



Community Weekly Update Oct. 31 – Nov. 4

Monday, October 31	Day 3	<p>Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal at Gatestone)</p> <p>FALL SPIRIT DAY TODAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45AM Halloween Parade Grades K-6 for students choosing to participate. PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE GYMNASIUM! (Students choosing to dress up – please review costume protocols) All Classes - Fall Celebrations may occur throughout the day. Each class will determine celebrations based on student interest. Please review specific details/instructions shared by your child's homeroom teacher.
Tuesday, November 1	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-9:45 Kindergarten Magic Show in Gym Gatestone Spirit Day – Wear Green & Blue or Gatestone Clothing (<i>Spirit Wear orders close on Friday, November 4th</i>)
Wednesday, November 2	Day 5	<p>Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4-5 Class Presentation - Agscape "the voice of Agriculture in the Classroom" Eating Well 2:15PM Lockdown Drill
Thursday, November 3	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Day
Friday, November 4	Day 2	<p>Ms. Luker (Vice-Principal) at Gatestone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Break Robotics Club (Intermediate) First Break & After School Grades 6-8 NYAWEH

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Photo Day – November 10
- Remembrance Day Assembly – November 11, 10AM (Details to follow soon)

Community Updates

Lockdown Drill

Gatestone will be holding one of the two Lockdown drills this school year on November 2nd, 2022. The term “Lockdown” is used when there is an incident or threat of serious violence or injury within the school. During a Lockdown students will hear an announcement as follows: “This is a Lockdown”. During this time, students remain in their class away from doors and windows and remain quiet until further notice.

An announcement will be made to students the day of the Lockdown drill and the office will review important safety procedures for students and staff prior to beginning the drill.

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

Previous Updates

Winter Bazaar

Our Gatestone Winter Bazaar is back. Our School Council is working on plans to run our Gatestone Bazaar once again. Gatestone families that want to participate in selling products for their small business or donating materials/supplies for our annual Bazaar, please connect with Renee Ringer. r.ringer84@gmail.com

Date & Time: Thursday, December 1st 11AM-7PM

Location: Gatestone Gymnasium

Table Rental or Table Space to Sell: \$25.00



Fall Celebrations

Fall Spirit Day will occur on October 31st. Interested students may celebrate Halloween on Monday, Oct. 31 at school or dress up in fall colours. 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).

Spirit Wear Orders Close November 4th.

<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 2nd School Council last meeting occurred on October 20th. 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 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.

Our council is currently working plans to bring back our annual Bazaar for our students and community. Interested families in participating in the Bazaar should email Renee Ringer. r.ringer84@gmail.com. All fundraising will support student initiatives for our Science & Technology.

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates: November 24th 6PM

Families can follow council on Twitter for the latest Council and School updates: @GatestoneCouncil

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.

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.



VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADES 6-8 STUDENTS IS BACK ON IN OUR GYM DURING NUTRITION BREAKS. GOOD LUCK CHALLENGING GATESTONE STAFF!

