



**April 19 – April 23**

## Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, April 19	Day 3	<p>No School for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educators Preparing for Online Learning &amp; Device Deployment</li> </ul>
Tuesday, April 20	Day 4	<p>No School for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educators to reach out to families to prepare for online learning or in-person learning for students attending our Comprehensive Learning Program.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Device Deployment</b></p> <p>Device deployment times will be scheduled for families that requested or borrowed a device during the January closure on Tuesday, April 20th. If your child did not require a device in January, but circumstances have changed, please connect with the main office starting Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and we will send new requests to the HWDSB. Kindergarten devices will not be deployed for online learning due to the availability of devices needed to support remote learning across the system. We apologize for this inconvenience, however, a supplement program will be provided for Kindergarten students unable to attend class online. Attached is Kindergarten Learning for students unable to access online learning.</p>
Wednesday, April 21	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Learning to Begin</li> <li>In-Person Learning for Comprehensive Program</li> </ul>
Thursday, April 22	Day 1	
Friday, April 23	Day 2	

Dear Gatestone Families,

On Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> students will begin learning remotely. We will continue to follow the regular school day schedule and timetables. Nutrition breaks will occur at 11:00AM-11:40AM and 1:20PM – 2:00PM. The school day begins at 9AM and ends at 3:20PM. Staff will be posting a daily timetable on their HUB or MS Teams Platform.

Gatestone staff will be reaching out to families by Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> this week to answer any questions and connect so students are ready for online learning starting on Wednesday.

**Attendance:**

Attendance will be taken at 9:30AM and 12:40PM. Please follow our Safe School Protocol if your child will be absent. School Messenger will call out families for students that are unexplained during our first nutrition break.

**Devices:**

Devices will be prepared on Monday and deployed for families on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Currently the school will only be able to deploy devices to families that requested devices during the January closure. If you did not require a device in January, yet circumstances have changed, please reach out to our office starting Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Devices will need to be requested and ordered to the school due to limited availability. We will be able to honour new requests, but we appreciate your patience here.

**Kindergarten:**

Devices are not currently being deployed for our Kindergarten students. Kindergarten staff will continue to teach online, however for families unable to join, a supplement program has been included in this post. Please reach out to your child's Kindergarten teacher should you have further questions.

**School Wide Photographs**

Unfortunately, will be cancelling the school wide photographs that were scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten Grad Photos and Grad Retakes are still scheduled to proceed in May.

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

***Whole School Photos have been cancelled due to Stay at Home Order***

***Jump Rope for Heart Celebration – May 7 (in class cohorts – virtually if schools are not open)***

***Kindergarten Grad Photos – May 17,18***

***Virtual Kindergarten Orientation – May 19***

## 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. If schools are closed, we will continue with a virtual opportunity. 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://securesupport.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2021/Jump2021?px=2630877&pg=persona&fr\\_id=7673](https://securesupport.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>