



April 19 – April 23

## Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, April 19	Day 3
Tuesday, April 20	Day 4
Wednesday, April 21	Day 5
Thursday, April 22	Day 1
Friday, April 23	Day 2

### Upcoming Important Dates:

*Whole School Photos – April 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Jump Rope for Heart Celebration – May 7 (in class cohorts)*

*Kindergarten Grad Photos – May 17,18*

*Virtual Kindergarten Orientation – May 19*

### Potential School Closure after April Break

Dr. Richardson, Chief Medical Officer of Health, is advising students and staff that our schools may need to close after the spring break. A decision to move to remote or not will be communicated to families on **Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. If there is a shift to remote we will connect with families regarding further direction (e.g., direction for device pick up for those in need, transitioning to remote routines, changes for current events scheduled for in-person). Should we be returning on April 19<sup>th</sup> to in-person learning parents will be required to fill out the **RETURN TO SCHOOL ATTESTATION FORM** for Spring of 2021. This will be available in the Parent Portal. A paper copy will also be posted on our website closer to the end of the break.

## Jump Rope for Heart

This year our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising will be done virtually. Students will participate with equipment and outdoor fun in their cohorts as well. All safe COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Students viewed the following video to better understand the reasons we support Jump Rope for Heart each year. The link is below.

### **Jump rope kickoff class video**

<http://youtu.be/3Ab54p1UVKQ>

Families wishing to donate for heart and stroke through Gatestone can click on the link below and send in a donation on behalf of our Gatestone School Community.

### **Link to our Gatestone page to be shared with friends/families**

[https://secursupport.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2021/Jump2021?px=2630877&pg=persona&fr\\_id=7673](https://secursupport.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2021/Jump2021?px=2630877&pg=persona&fr_id=7673)

Or Go to:

- > [Jump rope for heart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca)
- > [Join your school](#)
- > [Gatestone](#)

## **About the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit**

The [Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit](#) provides financial support to families with young learners to help with additional costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Starting on April 26, we will begin issuing payments of:

- \$400 for each child or youth up to Grade 12
- \$500 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs

If you received a payment through the [Support for Learners](#) program, you **do not** need to apply for this additional payment.

If you missed applying for the Support for Learners program, you will have the opportunity to apply. Applications will open from May 3, 2021 to May 17, 2021.

This new round of payment through the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit is in addition to payments provided by [Support for Families](#) and the [Support for Learners](#) programs.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-ontario-covid-19-child-benefit?share=3d3f5580-9189-11eb-9014-3b1311ed21bb>

## **Photo Day**

We will have a school wide photo day on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to the limited amount of space to book with our photographers, we won't be able to schedule a re-take day. COVID-19 protocols will be followed (physical distancing, sanitizing of seating area per child, small one cohort at a time, mask only removed for picture with appropriate distance). Students will not be photographed with their entire class. Purchases for photographs will be done online. The photographers ask not to wear green due to backgrounds for the photos.

See flyer attached for more details regarding photo day, April 27<sup>th</sup>.