



October 26 – October 30

Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, October 26	Day 4	Parent Portal <i>Please complete Student Verification forms and Media Consent forms in our Parent Portal</i>
Tuesday, October 27	Day 5	PURPLE SHIRT DAY School Re-organization Letters Go Home
Wednesday, October 28	Day 1	
Thursday, October 29	Day 2	Progress Reports go Home
Friday, October 30	Day 3	Halloween or Fall Celebrations within Classes

Gatestone Community Updates

School Reorganization

Due to COVID-19 challenges this year, the HWDSB is reviewing elementary student enrolment throughout the year. This year, with more families keeping children out of school, our fall enrolment is significantly below the spring projections.

Like many schools across the Board, Gatestone will reorganize which means there will be changes to staff assignments and student class placements.

These changes will not be easy and some educators will be declared surplus. Classroom sizes will remain within an appropriate average to adhere to physical distancing.

There are many processes involved in a school reorganization. We will work to keep cohorts together as much as possible and adhere to public health recommendations. The office is not accepting requests for class placements as many variables are involved

in the organizing of each class (e.g., siblings together where possible, Umbrella care students, previous class and teacher). We understand this time will be challenging for our families and students. Our staff, as always, is prepared to support all of our students and families during this transition.

Direct communication will be sent home to impacted families starting October 27th. Students will receive a letter that will share their class placement moving forward and staff will be reaching out to their families by November 2nd.

We thank you for your understanding during these challenging times.

Halloween & Fall Celebrations

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

- *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*



Purple Shirt Day

Every October, Children's Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign. The campaign is more important than ever, since the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional stressors for families, and in some cases has increased risk for the well-being and safety of children and youth.

This year, Dress Purple Day will take place on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020.**

We are calling on all Ontarians to wear something purple to show children, youth, and families that they are here to help!

Graduates of June 2020

It was wonderful to see our many Graduates on Thursday. Families that ordered a photo of our graduates and/or students who received and award may come to the school between 9AM-3PM to pick up these items.

