




**April 25 – April 29**

**Gatestone Elementary School 2021-2022**

Monday, April 25	Day 2	
Tuesday, April 26	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gatestone Spirit Day</li> <li>Spirit Wear Orders are Back – See Messaging Below</li> </ul>
Wednesday, April 27	Day 4	<p>Administrative Professionals Day</p> <p><i>Thank you Ms. Ashton and Ms. Mason for all your hard work and care to support our students and families in our main office.</i></p> 
Thursday, April 28	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:55AM Fire Drill</li> <li>• Pizza Lunch</li> </ul>
Friday, April 29	Day 1	

**\*\*Open House May 4 at Gatestone 5-7PM**

**\*\*Elections in our Gymnasium June 2**

**\*\*Track & Field June 6 & June 13**

**\*\*Intermediate Soccer June 2**

**\*\*EQAO May 30 – June 10**

**\*\*Commencement June 21<sup>st</sup> (5PM start)**

## Community Weekly Update

### Open House May 4 5PM-6:30PM

We will be hosting an open house for our Gatestone families on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM.

We have reserved an ice-cream truck for students and families and will some of our student volunteers and staff will be selling drinks & pizza for families if interested.

Families will have a chance to connect with their child's educators at Gatestone and tour the school.

We are excited to have our very first open house this year!

Weather permitting, ice cream and pizza will be available at the back of the school. Parents/guardians may enter through the front or back of our school during this evening. If cooler weather persists, food will be served in the gymnasium.

### Special Lunch Options

Gatestone will be offering pizza days, Lunch Bunch (variety of menu selections), and some alternative treats for students in the upcoming months. We are currently working with our food providers to offer a variety of food selections for students as we understand there are many different food allergies, diets we need to consider. If you do have a family request, please feel free to notify our main office so we can take this into consideration when working with various food providers. Please also connect with our main office if you require any specific supports.

School Cash Online is open now to begin with Pizza Orders and Lunch Bunch. Our first pizza day is on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### May 11 – Ann Douglas Presenting Virtually for Gatestone Families

Our School Council was approved for a parent grant this year to support student well-being. Our council has connected with Ann Douglas, author of best-selling books such as Happy Parents, Happy Kids. Ann will be presenting virtually, ***Post-Pandemic Parenting*** to our community May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. **I will share the link with our families through School Messenger once the final presentation is ready to share. Please mark this date on your calendars.**

### ***Post-Pandemic Parenting***

What will our lives be like once we begin to emerge from the pandemic? How can we support our children in preparing for that post-pandemic world? And how can we begin to process everything that our families and our communities have experienced during this strange and uncertain time? In this thought-provoking presentation, you'll be encouraged to reflect on your family's pandemic experiences: to acknowledge all the learning and growth that you have witnessed in yourself and your children over the past year-and-a-half. You'll also have an opportunity to consider your hopes and dreams for your family moving forward, and to zero in on parenting strategies that can help you to achieve your big-picture parenting goals. This is your opportunity to dare to imagine life in a post-pandemic world for yourself, your family, and your community.

### **Every Child Matters**



*This is a message from CC:ROSE (Cultivating Community: Reclaiming Our Spaces in Education):  
She:kon (SAY- go) /Aanii (AH-knee)/Hello!*

*CC:ROSE is an Indigenous student led leadership group at HWDSB for students Indigenous to Turtle Island in grades 7-12.*

*CC:ROSE is launching the "Every Child Matters Button 'raising awareness and funds' campaign of 2022". The buttons were designed by a CC:ROSE youth member and will be available for pre order until May 4<sup>th</sup> through Cash Online.*

*CC:ROSE invites all of the HWDSB community to join them in honouring and respecting the ongoing truth telling of Canada's Residential School Survivors, those who were taken and those who didn't come home.*

*The buttons will be distributed prior to May 28, 2022, which is the one-year mark since the initial report broke of the Kamloops, British Columbia ground search.*

*The proceeds of the campaign will be donated to Indigenous groups and organizations that support the truth telling and healing for Survivor's, their families and communities. As an Indigenous student group, this is how we are working towards helping to heal ourselves and our communities in the spirit of reconciliation. We invite you to join us in this meaningful work.*

*In Peace, Friendship and Respect,*

**CC:ROSE**


**(Cultivating Community: Reclaiming Our Spaces in Education)**

## Spirit Wear is Back

We will be opening up another fundraising round for Spirit Wear this year! Thank you for your support so far. It has been wonderful to see so many students in Gatestone gear during our Tuesday Gatestone Spirit days. If you require any financial support for purchasing an item, please connect with our main office.


Spirit Wear purchases are now available to order again and will continue until May 6<sup>th</sup> to provide time for the clothing to be prepared and delivered to Gatestone. Check out the t-shirts and shorts that will also compliment the warmer weather. Press on the link to order. All items will be delivered to Gatestone.

<https://www.breakawaydistributing.com/ggb/>




Client: Gatestone Gryphons  
Job: School Apparel  
Date: Jan 26, 2022

**ATC EVERYDAY FLEECE HOODED SWEATSHIRT. ATCF2500**  
PRINTED FRONT WHITE ON FOREST GREEN OR DK GREEN ON SPORT GREY  
13-OZ, 50/50 COTTON/POLYESTER FLEECE  
COMPACTED YARNS TO MINIMIZE SHRINKAGE  
DOUBLE LINED HOOD WITH DRAWSTRING  
AVAILABLE SIZES: ADULT SM-4XL & YOUTH SM-XL  
**\$35.00EA**




SPORT GREY FOREST GREEN

**ATC EVERYDAY FLEECE SWEATPANTS. ATCF2800**  
PRINTED LEFT HIP DK GREEN ON SPORT GREY  
13-OZ, 50/50 COTTON/POLYESTER FLEECE  
COMPACTED YARNS TO MINIMIZE SHRINKAGE  
FRONT POCKETS  
ELASTIC CUFFS & WAISTBAND WITH DRAWSTRING  
AVAILABLE SIZES: ADULT SM-4XL & YOUTH SM-XL (NO DRAWSTRING ON YOUTH PANTS)  
**\$35.00EA**



SPORT GREY

**ATC EVERYDAY COTTON TEE. ATC1000/ATC1015**  
PRINTED LEFT HIP DK GREEN ON SPORT GREY  
9.1-OZ, 100% COTTON ON FOREST GREEN  
90/10 COTTON/POLYESTER ON SPORT GREY  
COMPACTED YARNS TO MINIMIZE SHRINKAGE  
AVAILABLE SIZES: ADULT SM-4XL & YOUTH XS-XL  
SHORT SLEEVE: **\$15.00EA**  
LONG SLEEVE: **\$20.00EA**



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FOREST GREEN SPORT GREY

This is a rough sketch of your artwork - sizes/colours may not be exactly as shown. Please review this artwork carefully. We are not responsible for any text, spelling, grammatical or graphical errors, nor any embroidered or printed materials or costs incurred due to those errors. Please inform us of any necessary changes.

## Personal Devices – Students Leaving School with Permission

Parents/guardians, please make sure to connect with our main office if your child needs to leave school part way through the day for various reasons (e.g, appointment, parent approved absence). Students that are ill or need to leave part way through the day must sign out at our main office and an office administrator will connect with a parent/guardian for permission. We appreciate your support here.

## Previous Updates

## Personal Devices at School

Students over the past few weeks have been inquiring about school and ministry policies regarding the use of personal devices at school. Below is a link to the Ministry Policy regarding Personal Mobile Devices for families to review when students are choosing to bring personal devices to school (e.g., cell phone, own ipad/lap top, gaming devices).

[When can my child use a personal mobile device in the classroom?](#)

The use of personal mobile devices is permitted during instructional time under the following circumstances:

- For educational purposes, as directed by the educator in the classroom
- For health and medical purposes
- To support special educational needs

**Link for further information:** <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/cellphone-mobile-devices.html#review9>

Circumstances and situations may look different for each individual student. Educators will collaborate with families and students to create any necessary plans when accommodations are required. This will ensure there is a common understanding of the regulations with all parties involved. Should you have further questions regarding the use of personal devices in schools, please connect with your child's homeroom teacher or our main office.

During our nutrition breaks, homeroom teachers are responsible for sharing guidelines of appropriate activities/games during this time. **Should a student need to contact a parent during school hours, including nutrition breaks, students are encouraged to connect through our main office.** During outdoor time, we encourage our students to get active or enjoy this time socializing with their peers. Educators supervising may ask students to put their personal devices away (if outside with them) so they can enjoy more active play with peers or have more time to socialize with peers. Circumstances may look different depending on the individual student and their needs.

Students using a personal mobile device at school at any time (e.g., class time, nutrition break, before/after school) must adhere to HWDSB code of conduct. Educators and Administrators will follow progressive discipline if there are concerns students are not adhering to the HWDSB code of conduct.

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Code of Conduct Procedure](#)

## **Grade 8: Commencement**

Commencement will take place on the evening of June 21<sup>st</sup>. The celebration will begin around 5PM in the school gymnasium for our Grade 8 students, families and Gatestone staff. There will be a 30min ceremony to honour our graduates and hear from our valedictorians. Then students and families will rotate through various interactive stations (e.g., family photographs, treats in library, viewing of video grad pages, picking up awards/composites etc.) before students head off to the Grand Olympia to celebrate with their friends. More details will be shared with our Grade 8 families in the upcoming weeks.

## Ramadan

This year, the Month of Ramadan begins on the evening of April 2 and ends on the evening of May 1, 2022. This is the holiest month in the Islamic year and begins at the sighting of the new moon.

During Ramadan, the school will provide appropriate accommodations for students that may include exemption from physical activities, spaces for prayer, flexibility in test and assignment schedules and other related items. All families and students have a right to request accommodations based on their individual needs. Please connect with our main office if there are questions or further information that needs to be shared to help us best accommodate individual needs.

### Follow Council Twitter

School Council Twitter account is set up. Follow our School council to receive updates about parent involvement, fundraising, school event/information at Gatestone.

@GatestoneCouncil

## Continuing Education – Summer Series

### 1. Reach Ahead CREDIT program – Grade 8 Students

**Current** Grade 8's transitioning to Grade 9 can earn a half credit or a full credit before starting High School. We are offering Civics and Careers courses to all Grade 8's who will transition to Grade 9 in the fall. These open level half-credit courses can be taken individually (9 days) or in combination (18 days). This is the **only credit program available to students reaching ahead before grade 9**. These courses will be offered On-Line.

For more information, program offering details and to register, please visit:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/summer-credit-programs/reach-ahead/>

### 2. Summer Literacy and Numeracy Skill Builder Programs



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- shop online to earn cash back on every purchase for Gatestone!
- Enter [Gatestone](#) code: **6XQY92**
- **Earn Gatestone a \$5 bonus the first time you shop**
- 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vT0_Qg4n80)

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The non-credit programs are available to students **currently** in Grades 6 & 7 (Elementary) and Grades 8-12 (Secondary). The purpose of these programs is to enrich and develop Literacy and Numeracy skills. In 2022, we are excited to offer a variety of programs, some In-Person and some On-line including:

- Skill Builder Literacy Programs (fully on-line)
- Skill Builder Math Programs (fully on-line)
- Fractions Program (fully on-line)
- Art & Literacy (both in-person and on-line options available)
- Coding & Literacy (or Numeracy) (fully on-line)
- Basketball and Literacy (in-person)
- Soccer and Literacy (in-person)

On-Line programs will include a 2-hour real time/synchronous online lesson each day and fun activities for the students to complete beyond the lesson time. In-Person programs will be 3 hours long.

For more information, program offering details and to register, please visit:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/summer-non-credit/>

### 3. International Languages Elementary (IILE) Program

Students currently in Grades Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are eligible to participate. The IILE program exists to educate our students with a new language and/or strengthen their skills in the language(s) of their choice. Students will learn to speak, listen, read, and write in these lessons, as well as have assigned homework, and opportunity to participate in class. IILE Classes include:

- On-line programs - 1.5-hour synchronous lesson per day (over MS Teams) in addition to assigned work **or**
- In-Person programs - 2.5 hours of In-Person instruction per day

The summer program runs from July 4 to 29 (Mon-Fri). Learning a language is a valuable skill and experience that our students can carry with them as they continue with their education for years to come.

For more information, program offering details and to register, please visit:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/summer-ile/>

**We will have additional information available over the coming days about our ESL Literacy and Learning Strategies programs** - registration for ESL Literacy and Learning Strategies is supported by school staff to ensure participants meet eligibility requirements.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Students may only attend one program at a time, ex. Reach Ahead in July and a Skill Builder July program cannot be taken together, however students can take Reach Ahead in July and a Skill Builder Program in August.*

