOME

We encourage our students to walk to school due to our boundaries and distance from home to school. Students are reminded when walking home to continue to use safe practices such as being aware of their surroundings, not talking to strangers, walking with peers or siblings as much as possible.

A friendly reminder to our families that need to drop off or pick up a child by vehicle to please park on adjacent streets near the school, not directly in front of the school. This is a high traffic area during entry and dismissal. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe during entry and dismissal time.



## Terry Fox Run 2020



This year marked the 40th Anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. Mr. Macnab and Mrs. Nash would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Terry Fox Run. Even though we were unable to celebrate this event like we have done in the past, our Gatestone staff and community really came through. With your help, we were able to raise just over **\$3000.00** for cancer research. Hopefully, next year we will be able to go back to our school wide event and even throw a few pies at some willing staff members.

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me" - Terry Fox

### COVID-19 SCREENING & NEW ATTESTATION FORM

Our updated Student Screener, Decision Tree for students that fail the daily screener or demonstrate symptoms at school, and our Return to School Attestation form are all located on Gatestone's Website under the COVID-19 Forms. Students that are absent from school due to an illness will need to have a completed Attestation Return to School Form. Parents can e-mail this form to our main office or send the form in with their child the day of the return. Students will not be permitted to attend school without the Return to School Attestation Form completed.

- Test Negative for COVID-19:** Isolate until no fever (without medications) or symptoms (not related to other known causes or conditions) for 24 hours.
- Not Tested- Given Alternative Diagnosis by a Health Care Provider:** Isolate until no fever (without medications) or symptoms (not related to other known causes or conditions) for 24 hours.
- Not Tested:** Must not return to school for 10 days from the start of symptoms and be without symptoms for at least 24 hours. Household contacts should monitor for symptoms.
- Test Positive for COVID-19:** Cannot attend school for at least 14 days. Household contacts should self-isolate at home. Follow Hamilton Public Health Service guidance. Contract Tracing at school level occurs.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT – Time for some Laughter



**Q. How do bees get to school?**

**A. By school buzz...**

We all need a good laugh in these strange times, so Gatestone is making November Joke Month! We are inviting all students to come up with their funniest (appropriate!) joke to share with their class. Everyone will get a chance to present their joke to their classmates who will then vote for their favourite. The winning joke for each classroom will be read over the morning announcements throughout the month so we can all start our day with a smile. You can help your child come up with a winner by telling jokes over a family dinner or when you are out for a walk.

**Knock, knock**

*Who's there?*

**A little old lady**

*A little old lady who?*

**Wow, I didn't know you could yodel!**

Some of our favourite jokes will be shared in our Community Updates for families as well.

## Halloween & Fall Celebrations

**We will be celebrating our fall season and the Halloween spirit for students who wish to participate on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- *Students will be able to wear costumes that allow for appropriate mask covering*
- *Food items are not shared*
- *Celebrations will take place in student's assigned cohort only*
- *Virtual Parade for all classes will occur at 10AM for students*

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## PREVIOUS UPDATES

### **Immunizations for Students Born in 2007**

Our 2007 students in need of the Immunization Completion from last spring will be able to complete the immunization starting on November 11 at Salftet Secondary from 3PM-8PM. More information to follow.

### **Graduates of June 2020**

Gatestone will be in touch this week through e-mail to inform our graduates when graduate awards and composites can be picked up at the school. Each graduate will be assigned a specific time for pick up. The pick up date is October 22. Families unable to attend on this date can make other arrangements with the school **after** October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will be following public health guidelines for the pick up process.

- *One parent and graduate to attend*
- *Each family will be provided with a designated time*
- *Follow signage and maintain physical distance (2 metres) from others*
- *Graduate and family member are required to wear a mask*
- *Entry Line will be near the Main Doors – Front of School*
- *Adhere to our Covid-19 Student Screener*

**Pick up Date:** Thursday, October 22, 2020.

**Time:** Will be assigned for each graduate