



Week at a Glance 2021-2022

Community Weekly Update June 29

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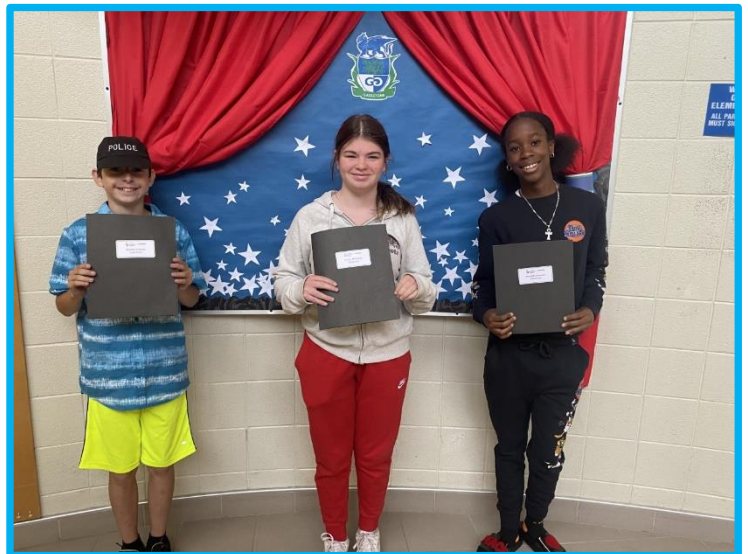
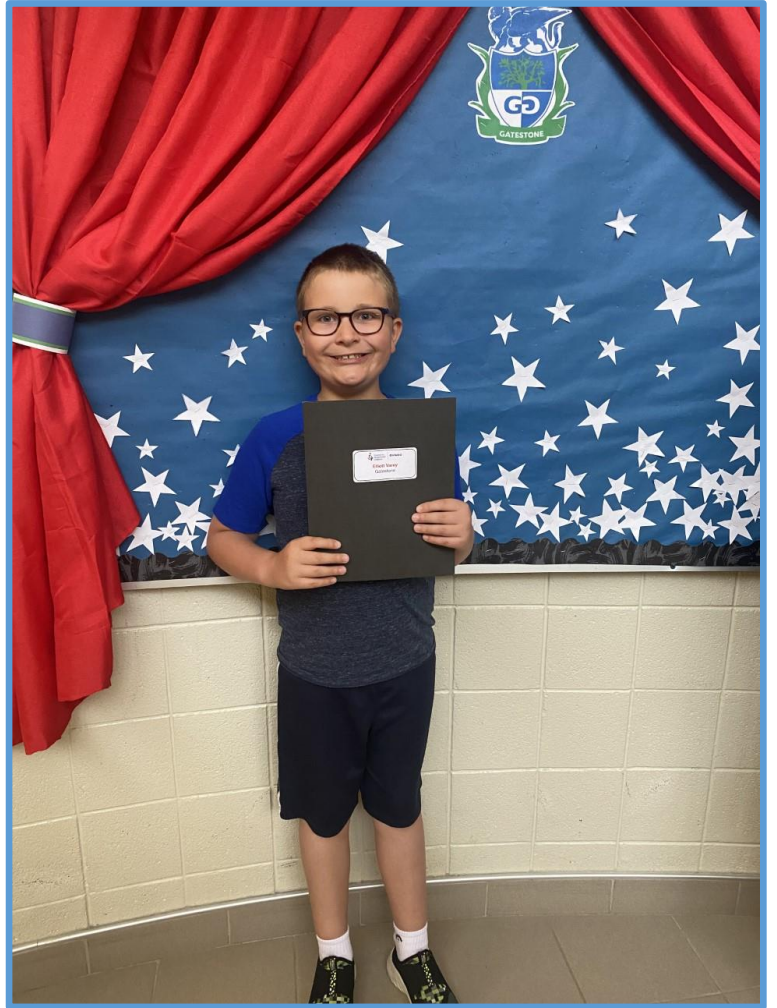
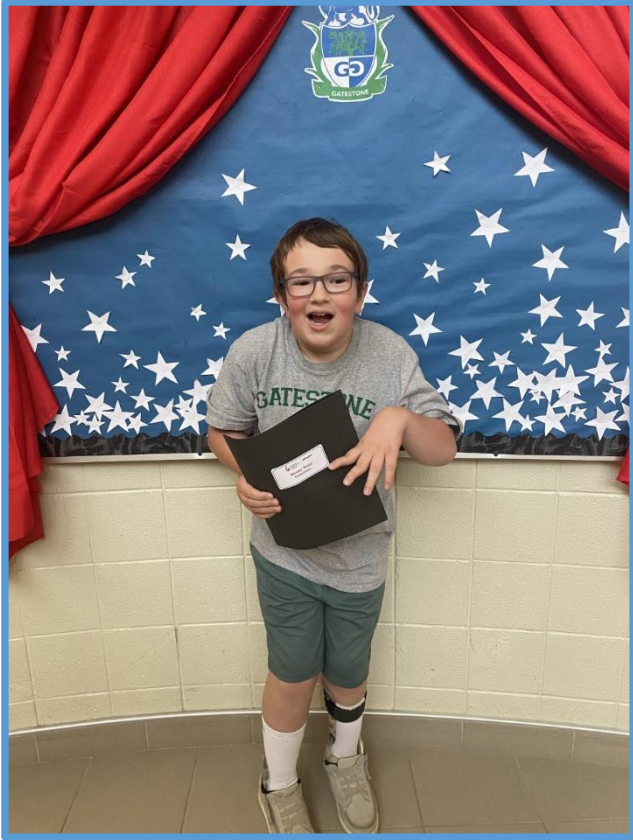
Principal Message

Dear Gatestone Families,

Thank you for all of your support, time, and understanding this year. As we didn't expect, yet again we were faced with many challenges this year due to the pandemic. In September we reviewed and followed public health measures, shifted back to online learning, and then followed new routines with the lifting of restrictions in March. I want to thank our families for your positive energy and willingness to work with the challenging situations we faced. Your flexibility has been incredible. The educators at Gatestone appreciate all you have done this year to make learning for students work through the many changes. I wish all of our Gatestone families a wonderful and safe summer. I am looking forward to our return in September!

*Respectfully,
K. Reilly-Scott*

Congratulations



Happy Summer!



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



Congratulations to Mrs. Gould (Grade 6/7) who will be retiring this year. We are truly going to miss you at Gatestone. Mrs. Gould has supported many grades and students at Gatesone. We will miss your warm spirit hear! Enjoy a well-deserved retirement from your Gatestone family!

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 were communicated 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.

Gatestone Bell Times 2022-2023

Entry 9:00 – 9:15	School Grounds Open
AM	
9:15 – 9:55	Period 1
9:55 – 10:35	Period 2
10:35 – 11:15	Period 3
11:15 – 11:35	Grade 6-8, Outside Nutrition Break Grade 1-5, Inside Nutrition Break
11:35 – 11:55	Grade 1-5, Outside Nutrition Break Grade 6-8, Inside Nutrition Break
11:55 – 12:25	Period 4
PM	
12:25 – 12:55	Period 5
12:55 – 1:35	Period 6
1:35 – 1:55	Grade 6-8 Outside Nutrition Break Grade 1-5 Inside Nutrition Break
1:55 – 2:15	Grade 1-5 Outside Nutrition Break Grade 6-8 Inside Nutrition Break
2:15 – 2:55	Period 7
2:55 – 3:35	Period 8
3:35 – 3:55	Dismissal
3:55	School Grounds Close

Kindergarten 2022-2023

Year 1 Kindergarten students that are currently registered with us will receive an appointment time to visit Kindergarten at Gatesone on September 6th. During this time the student and parent/caregiver will have a chance to meet their child's teacher and learn more about the classroom routines. Communication of the appointment time will be sent out to families over the summer through email.

Year 2 Kindergarten students will begin their first day of school on September 7th.

Have a wonderful and safe summer Gatestone!

