



## *Gatestone Weekly Updates*

***June 28 – June 29***

### **Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021**

Students will be learning asynchronously during June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. Classroom activities you may work on with your child are attached in the weekly post.

#### **Schedule for Technology Drop Off/Pick Up of Personal Belongings**

Families that borrowed technology devices from the school **must** return these items on June 28<sup>th</sup> or June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please label technology, **student full name and grade**. Please also return the borrowed **charger and chords**.

Students that also need to retrieve personal belongings, may do so on June 28<sup>th</sup> or June 29<sup>th</sup>. Families entering the building to retrieve personal belongings will need to sign in at the front of the school and complete and pass our COVID-19 medical screener prior to entering.

#### **Schedule for Pick Up/Drop Off**

##### **Monday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**According to First Letter of Last Name**

***A – J 9AM – 11AM***

***K – R 11AM-1PM***

***S – Z 1PM – 3:00PM***

##### **Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

***S-Z 9AM-10AM***

***K-R 10AM-11AM***

***A-J 11AM-12PM***

## Term 2 Report Cards

Similar to the process in February, Term 2 Report Cards will be sent to parents via e-mail (the e-mail our school has on file). You will receive the following message below. You do not need to contact the school for passwords as it is your child's birth date. Please make sure to include the slashes.

### Sample Message:

*Dear Parent/Guardian,*



*Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has prepared a secure document for you. Due to Covid-19 you will be receiving an unsigned, electronic copy of the report card. A signed, official copy will be placed in the student's OSR which is kept at the school.*

*This email contains a secure link to your student's report card. When you click the link, you will be prompted to enter in a password. The password will be your student's date of birth, and it must be entered using the format MM/DD/YYYY (including forward slashes /). Please note that the link will expire after 7 days and will no longer be accessible after this point. Once the link is opened you have the option to download a PDF copy and save it for your records.*

Report Cards will be sent home starting Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind the process may take a few days. Students with an Individual Education Plan will receive their IEP through encrypted e-mail from our school resource support on Monday as well. Please feel free to reach out to our main office should you have further questions.

## Congratulations to our Grade 8 Graduates!

It was wonderful to see so many graduates visiting the school on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope you enjoyed your time to celebrate with family and staff!

Behind you,   
*all your memories.*  
Before you,  
*all your dreams.*  
Around you,  
*all who love you.*  
Within you,  
 *all you need.*  

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**CLASS OF 2021**

## Class Assignments for September 2021

Families had the opportunity in May to share any information regarding a specific learning environment for September 2021. Class placements are complete and will be shared on the Term 2 Report Card. **Due to class size caps and adhering to Public Health Measures, we are not able to make changes to class placements.** Our staff is always prepared to support learners that may feel anxious or worried about moving to a new grade, class or working with new peers or teachers. As a school community we recognize transitions can be challenging for some of our students. Staff are trained to support in these transitions and ready to help problem solve and guide when necessary. Please do not request changes to the office for class placements for September 2021 as we are not able to honour changes at this time for the start up. HWDSB will monitor our school enrolment numbers in September and determine whether a reorganization at the end of September is necessary. All schools follow the same process yearly.

## Principal Message

*Dear Gatestone Families,*

*Thank you for all of your support, time, and understanding this year. We have faced many challenges this year such as learning new protocols, following public health measures, transitions from in-person to remote, yet we couldn't have made it through without your positive energy and willingness to work with the challenging situations we faced. The staff at Gatestone appreciate all you have done this year to make learning for students work during a pandemic. We are looking forward to a "new normal" next year and hope to have more consistency for student learning experiences. I will update families of protocols and processes for our school in late August.*

*I wish all of our Gatestone families a wonderful and safe summer. I hope you have time to relax and enjoy time together stress free. I am looking forward to a safe return for all of our students in September, remote or in-person.*

*Respectfully,  
K. Reilly-Scott*

## Previous Updates

## Staff Announcements.



## *Retirement Announcements*

Congratulations to Ms. Barber (librarian) & Ms. Brdar (caretaking) who will be retiring this year. We are truly going to miss you at Gatestone. Best wishes and enjoy a well deserved retirement from your Gatestone family!

## *Welcome to Gatestone September 2021*

Ms. M. Biederman (Vice-Principal)  
Ms. J. Feaver (DECE)  
Mr. M. Griffin (Junior/Intermediate Music)  
Ms. L. Smith (Librarian)  
Ms. Hrastov (Caretaking)

## *Leaving Gatestone*

Thank you for all your support and dedication during your time at Gatestone. Best wishes in your new adventures within HWDSB!

Ms. Pliura  
Mr. J. Smith  
Ms. G. Vinall  
Ms. Blake-Foster  
Mr. Dawn



Ms. Sorman

Ms. Stewart

Ms. Salverda

Ms. Bass

Mr. Hazell (Thank you for coming back from retirement to help us in our office!)