



Gatestone Newsletter

June 2013

Key Events in June

- **Professional Activity Day**
Monday, June 3rd
- **Report Cards Go Home**
Wednesday, June 26th
- **Graduation**
Wednesday, June 26th
- **Last Day of School**
Thursday, June 27th

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Looking ahead to June

June will be a busy month at Gatestone. A quick look at the calendar on page six shows there are few days in the month without a field trip, athletic event or special activity.

\$1000 Raised for Cancer Research

Thanks to the effort led by Mrs. Guyatt and Mrs. McCann, we raised \$1000 towards cancer research with our Cup Cake Sale.

Thanks to Mrs. Seto-Vanderlip

Mrs. Seto-Vanderlip will be leaving Gatestone at the end of June to become Vice-Principal at R.A. Riddell Elementary School.

Her energy, work ethic and commitment to students will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Kelly Sweeting, currently a Student Success Teacher, will be our new Vice-Principal beginning in September.

Principal's Blog

The Gatestone Principal's Blog can be found at Gatestone.commonshwdsb.on.ca/category/principals-blog.

It is intended to engage our school community in an on-going conversation using social media. The blog format allows for community members to comment or ask questions about what is posted on

the Principal's Blog or about anything else related to the school. The ultimate goal is to have parents feel more connected and engaged with the school by being more open and responsive to community needs.

In May, blog posts about Student Voice and Digital Citizenship were posted. Please explore the blog and consider subscribing. Subscribers will receive an email alerting them to new blog postings.

The next blog will focus on building a timetable for the school.

Thanks again for your support this year!

REPORT CARDS AND CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2013-2014

As mentioned in the May Newsletter, students in Grades One to Eight will be receiving their Report Cards on Wednesday, June 26th with the JKs and SKs on their respective A or B days June 25th or 26th. Class placements and teachers for September will be noted

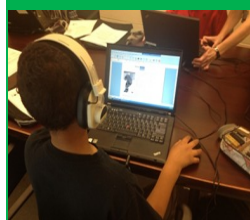
on the Report Card envelope.

Once class placements are made, the only opportunity for change will be September reorganization. The Staffing Process continues through June up until the last week of the month;

therefore, at this time it is not possible to share our school organization with teachers' names attached to grades or positions. However, a full up-to-date staff list will be produced and communicated as soon as the whole staff is confirmed.



Students in Mrs. Taylor's Class use a Smartboard to view a video; iPads to read a text and laptops to write.



A student uses assistive technology to assist in reading a text.



A student uses an iPad to read.

21ST CENTURY LEARNING AT GATESTONE

Last year, our fundraising focus was to raise funds to purchase the Information Technology (IT) needed to develop the skills of 21st Century Fluencies.

Overall, Gatestone has spent in excess of \$50,000 this year to augment our IT inventory, using funds from the \$32,000 grant from the Heritage Green Community Trust combined with funds from School Council and school budget.

New Technology

This year we added:

- 40 iPads with the "apps" needed to develop the 21st Century Fluencies;
- 1 Mac Mini with a screen to manage the iPads;
- 7 Lenovo Desktop Computers for use in the Library and in the Grade Eight Pod;
- 20 Lenovo Laptop Computers (12 of which are for use by students with special educational needs);
- 10 data projectors with Apple Televisions to wirelessly project student learning and learning media onto screens;
- 1 mounted Smartboard with attached data projector and Apple TV;
- 2 Copernicus Smartboard Suites into Kindergarten

Student Learning

The impact on student learning has been incredible. Here is a snapshot of how of students have used IT as learning tools this year:

- Students use IT daily as dictionaries, encyclopedia, word processors, cameras, video recorders and assistive technology;
- Grade Eights have used iPads and Laptops as tools to provide their "student voice" regarding moving to Saltfleet next year;
- Students are submitting their work and then receiving feedback from a teacher or peers digitally via Google Docs;
- Students using an iPad app called Educreations to record and scribe their thinking in mathematics and to make their learning visible;

- Students are making short videos (public service announcements, dramatic performances, etc.) using iMovie.

Next Year and Beyond

As we look ahead, we will be learning alongside our students as we strive to ensure that our students are using IT as a tool to engage their creativity, develop their higher-order thinking skills and make their learning visible.

Acknowledgments

It is important to acknowledge the leadership and vision of our Budget Committee, Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Lane, Mrs. McAnanama, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Morrallee. They played a key role in developing and fulfilling our vision.

Your role as our school community is also important to acknowledge. Without your financial support, we would not have been able to access funds from the Heritage Green Community Trust and transform how learning happens at Gatestone.

OUT OF CATCHMENT AND BOUNDARY REVIEW

This is a quick reminder to those families that have moved out of our catchment area that they need to register at their home school for September 2013. Gatestone is closed to out-of-catchment applications at this time.

We await the outcome of the Board of Trustees decision on the Boundary Review. As information becomes available, I will keep the community informed.

SECURITY MEASURES

Following the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the Ontario Government committed to making schools more secure through locked front doors with camera and intercom systems.

Work on this initiative begins this summer and, with the input of School Council, we have decided to explore additional

security measures for our backdoor and portables as well as our front door.

The cost of the additional measures will be carried at the school level rather than at the Board level, but School Council believes that the safety and security of students is a priority. The Admin Team agrees and we have earmarked funds to

complete this work in the new school year.

If there are questions and concerns regarding the safety and security of the school, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Torrens.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE BOB KEMP HOSPICE

Mrs. Kersley, one of our Educational Assistants, is walking in the Bob Kemp Hospice hike on June 15th as a representative of Gatestone School.

The Bob Kemp Hospice supports members of our community in the final stages of their life. It depends on donations for

much of its funding.

We are hoping that our students will make a donation to this worthy cause by sponsoring Mrs. Kersley. A letter will be going home on June 10th informing parents and requesting donations.

We will collect funds

between June 10 and June 14.

Grade Eight Students from Mrs. McAnanama's Class will be supporting the fundraiser by collecting donations and publicizing the event.

Please help us support this worthy cause!

WARM WEATHER PRECAUTIONS AND DRESS CODE

We hope June brings lots of sunny days, but with the sun comes high UV days.

To keep your child safe, please apply sunscreen (SPF 50 is recommended) before school and ensure that they have a hat to protect their faces from the sun.

It is also recommended that every student brings a refillable water bottle to school.

We will watch students closely if the weather becomes very hot and if the Humidex hits 44, we will have the students stay inside rather than

going out for Nutrition Break.

Sunny days also bring summer clothes.

Please be mindful that we need to follow the Dress Code: no short shorts, tube tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.

REMINDER: SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2013-2014

In April, our school organization was provided, based on enrollment projections. We are one class smaller than we were last year and will start the year with:

2 JK Classes

2 JK/SK Classes

2 SK Classes

3 Grade One Classes

1 Grade One/Two Class

2 Grade Two Classes

3 Grade Three Classes

1 Grade Three/Four Class

2 Grade Four Classes

2 Grade Five Classes

1 Grade Five/Six Class

2 Grade Six Classes

2 Grade Seven Classes

1 Grade Seven/Eight Class

2 Grade Eight Classes

1 Intermediate Comprehensive Intellectual Class



REMINDER: GRADE EIGHT: GRADUATION 2013

Preparations have begun for Graduation 2013. Here are some key details:

Ceremony/Reception

Wednesday June 26th—5:00p.m.
at Saltfleet Secondary

Prom

Wednesday June 26th from

7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Marquis Gardens, Rymal Road.

A letter with tickets was sent home on Friday, May 24th. If you do not need all four tickets, please return the extras to enable others to use the tickets.

Grade Seven Parents

We are looking to start a new tradition for the parents of Grade Seven students volunteering to set up the Graduation Ceremony and Reception. Interested parents are asked to contact Bill Torrens via phone or email.

PROMOTE SUMMER LEARNING WITH LEARNING ADVANTAGE WORKBOOKS

There is still time to get your "Learning Advantage" book.

This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months.

There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units.

The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June.

The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (\$20.00 total). This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices.

You can visit www.learningadvantage.ca to download a free unit of the book you

would like to order for further review.

If you did not receive the order form we sent home in late May, or if you have misplaced it and require another one, the forms are available at the office. **ORDERS DUE JUNE 6th.**

*All books ordered will be delivered to the school **before** the last week of school.*

Grade 1 • Important Bag (Dollarama) • Pencil Crayons (sharpened) • Glue Sticks (2) • Child Safety Scissors • Cloth Pencil Case for crayons and pencils (not box) • HB Pencils- 2 or 3 for each month • Erasers • Pencil Sharpener (with receptacle) • Box of Kleenex • Proper Gym Attire (including separate gym shoes to be kept at school) Please do not purchase Binders, Markers, or Gel Pens	Grade 2 • Zippered Home Reading Bag • 1 Thin Binder • Page Dividers for Binder • 1 Vinyl Duo Tang • Colored Duo Tang: red, navy blue, green, black (1 each colour of each from Staples preferred) • Large Glue Sticks (3) • Erasers (4) • HB Pencils (12 pack) • Highlighters (3 different colors) • Pencil Sharpener (with receptacle) • 12 Crayola Twistable Pencil Crayons • Washable Markers (1 pack) • Pencil Case for crayons and pencils • Child Safety Scissors • Box of Kleenex • Gym running shoes (to be kept at school) Please do not purchase	Grade 3 • 6 Duo tangs (red, yellow, light blue, green, orange, black) • Scissors • Pencil Crayons (sharpened) • Glue Sticks (3) • Thin Washable Markers (1 pack) • Gel Pens/Pens • Flexible Pencil Case (not Box) • HB Pencils- 1 pack • 1 pkg Lined, 3-Holed Paper • Erasers • Box of Kleenex • Pencil Sharpener (with receptacle) • High-lighter (3 different colors) • Zippered Home Reading Bag • Proper Gym Attire (including separate gym shoes to be kept at school) Please do not purchase binders	Grade 4 • Pencil Case • Pencils & Erasers • Pencil Sharpener • Ruler (with cm, mm) • Scissors • Pencil Crayons • Markers • Highlighter (3 different colors) • Glue Stick • Calculator • 1 pkg Lined, 3-Holed Paper • Box of Kleenex • One - 1" Binder • Lock (for locker) • 6 duo tangs (different colors) • Recorder for Music (available at dollar stores, Scholar's Choice) • Gym Clothing (see note)
Grade 5 • Pencil Case • Pencils & Erasers • Pencil Sharpener (with receptacle) • Ruler • Scissors • Pencil Crayons and Markers • High-lighter (3 different colors) • Glue Stick • Protractor • Calculator • 1 pkg Lined, 3-Holed Paper • Box of Kleenex • Two - 1" Binders • Dividers (for Binders) • Lock (for locker if not in a portable) • Gym Clothing (see note)	Grade 6 • Pencil Case • Pencils & Erasers • Pencil Sharpener (with receptacle) • Ruler • Scissors • Pencil Crayons and Markers • High-lighter (3 different colors) • Glue Stick • Geometry Set (protractor and compass included) • Calculator (Basic) • 1 pkg Lined, 3-Holed paper • Box of Kleenex • Three - 1" Binders • Dividers (for Binders) • Lock (for locker) • Gym Clothing (see note)	Grade 7 and 8 • Three 1 1/2" -2" Binders • Lined 3-Holed Paper • Dividers • Pencil Case • Pens (blue, black, red) • Pencils & Erasers • Glue Stick • Pencil Crayons and Thin Markers • Ruler (small), Compass & Protractor • High-lighter (3 different colors) • Calculator • Lock (for locker) • Memory Stick (optional) • Box of Kleenex • Gym Clothing (see note)	French (Grade 6-8) • 1 Duo tang • Lined, 3-Holed Paper • Erasers, Pencils, Pens • Pencil Crayons • High-lighters • French/English Dictionary Music (Grade 4-8) • One 1 1/2" Soft Cover Binder Phys-ed Students (grades 4-8) must change for gym class. White or grey t-shirt, blue or black shorts, and running shoes. No sandals, crocs, clogs, flip flops, heels, heeies or boots.

JUNE CALENDAR

**GATESTONE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**BILL TORRENS
PRINCIPAL
JENNY SETO-
VANDERLIP
VICE-PRINCIPAL**

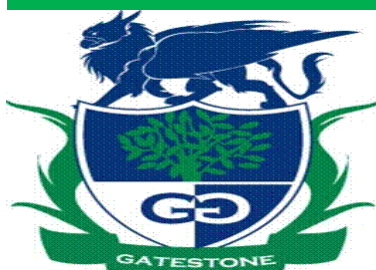
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Professional Activity Day	4 Grade 4/5 Trip to Sherman Park Grade 3 EQAO	5 Grade Six to Camp Wanakita Grade 3 EQAO	6 Camp Wanakita Pizza Day	7 Camp Wanakita Grade Four Medieval Feast Class 68 Swimming	8
9	10 JK Orientation 5:30 Middle School Track and Field	11 Class 68 City-Centre Field Trip	12	13 Volunteer Tea 10:40 Pizza Day Kindergarten Father's Day Event	14 Class 68 Swimming Kindergarten Father's Day Event	15
16	17	18 Junior Track and Field Meet	19 Kindergarten Trip to Twin Valley Animal Park	20 Kindergarten Trip to Twin Valley Animal Park Grade Seven trip to Brant Park Pizza Day	21 Grade Eight Trip to Wonderland Class 68 Swimming Grade Ones to RBG	22
23	24 Kindergarten Celebration Talent Show 11:30 to 12:45	25 Kindergarten Celebration Grade Three Trip to Crawford Lake	26 Report Cards Sent Home Graduation	27 Last Day of School	28 Professional Activity Day	29
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