



### Gatestone Weekly Updates

**May 17 – May 21**

## Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, May 17	Day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Daily Class Schedules will be Posted on your Child's Classroom Platform (HUB or MS Teams)</i></li><li>• <i>Mental Health Awareness Month Gatestone will continue to share awareness through the month of May</i></li></ul>
Tuesday, May 18	Day 4
Wednesday, May 19	Day 5  5:00PM <b>Virtual Kindergarten Orientation</b>  Families of new JK/SK students coming to Gatestone will have received a link to join MS Teams
Thursday, May 20	Day 1
Friday, May 21	Day 2

### Important Announcement:

**Kindergarten Photos/Grad Retakes:** Unfortunately, due to school closures, **Senior Kindergarten photos and Grad retakes have been cancelled** for this school year. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please reach out to Edge Imaging should you wish to book your own photos. <https://www.edgeimaging.ca/en/contact-us/>

## *Kindergarten Orientation*

### Gatestone Virtual Kindergarten Orientation: May 19, 5:00PM

#### **Attend our school's Kindergarten Orientation event!**

Spring is an exciting time at our school, as we welcome families and children to Kindergarten Orientation. Attending an orientation is a great chance to connect with the kindergarten team and to learn more about the kindergarten program.

This year's event will be virtual but will still give families and children a sense of what to expect in September. We hope that you can attend our Kindergarten Orientation.

The link to join this Microsoft Teams event has been emailed to registered families. Please contact us at our main office [www.gatetone@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:www.gatetone@hwdsb.on.ca) to obtain the link.

You do not need to RSVP, but may want to [review how to use a Microsoft Teams link if you are new to the platform](#). You can also learn more about Kindergarten at HWDSB by visiting our [Kindergarten Orientation web page](#). Here, you will find a video tour of what happens during a typical day in Kindergarten, a narrated video based on the presentation schools deliver at their events, a video to help families of children with special education needs, and much more.



## **Student Vaccination Catch Up Clinics**

Catch up Clinics for Grade 7 & 8 student vaccinations (Hepatitis B and HPV) are still on pause. Please continue to visit this site for updates.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/clinics-services/catch-vaccine-clinics-students>

## **Grade 8 Graduation**

This year we will be having a virtual graduation ceremony. In order for your Grade 8 child to be part of the virtual ceremony, the school requires a media consent form completed. These forms were completed in the Fall, however, if you did not give consent but would now like your child in the graduation video, please connect with your child's homeroom teacher or our main office to update the form. The virtual graduation video will be shared in a secured link and only posted on HWDSB TV with a private setting. A private setting is for only those families that have the link. The video only remains posted for one week then is taken down. We ask families do not share the video on any social media platforms.

***Graduation Date: Virtual Ceremony will be Shared on June 21<sup>st</sup> for our Grade 8 Families.***

Should schools re-open before the end of the school year, the virtual ceremony will still be shared on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the school will communicate classroom celebration information.

Graduation awards and composites have been ordered. We hope to have the items before the end of the year, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic there may be delays in receiving orders. The school will share pick up processes for these items as well should schools remain closed. We hope to have these items for students by the end of June.

### **Reminder: Mental Health Awareness in May**

Gatestone will continue to recognize Mental Health and strategies on how to take care of ourselves through the month of May. Check out our Staff Video below that was shared with our students this week.

<https://hwdsb.tv/media/gatestone-school-take-a-moment/>

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Thank you Gatestone Community! We raised approximately \$500.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation through our Jump Rope fundraising. Much appreciated!

### **Gatestone Staff Update**

Welcome to Ms. Marrone who will be covering in our main office starting Monday. Ms. Marrone and Ms. Mason will be managing attendance, parent messages and supporting with various office needs for the remainder of May and June. Should you need to reach out to the school please connect through phone 905-573-7731 or our Gatestone e-mail; [gatestone@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:gatestone@hwdsb.on.ca). Ms. Marrone or Ms. Mason will be happy to assist with your needs.