



Community Weekly Update June 20 – 24

Monday, June 20	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement Rehearsal & Set Up
Tuesday, June 21	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00PM Family Photographs available for our Grade 8 Graduates 5:00PM Commencement 6:45PM Students depart for Dinner Celebration
Wednesday, June 22	Day 2	Jump Rope for Heart
Thursday, June 23	Day 3	Field Day (a.k.a Play Day! 😊)
Friday, June 24	Day 4	Field Day for Intermediate (Gr. 6-7)

Upcoming Events/Activities

****Jump Rope for Heart June 22**

****Play Day & Jump Rope for Heart June 23 (all students), June 24 (Intermediate)**

****Reports go Home June 27**

****Next Year Classroom visit for Students June 28 (period 8)**

Community Updates

Staff Announcements

Vice Principal Announcement

Our Vice-Principal, Ms. M. Biederman, will be joining Pauline Johnson’s Administration team full time in the Vice-Principal role starting September 1, 2022. I wish Ms. Biederman all the best in her position at Pauline Johnson. Ms. Biederman has been an amazing advocate in supporting student voice and inclusive learning here at Gatestone. Thank you for the kindness and the care you demonstrated daily for our students, educators and families in the Gatestone community. It was an honour to work alongside Ms. Biederman and our team here will miss her energy and positive spirit!

I would also like to welcome Ms. K. Luker to our Administration team at Gatestone. Ms. Luker will be working in the role as half time Vice-Principal, September 1, 2022. She will also be supporting our neighbouring school, Mount Albion half time. Ms. Luker brings many valuable experiences to Gatestone. Her work in Special Education as a Learning Resource teacher, experience in the reading specialist role through HWDSB School Programs, and her time programming for several grades as a classroom teacher have well prepared Ms. Luker to support our Gatestone students, staff and families. We are excited to have her join our Gatestone team!

Welcome New Staff

Welcome to Ms. S. Bass, who will be supporting Gatestone in our junior and intermediate division. We are excited to have Ms. Bass join our Gatestone Team!

Educator assignments and information will be shared the last week of June.

Special Farewells

On behalf of our Gatestone educator team, we wish all the best to the following educators moving on to different positions within HWDSB. We thank you for your care and positive spirit. Gatestone was lucky to have your support here this year.

Mr. Haskell-Cowan (Grade 8 Remote),
Ms. Coburn (Kindergarten Remote),
Ms. Humaira (DECE Kindergarten Remote)
Ms. Stewart (LTO Grade 5/6)
Ms. Sorman (LTO Grade 1/2)
Ms. Blake-Foster (Educational Assistant LTO)
Ms. Edwards (Educational Assistant LTO)
Ms. Perry (Educational Assistant)

Class Placements

Classroom Placements

Class placements will be communicated to families on Wednesday, June 28. Families were provided with the opportunity to share their thoughts and input in regards to the type of learning environment they feel would best meet the specific needs of their child in May. At this time, **the office will no longer be accepting any other requests or be able to make changes to class placements. Students will start in their assigned classes September 6th.**

We understand students often hope for a specific teacher or peers in their class, however we believe it is important for our students to learn how to cooperate and function in an environment with a wide range of personalities and educational philosophies, which is a life-long skill that is imperative to meeting with success in any group or workplace. Our educators work hard to support all situations and to make sure all students feel welcomed and comfortable in their new classroom environment.

If there are continued concerns about your child's placement after the first month of September, please feel free to reach out to our Main office in early October should you need to further discuss a concern. Our office is unable to make changes during the summer months or the first few weeks of school. To be equitable for all our students, we ask families respect class placement decisions and give their child time to adjust to new classes in the Fall.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Wednesday June 22nd, Gatestone students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. **Jump Rope for Heart** is an event that brings children across Canada together to help build healthy life-long habits.

Jump helps students learn:

- how to protect their heart
- about brain health
- the importance of helping others

All while skipping rope, being active, and practicing healthy habits to raise funds for the Heart & Stroke foundation, we ask that every student bring in a **toonie** by June 22.

To make additional donations, please go to jumpropeforheart.ca and click **JOIN**

Event Details
Date: Wednesday June 22, 2022
To Sign Up
➔ Go to Jumpropeforheart.ca
➔ Click 
➔ Search for Gatestone Elementary

*Junior Track & Field - Oh What Energy!
Well Done Gatestone Team!*



Grade 8 Students sharing views during their Poetry Café



To all of our wonderful Gatestone Fathers, enjoy your Father's Day this weekend!

