



Community Weekly Update October 17-21

Monday, October 17	Day 4	Fall Flavoured Cookies for Sale all this Week! Students can purchase a cookie during first nutrition break at our Main Office - \$2.00 per cookie
Tuesday, October 18	Day 5	Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gatestone Spirit Day – Wear Green & Blue or Gatestone Clothing • Fall Flavoured Cookies for Sale \$2.00 (first break) • Emergency Evacuation Drill (Rescheduled from Oct. 14)
Wednesday, October 19	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Flavoured Cookies for Sale \$2.00 (first break)
Thursday, October 20	Day 2	Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Flavoured Cookies for Sale \$2.00 (first break) • Pizza Day • 6PM School Council Meeting in Library (Families may also join online. MS Teams link will be shared through School Messenger for interested families.
Friday, October 21	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Flavoured Cookies for Sale \$2.00 (first break) • First Break Robotics Club (Intermediate) • First Break & After School Grades 6-8 NYAWEH

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Pizza Orders Open for November through Cash Online – closes October 27th
- Photo Day – November 10

Community Updates

CONGRATUALIONS TO OUR CROSS-COUNTRY ATHLETES

You all worked hard and showed great dedication to complete your run! Way to Go!



Halloween Celebrations

Students may celebrate Halloween on Monday, Oct. 31 at school. Students are welcome to wear costumes. Students can wear costumes to school as per prior years practice (e.g., no cultural appropriation, no offensive and insensitive costumes, no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.).

Costumes that are based on people's culture are offensive, harmful and insensitive. The following are suggested questions, to reflect on when choosing a costume to avoid being disrespectful or offensive.

- Is my costume making fun of a group of people, their culture, religion and/or belief systems?
- Does my costume reinforce jokes and stereotypes about certain groups, cultures, religions and/or belief systems?
- Am I altering my skin color, facial/body features to make it like a particular race, ethnicity, or cultural group?
- Am I dressing up as a culture or borrowing from a religion that is not my own or is not part of my background?

Students have a choice to not to participate in Halloween activities. School programming that does not interfere in student learning will continue for students that choose not to participate.

Kindergarten to Grade 6 students may participate in our morning Halloween Parade. Families are welcome to join us in our gymnasium at 9:30AM. The parade will begin around 9:45AM.

We ask families **do not send in food items on this day due to many allergy conditions in our building.** There are alternative items (e.g., pencils, fun erasers, stickers) should you feel the need to share a Halloween treat with your child's class.

Spirit Days

Gatestone Spirit Days are back every Tuesday. Students may wear Gatestone colours, blue & green or any spirit wear clothing. Breakaway Distributing has opened up our Gatestone Spirit Wear Products once again. Families can purchase spirit wear clothing by clicking on the link below. Clothing is delivered to the school. We will close the sales at the end of October. Clothing will be available by

the end of November. Our school receives donations based on Gatestone Spirit Wear purchases. This funding supports student initiatives in our school (e.g., technology, extracurricular, DPA equipment).

<https://www.breakawaydistributing.com/ggb/team-gear>

Mable's Labels

Gatestone will be fundraising for student initiatives this year with Mable's Labels. For every purchase of Mable's Labels items, Gatestone will receive a 20% Kick Back. The funding will support student funds at Gatestone for the excursion transportation, student supplies and technology.

School Council

Our 1st School Council first meeting occurred on September 28th. Thank you to our council members for supporting Gatestone initiatives this year.



School Council Team:

Jennifer Sarkis (Chair), Krystal Legge (Secretary), Pamela Morcillo (Fundraising Support), Billy Dhillon (Social Media Manager), Robyn Patchev (member at large), Barb Braun (member at large), Dragona Franjesevic (member at large), Emma Brooks (member at large), Renee Ringer (member at large), Heather McKenzie (member at large), Sanja Kekic (member at large)

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. All parents/guardians are welcomed and encouraged to attend upcoming meetings. You do not have to be on council to be a part of our parent/guardian school action support.

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates: October 20, 6PM, November 24 6PM

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 - OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. POSITIVE INTENTIONS.

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.

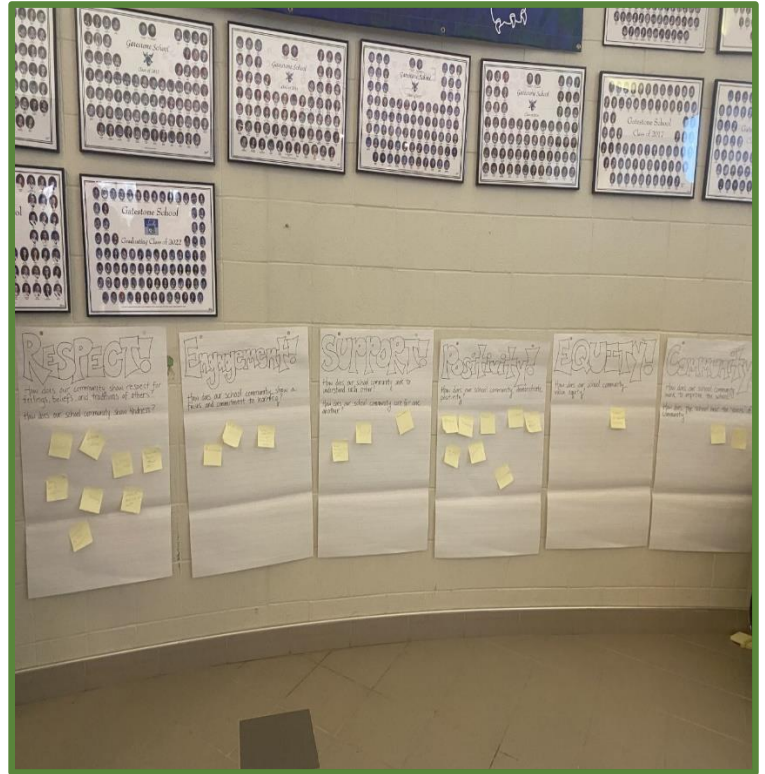
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OPEN HOUSE

THANK YOU GATESTONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT



*How do we demonstrate Gatestone's Core Values?
What do they mean to me?*



Thank you for your fundraising support