



March 28 – April 1

Gatestone Elementary School 2021-2022

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 28	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct Entry this week 9:00AM-9:15AM <p>April 4th Direct Entry will begin at 9:10AM. Supervision on our blacktop begins at 9:00AM. Students will enter the building from 9:10-9:15.</p>
Tuesday, March 29	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gatestone Spirit Day
Wednesday, March 30	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6PM School Council MS Teams
Thursday, March 31	Day 2	
Friday, April 1	Day 3	

April 11th Grade 8 Grad Photos

Weekly Updates

Entry and Dismissal

Entry

Our direct entry will begin at 9:10AM starting April 4th. Supervision at the school begins at 9AM. Please do not send your child to school before 9AM as our playground/field area is closed and supervision is not available before 9AM. We want to ensure safety for all.

Our entry bell will ring at 9:10AM in which students will line up and begin entering the building at their regular assigned entry doors (Where students currently enter in the morning).

Students should be arriving at school between 9AM and 9:15AM so they are on time for class. We will begin entering the school by 9:10AM to limit traffic on the blacktop area.

Parents with students in Grades 3 and up, we request your “goodbyes” for the morning are shared at any of the main gates or front sidewalk to limit morning traffic in the school ground area. Parents with children in Kindergarten to Grade 2, please continue to drop your child off at the

gate/walkways/on blacktop. Due to bus traffic in the front Kindergarten area and student traffic on blacktop and walkways, we ask that after drop off parents please say “goodbyes” and leave school grounds. We always welcome our families, however there is high traffic during entry so this process will help keep our school grounds safe for traffic flow as families arrive at different times between 9AM-9:15AM. Supervision is assigned to all areas of our school grounds at entry and dismissal for student safety.

We understand all families have special circumstances arriving to school. When able, we appreciate if families can have their children ready to enter our school no later than 9:15AM. This helps prepare our students and staff to start the day off ready for learning and limits students missing out on any important instruction during our first instructional period of the day.

Dismissal

Our dismissal routines continue to remain the same. We appreciate parents of older students waiting near gates or walkways for pick up to limit traffic.

We ask parents do not pick up their children at our **parking lot gate**. Our parking lot is closed for parent traffic during 3:35PM-3:50PM due to bus, taxi and Umbrella Care traffic. We do not encourage students to be walking through our parking lot during these high traffic times. Parents that can only drive should park on adjacent streets near the school and meet their child at one of our front walkways or on our blacktop for our younger students. We appreciate your support here to help maintain safe and smooth dismissals for all.

Public Health Measures

Please review the lifting of Public Health Measures at the following HWDSB links. Updated information regarding changes to protocols and lifting of Public Health Measures will be updated here throughout the March break.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/>

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Golden GryphFun Awards (Sept-February)

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for demonstrating Gatestone's Core Values! Well Done!

(Note: Students absent Friday, we will have a picture opportunity on Monday, March 28)



Previous Update

Health and Physical Education Human Development and Sexual Health Curriculum

Parent Information (See also Parent Guide)

- HWDSB is committed to the health and well-being of all our students. All students deserve to have the knowledge to keep themselves safe and to act with care and consideration for themselves, their peers, and all people in their communities.
- Our staff is committed to teaching the 2019 curriculum including topics such as online safety, sexual orientation, mental health, gender identification and consent, with our continued comprehensive safety and well-being approach, in a professional and respectful manner that is both developmentally and age appropriate.
- It is important that students feel connected to the curriculum, that they see themselves in what is taught, how it is taught, and how it applies to the world at large.
- Parents are the primary educators of their children with respect to learning about values, appropriate behaviour and ethnocultural, spiritual, and personal beliefs and traditions. Parents act as significant role models for their children. It is therefore important for schools and parents to work together to ensure that home and school provide a mutually supportive framework for young people's education.
- Teachers are required to teach and report on curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education
- Teaching and learning in all subject areas need to be inclusive, accepting, and free from discrimination;
- Please feel free to review the curriculum at:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/2019-health-physicaleducation-grades-1to8.pdf>

School Council Fundraising: FlipGive

Using FlipGive will help council support some of our school initiatives this year (e.g., technology improvement, outdoor spaces, school equipment).

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- Invite friends and family!

Due to Covid we are unable to do regular fundraising - Gatestone needs your support now more than ever!

Check out this 2 minute video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vT0_Qg4n80

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