

October 18 – October 22

Gatestone Elementary School 2021-2022

| Monday, October 18 | Day 3 | |
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| Tuesday, October 19 | Day 4 | |
| Wednesday, October 20 | Day 5 | |
| Thursday, October 21 | Day 1 | School Lockdown Drill |
| Friday, October 22 | Day 2 | School Evacuation Drill |

Masks on School Property

A friendly reminder to our families that masks must be worn by parents, caregivers, and students when on school property. If able, please drop off and pick up your child at our fences or front sidewalk rather than enter the school grounds (back of the field, side city pathway, front sidewalk of school). Our Kindergarten parents will continue to pick up at the gated Kindergarten gated area. Students in our older primary and junior grades should be meeting parents off school property. We appreciate your understanding here. Limiting traffic on the playground before and after school is one way we can continue to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Terry Fox Run 2021

A huge thank you to our Gatestone Community for making this year's Terry Fox Run our most successful one to date. We will be donating \$6,033.67 to the Terry Fox Foundation. We could not have done this without you. Great job Gryphons!

"If you've given a dollar, you are part of the Marathon of Hope." -Terry Fox-

Cross Country Meet Grades 6-8

A special shout out to our Gatestone students that participated at our Cross-Country Meet on Wednesday. Thank you for your hard work and efforts out on the cross-country track! Excellent work students and great representation for Gatestone athletics!

Special Recognition to our Top Ten Runners:

Grade 8 Boys

Jordan Gooden 2nd Dylan Graham 9th

Grade 8 Girls

Angela Vorkapic 6th Abby McKenzie 10th

Grade 7 Boys

Daryl LeBlanc 3rd

Grade 6 Boys

Grayson Benton Kearney 3rd

Grade 6 Girls

Hannah Cukier 3rd
Anwen Benton Kearney 4th
Lily Weatherston 6th

Event results are posted at www.hwdsb.on.ca/athletics

Pet Free Zone

A friendly reminder, during school hours and entry and dismissal time, we kindly request parents do not bring their pets on school property as we have students and staff with various allergies we need to be mindful of. We appreciate your understanding here and support.

Lockdown Drill & Evacuation Drill

Gatestone will be holding a 1 of the 2 Lockdown drills this school year on October 21, 2021. The term "Lockdown" is used when there is an incident or threat of serious violence or injury within the school. During a Lockdown students will hear an announcement as follows: "This is a Lockdown". During this time, students remain in their class away from doors and windows and remain quiet until further notice.

An announcement will be made to students the day of the Lockdown drill and the office will review important safety procedures for students and staff prior to beginning the drill.

Our evacuation drill (Bomb Threat) will occur on October 22. This evacuation drill is a similar process as previously practiced during a fire evacuation drill. In the event of a real Bomb Threat the school may be directed by police to move to their secondary evacuation location. Our secondary evacuation site is St. Mark Elementary School.

You can learn more about HWDSB's secure schools protocol at https://hwdsb.info/secureschools

Media Consent Forms

Printed copies of the 2021-2022 Media Consent Forms have been sent home to families. Parents/guardians please complete the media consent form. This is helpful information for the school when sharing student participation in school events.