



May 2 – May 6

Gatestone Elementary School 2021-2022

Monday, May 2	Day 2	
Tuesday, May 3	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gatestone Spirit Day Spirit Wear Orders are Back – See Messaging Below
Wednesday, May 4	Day 4	Open House 5PM-6:30PM
Thursday, May 5	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:55AM Fire Drill • Pizza Lunch
Friday, May 6	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear Orders Due Today! <i>Items will be delivered by end of May to Gatestone. Thank you for your support.</i>

*****Ann Douglas Parent Presentation May 11 6:30PM (link sent via SchoolMessenger)***

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

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

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

*****EQAO May 30 – June 10***

*****Commencement June 21st (5PM start)***

Community Weekly Update

Open House May 4

We will be hosting an open house for our Gatestone families on Wednesday, May 4th from 5:00PM - 6:30PM.

We have reserved an ice-cream truck for students and families.

Pre-orders of pizza and water will also be available for interested families. Pizza can be ordered through cash online starting April 25 - May 1st. Pizza meals for families should be pre-ordered prior to the event.

Families will also 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.

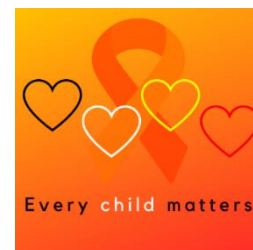
May 11 – Ann Douglas Presenting Virtually for Gatestone Families

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 11th at 6:30PM. **The link has been shared through School Messenger. 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 4th 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 6th 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 prepared by May 13th and then delivered to Gatestone by end of month.


<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 FRONT WHITE ON FOREST GREEN OR 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**

 
FOREST GREEN SPORT GREY

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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.

Help Heal Humanity – Gatestone Fundraiser

Help Heal Humanity

Get your tickets now! \$1 on cash online. Draw to be held on May 6th.

Prizes: 5 mugs with Starbucks gift card, booster juice gift card, 4 t-shirts, dinosaur, soccer ball, spring basket, 3 pairs of shoes.



Sharing Fun School Spirit This Week



Office Administrator Appreciation and Gem Jar Celebration for demonstrating Gatestone Core Values

Gatestone Core Values

RESPECT – REGARD AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE FEELINGS, BELIEFS, AND TRADITIONS OF OTHERS. BEING KIND TO OTHERS.

POSITIVITY – OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. POSITIVE INTENTIONS.

ENGAGEMENT – TRULY CARE ABOUT OUR LEARNING. FOCUSED IN THE LEARNING.

TEAMWORK – WORKING TOGETHER IN EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.

COMMUNITY – GATESTONE FAMILIES AND STAFF WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF GATESTONE SCHOOL. STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY VOICE VALUED.

SAFE & SUPPORTED – SEEK TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER. CHOOSE TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

Previous Updates

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.

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 21st. 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.