



Gatestone Newsletter June 2013

Key Events in September

- **First Day of School,
Monday, September
3rd**
- **Meet the Teacher
Night, Thursday,
September 12th**
- **School Council
Monday, September
30th, 6:30**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MY APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support throughout this year and for entrusting us with the care and education of your children.

It's been a busy and exciting year with many highs and some lows. As principal, I am immensely proud of the successful year of learning we have had as a school, especially in regards to 21st Century Fluencies. In the course of this year, for instance, our students have started to:

- use iPads to make high quality short movies;
- submit assignments via Google Docs;
- compose their own stories on Watpad and post those stories on-line for peers to read;
- blog using the HWDSB Commons; and
- show their thinking using Educreations.

The dedication and professionalism of our Staff has made this achievement possible. They undertook their own learning regarding using Information Technology (IT) to enhance student learning. As a Staff we're excited by expanding our knowledge and understanding of 21st Century Fluencies.

CHANGES FOR 13-14

Every year brings many changes in schools. A change in teaching staff is always the most notable. We bid farewell to

- Mrs. Seto-Vanderlip who is moving to R.A. Riddell as Vice Principal;
- Mrs. Preston who is retiring;
- Mrs. Baturin who is moving to an Instructional Coach position;
- Mrs. Paterson will be returning to Queen's Rangers;
- Mrs. Dawson who will be a Full-Day Kindergarten Teacher at Parkdale School;
- Mr. Urbanek who moves to a Learning Resource Teacher role at Dr. Davey.

We also need to thank the following occasional teachers for their wonderful work: Mrs. Henderson, Ms. Higgins, Mrs. Kargas, Ms. Molon and Mrs. Pearylal-Maharaj.

All of these staff have contributed to Gatestone and they will be missed by staff and students for their contributions in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to them all as they pursue their

professional ambitions elsewhere in the HWDSB.

A new year brings a number of new faces to Gatestone. We welcome a number of new teachers to the school:

- Mrs. Sweeting as Vice Principal;
- Ms. Lo in Comprehensive Intellectual and Library;
- Mrs. Radonicich in Grade Five.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

One of our goals for next year is to get our parents more involved in our School Council and school life. Please consider volunteering your valuable time in 2013-2014. Join us at 6:30 on Monday, Sept. 30th, in the Library, for a visioning activity to set our directions for the new year.

FINAL WORDS

On behalf of our Staff I would like to wish all of you a fun and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Have a great Summer!

Bill Torrens, Principal

GATESTONE STAFF SEPTEMBER 2013

Staff	Assignment
Guyatt, S.	Office Administrator
Aguirre, V.	Office Assistant
Dunstall, L.	Learning Resource Teacher
Konior, M.	Learning Resource Teacher
Benedict, K. (LTO)	JK/SKA/B
Barber, M.	SKB (.5)
Pliura, M.	SKA (.5)
Nighswander, J.	JKA/JKB
Morrallee, K.	Grade 1
Cino, R.	Grade 1
Budic-Hamilton, S.	Grade 1
Maerz, K.	Grade 1/2
Pearce-Peters, R. (LTO)	Grade 2
Small, D.	Grade 2
Woolvett C.	Grade 3
Flis, A.	Grade 3
Dodgson, H.	Grade 3
Macnab, D.	Grade 3/4
Gould, B.	Grade 4
Bartlett, M.	Grade 4
Radonicich, A.	Grade 5
McCormack, S. (LTO)	Grade 5
Lane, A.	Grade 5/6
Whittle, J.	Grade 6
Taylor, J.	Grade 6
Doody, K.	Junior French
Kuczerepa, M. (LTO)	Grade 7
Lamarre, J.	Grade 7/French
McAnanama, L.	Grade 7/8
Graham, S.	Grade 8
Whitley, L.	Grade 8/Science
Verbeek, A.	French (.8)
Murray, D.	Phys. Ed./Int. Comp.
Lane, D.	Phys. Ed.
Lo, D	Int. Comp./Library
Johnson, P.	Library/Art (.8)
Roberts, M.	Instrumental Music (.4)
Moore, M.	LLI/Prep (.6)
Barnett, P.	Educational Assistant
Kersley, K.	Educational Assistant
Lebel, K.	Educational Assistant
McCann, I.	Educational Assistant
Prendergast, K.	Educational Assistant
Sloan, K.	Educational Assistant
Wellwood, T.	Educational Assistant
Koster, R.	Head Caretaker
Minshal, G.	Afternoon Caretaker
Simpson, S.	Assistant Caretaker
Brdar, Z.	Assistant Caretaker

SUMMER LEARNING

Summer is a wonderful, risk-free, time for students to practice and build on the skills they developed during the previous year.

Here are a few possible summer learning activities for students:

- Read something they have picked (book, comics, magazines, etc.) for 10 to 30 minutes daily;
- Be read to by a parent or older child (this will help the older child);
- Visit the Library weekly to pick new reading materials;
- Create art projects using household recyclables (paper, toilet rolls, cardboard, etc.);
- Write grocery lists, notes, etc.;
- Maintain a journal or diary;
- Use math skills to help with cooking or baking;

- Use measuring skills to draw or map (i.e. a floor plan of the home or street map of the neighbourhood);
- Begin a collection that needs to be counted, sorted and classified (bugs, coins, beads, etc.);
- Practice counting and grouping by rolling coins.

Here are a few web-sites dedicated to summer learning:

K to Grade Three: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/media/newsletters/hcl/childhood/2011/05012011.pdf>

Grades Four to Eight: <http://tweenparenting.about.com/od/educationissues/qt/summer-learning.htm>

EMAX SUMMER READING CONTEST

Read an ebook this summer and you could win a \$25.00 gift certificate to Chapters or an iTunes Card!

To participate click on this link: **EMAX**

or type in

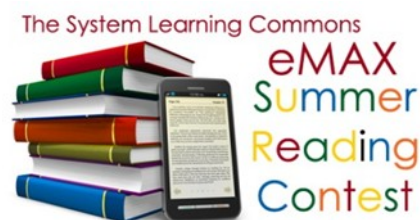
<http://hwdsb.lib.overdrive.com>

For details and rules click [here](#)

For a list of devices you can use [List of Supported Devices](#)

If you need assistance with using the eMax system click on [eMAX Help](#)

For login Information: use the school library card number that was sent home earlier in the year.



Suggested Supplies for 2013-2014

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.