



April 26 – April 30

Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, April 26	Day 3 <i>Daily Class Schedules will be Posted on your Child's Classroom Platform</i>
Tuesday, April 27	Day 4
Wednesday, April 28	Day 5
Thursday, April 29	Day 1
Friday, April 30	Day 2

Upcoming Important Dates:

Jump Rope for Heart Celebration – May 7 (in class cohorts – most likely done virtually)

Kindergarten Grad Photos – May 17,18 (if school is open and no restrictions)

Virtual Kindergarten Orientation – May 19

Student Attendance

Attendance is marked daily by 9:30AM and in the afternoon at 12:30PM. Please make sure your child has signed on to their class platform to receive attendance. If your child will be absent for the day, please follow our Safe School Arrival procedure and input the absence in School Messenger. School Messenger will begin call outs for unexplained absences at 10AM each morning.

We are aware families are managing many different circumstances in trying to support remote learning. Please connect with your child's homeroom teacher or our main office if there are barriers for your child attending so we can look for ways to problem solve and support.

Deployment of Technology for Families in Need

All of our devices to support online learning for families in need have been deployed. If your child does not have access to technology to support online learning and you require a device from the school, please connect with our main office. There is an increase in technology requests this April compared to January's technology needs so there may be a wait time. If you currently have a device that was borrowed from the school, but is now not needed, we ask families to kindly return the device so we can support other families in need across the system. If you are experiencing any technological issues with a device that has been borrowed from our school, please reach out to our main office during regular school hours for support. When connecting with the office, please have your child's log in information and password available for us to support. Your child's homeroom teacher has access to the class passwords.

Mental Health Awareness in May

In the month of May we celebrate Mental Health Awareness. Given the many challenges our students and our community have faced this year, Gatestone students and staff will be working through a variety of activities/lessons to support student well-being. Our Learn.Disrupt.Rebuild modules will also have lessons for students to engage in that will help them better understand how challenging situations, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, can impact a community.

Jump Rope for Heart

We will still continue to promote Jump Rope for Heart fundraising, regardless if the closure is extended through the month. This year our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising will be done virtually unless in-person learning is open on **May 7th**. If we are learning remotely, students will have the opportunity to participate virtually with their class. Homeroom teachers will share details on May 7th of how students can get out and be active. Our Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator has shared all of the activities and links

with our educators. 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. We thank you for your support here.

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

https://secaresupport.heartandstroke.ca/site/TR/Jump2021/Jump2021?px=2630877&pg=personall&fr_id=7673

Or Go to:

- > Jump rope for heart.ca
- > Join your school
- > Gatestone

Photo Day

Unfortunately, our school wide photo day has been cancelled for this current school year. Senior Kindergarten Photos are still booked however, we will monitor the situation as COVID-19 protocols may impact this scheduled event as well.

May 4th In-Person/Remote Transition

Our school is waiting for further direction regarding the previously scheduled May 4th transition to in-person or remote learning. Should schools remain closed, students most likely will remain in their current class placement to limit disruption. Once the school receives further clarification, we will share this information with families.

About the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit

Friendly Reminder for our Families;

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>

Thank you to our Gatestone Families

A THANKFUL SHOUT OUT FROM GATESTONE STAFF TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS SUPPORTING THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN IN REMOTE LEARNING!

WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME!



"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." -Jane D. Hull

