



Community Weekly Update September 26-30

Monday, September 26	Day 5	Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter in Place Drill
Tuesday, September 27	Day 1	
Wednesday, September 28	Day 2	Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Drill (Practicing Alternate Exits) 6PM School Council Meeting (Join on Teams or at Gatestone in Learning Commons Area)
Thursday, September 29	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Fox Run for Gatestone School Wear Red & White or Your T-shirt
Friday, September 30	Day 4	Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every Child Matters – Canada’s National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Wear your Orange Shirt to recognize) Grade 7 Vaccinations in Learning Commons Area Grades 6-8 NYA:WEH

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Cross Country: Tuesday, October 11
- Open House: Wednesday, October 12 5:00PM-6:30PM



Wonderful work to our Senior Baseball Teams this week! Gatestone Baseball pulled out many wins and never gave up! Great stamina teams! Well done!

Community Updates

Open House

Our Open House will take place on October 12th 5:00PM-6:30PM. Our Scholastic Book Fair will be selling items in our Learning Commons area. The school will be selling pizza and treats for students and families in the gym. All classrooms will be open for family visits. Looking forward to a wonderful evening.

Re-Imagining Wellness

Across HWDSB, we are also reintroducing a welcoming, inclusive initiative to help students as they return to school. Reimagining Wellness 2.0 is a series of activities and lessons which address needs arising during the pandemic.

Educators select various engaging and inclusive lessons to support student well-being. Educators work through a series of activities based on the following three areas;

1. Community and Team Building
2. Physical Activation
3. Social/Emotional Skill Development

Teachers will teach for a total of 90 minutes a day, three lessons (30 min each), to support student wellness and a safe and inclusive classroom. **This week our theme is based on self care.**

Secure Safe School Procedures

Gatestone will be holding 6 fire drills this year, 1 evacuation drill, 1 Shelter in Place drill, 1 Hold and Secure drill, and 2 lockdown drills. Some of these drills will be announced prior to the drill occurring and shared with community, while others may be more spontaneous so we can help better prepare our students and staff in the event of an emergency. We have now practiced two fire drills and a Hold and Secure, which was managed very well by staff and students. Well done Gatestone! Staff and students will continue to practice this week.

You can also learn more about HWDSB's secure schools' protocol at <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>

Parent Volunteers

Parents/Guardians wishing to volunteer on school trips or athletic events or for other activities occurring in school must have a recent Vulnerable Sector Screening completed. Please connect with our main office if you are interested in volunteering this school year. We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming junior/intermediate cross country meet, October 11th.

Terry Fox Run 2022

Our annual Terry Fox Run is back! This year our event will take place on Thursday, September 29th. Don't forget to wear your t-shirt or red and white on our school run date, September 29.

Fundraising link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/GatestonePSStoneCreek>



MABLES LABELS

GATESTONE WILL BE FUNDRAISING FOR STUDENT INITIATIVES THIS YEAR WITH MABLES LABELS. FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF MABLES LABELS ITEMS, GATESTONE WILL RECEIVE A 20% KICK BACK. THE FUNDING WILL SUPPORT STUDENT FUNDS AT GATESTONE FOR EXCURSION TRANSPORTATION, STUDENT SUPPLIES AND TECHNOLOGY. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER.

School Council

Our 1st School Council first meeting and elections is scheduled for September 28th at 6PM. Families can meet with the Principal at 6PM in the Learning Commons area or join us through MS Teams online (please contact office for link if you are not on our council email yet). School Council forms are attached in this update for parents/guardians interested in joining our council this year. All families are welcome! Families do not need to be on council to attend our meetings. We encourage parent/guardian voice. Meetings will occur in-person and virtually throughout the year to accommodate families' schedules. Please see our website, School Council Page, for further details about Council.



GATESTONE CORE VALUES

Check out our Gatestone Core Values “new” messaging for students and community. Embedding **RESPECT** for Human Rights within our Values is highlighted. We can remember our values by thinking of the word RESPECT, as equity is always considered through these values.



GATESTONE CORE VALUES

RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE EMBEDDED WITHIN OUR VALUES

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

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

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

POSITIVITY - OPTOMISTIC OUTLOOK. POSITIVE INTENTIONS.

Equity

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

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