



Gatestone Newsletter

September 2014

KEY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- First Day of School, Tuesday, September 2nd
- Meet the Teacher Night, Thursday, September 11th, 5:30 to 7:00
- Professional Activity Day, Friday September 19th
- Terry Fox Run September 24th
- School Council, Monday, September 29th, 6:30 Library

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK

On behalf of our whole staff, welcome back from the Summer holidays!

We are excited to begin another fantastic school year at Gatestone!

CHANGES AT GATESTONE

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

- Miss Hau in Grade 7 core and music
- Mrs. Penner in Grade 6/7
- Mrs. Schmidt in Kindergarten
- Mlle. Hamilton in Intermediate French

This will be our first year running the Full-Day Kindergarten program at Gatestone, so we also have a number of D.E.C.E teachers that will be working as part of the Kindergarten team.

- Mrs. Tortola
- Miss Nichol
- Mr. Boutcher
- TBD

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our annual Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 11th** from **5:30 to 7:00**. Classrooms will be open for visits and we will kick off in the Front Foyer at 5:30.

An order form for dinner from Harvey's is attached to the newsletter and needs to be returned to school by Monday Sept 8th, 2014.

A NEW VISION FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please consider joining School Council this year. Our first meeting will be Monday September 29th at 6:30 in the Library.

A School Council Drop-in and Information Session will be held prior to the meeting from 5:30 to 6:30. The goal of this session is to recruit more parents willing to be a part of School Council.

There are numerous ways in which parents can help support the school both in and outside of the building. Please consider being apart of this wonderful community group.

NEW FDK ROOM ADDITION

This summer construction took place on our new Kindergarten addition. This room will also be used by Umbrella daycare for before and after school care for our Kindergarten students. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work on this project. Be sure to stop in on Open House to check out the new room.

FINAL WORDS

Gatestone has a long tradition of excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts. Our goal as a school is to build on that excellence in and out of the classroom through new facilities, resources, activities and programs.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the weeks ahead; it is with your support and partnership that we make Gatestone a great school.

All the best,
Bill Torrens, OCT

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS IN THE YEAR AHEAD

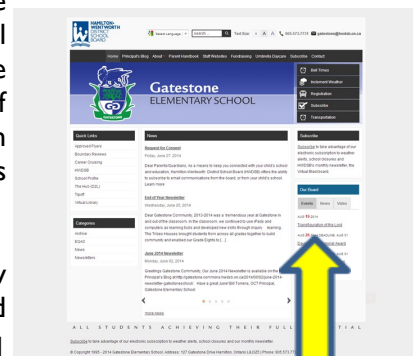
Recently, the Canadian Government passed Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL). This legislation prohibits the sending of any commercial electronic messages via email unless the sender has: 1) obtained consent of the recipient; 2) provides prescribed identification information; and 3) provides an unsubscribe mechanism.

To be in compliance, our website: www.hwdsb.on.ca/Gatestone will be used to communicate information rather than an email list. Emails alerting subscribers to new postings will be sent after 11:00 pm on days when the website has been updated.

As with last year, we will ask parents their prefer-

ence regarding paper vs. electronic communication to reduce the use of paper. Please complete the form that will come home in the first week of school. Sharing an email address is optional.

Please also follow our Twitter feed @gatestoneschool



STUDENT AGENDAS (\$5.00)

Once again, students from grades 1 to 8 will be using a "Student Agenda".

Please take the time to read over the Student Agenda. It contains important information about our school, our procedures and our rules.

As well, the Agenda is a very important part of your child's program for a number of reasons:

- To assist students in developing strong organizational skills;
- To track daily homework, due dates for assignments,

upcoming test dates and special events;

- To send home forms or letters to parents/guardians;
- To support ongoing home and school communication.

To sign up for the Gatestone Email List, please complete the form on the school website.

BACK FIELD

Our back field has been re-sodded again!

Due to last year's tough winter condition our back field did not fair to well.

Over the summer new sod has been layed and the irrigation system has been up and running.

With some TLC and weather cooperation, we hope to be able to enjoy our back field throughout the entire school year.

Thanks to Greenhorizons for all their hard work on our field and to our community and students for their patience.



Parking Lot

This year with the new room addition, we have lost even a few more of our precious parking spots.

As it stands now we do not have enough spots for our school and daycare staff.

Just a reminder that parents are asked to use

the visitor parking spaces only when picking up their children.

If no spots are available then unfortunately parking will have to occur on the street.

Parents of Daycare children have a few designated spaces at the side of the building. At no time should cars be parked in the front circle.

We are doing our best to control a very busy parking lot and keeping our staff, students and parents safe. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



ENTRY AND EXIT

Upon arrival at school, all students in grades 1 to 8 are to go to the back playground unless otherwise directed.

The back playground is open 15 minutes before the beginning of the school day and 15 minutes after the school day is completed. Teach-

ers will be there to monitor students at these times only.

We ask that students do not enter through the front doors of the school for safety reasons.

Parents and volunteers are asked to sign in at the

office and obtain a visitors pass prior to visiting any teachers or classrooms.



SAFE ARRIVAL AND LATES

Please contact the school at 905-573-7731, before 9:00 am, if your child(ren) will be late or absent.

All students arriving after O Canada must report to the Office to check in.

If your child is to be excused before the end of the school day, please report to the Office to sign them out, or contact the Office via telephone or a note to provide

permission to leave.

Being on-time and ready to learn is fundamental to student success. Students arriving to their class later than 9:10 will be marked late and their agenda will be stamped.

Students late three times in a month's timeframe will receive a detention for their third late and an additional detention for

each subsequent late.

A problem-solving meeting will be held with parents of chronically late students to create a plan to support coming to school on-time.

SCHOOL FEES

Ministry of Education and HWDSB policies have directed schools to be more transparent in terms of possible fees that they request from parents. That way, parents and guardians can plan in advance for

Please note that all of the figures below are estimates and as the school year progresses, more information will follow from each class' teacher on the nature of fees.

Below is a list **potential fees** (subject to change) that may be requested from parents in the coming year:

All Students:

- Agenda \$5.00
- Yearbook \$20.00
- TBD Field Trips \$20.00

Athletes:

- Uniform Fees \$30.00

Grades One through Five

- Trips and a curricular activity \$25.00

Grade Six

- Camp Wanakita \$300.00

Grade Seven

- Overnight Trip \$300.00+

Grade Eight

- Overnight Trip \$300.00+



ACTIVE RECESS

Congratulations to our Phys-ed team on being awarded an active recess grant of \$2,500.

This will be used to develop outdoor recess games/programs that develop healthy active living skills for our students.

This program also encourages intermediate students to help run the programs, providing leadership skill development for many of our middle school students.

FUNDRAISING 2014-2015

Annually, Gatestone holds a number of fundraisers. Some are for charity and others contribute directly to the school.

For instance, Pizza sales, run by Grades Eight, raises funds that are placed in an "Equity Fund" just to defray costs of trips and school

activities to ensure that all students have an opportunity to participate in the life of the school.

Other funds raised through Pizza sales have been used to purchase Information Technology and other learning materials for the school.

In the year ahead, the School Budget

Committee will create a vision for fundraising in 14-15, which will be shared with School Council.

Traditionally, a Fall and Spring fundraiser, as well as a Holiday Gift-shop, is held by School Council, but the new council will decide on their direction later in the Fall.

GATESTONE STAFF SEPTEMBER 2013

Staff	Assignment
Guyatt, S.	Office Administrator
Aguirre, V.	Office Assistant
Dunstall, L.	Learning Resource Teacher
Vandooren, R.	Learning Resource Teacher
Benedict, K.	JK/SK
Schmidt, K.	JK/SK
Pliura, M.	JK/SK
Nighswander, J.	JK/SK
Morrallee, K.	Grade 1
Cino, R.	Grade 1
Budic-Hamilton, S.	Grade 1
Brown, A.	Grade 2
Small, D.	Grade 2
Maerz, K.	Grade 2/3
Flis, A.	Grade 2/3
Woolvett, C.	Grade 3
Macnab, D.	Grade 3
Gould, B.	Grade 4
Bartlett, M.	Grade 4
Radonicich, A.	Grade 4/5
McCormack, S.	Grade 5/Prep Coverage
Penner, J.	Grade 6/7
Whittle, J.	Grade 6
Taylor, J.	Grade 6
Doody, K.	Junior French (.8)
Kuczerepa, M.	Grade 5 (.8)
Lamarre, J.	Grade 7
McAnanama, L.	Grade 8
Graham, S.	Grade 8
Whitley, L.	Grade 8/Science
Verbeek, A./Hamilton, L	French (.8)
Murray, D.	Phys. Ed.
Lane, D.	Phys. Ed.
Lo, D	Intermediate Comp Intel
Johnson, P.	Grade 5/Art
Hau, M.	Grade 7/Instrumental Music
Moore, M.	LLI/Prep (.7)
Barber, M.	Library/Prep Coverage (.5)
Barnett, P.	Educational Assistant
Kersley, K.	Educational Assistant
Lebel, K.	Educational Assistant
McCann, I.	Educational Assistant
Prendergast, K.	Educational Assistant
Sloan, K.	Educational Assistant
Boutchard, B	D.E.C.E
Tortola, K	D.E.C.E
Nichol, M	D.E.C.E
T.B.A	D.E.C.E
Koster, R.	Head Caretaker
Minshal, G.	Afternoon Caretaker
Simpson, S.	Assistant Caretaker
Brdar, Z.	Assistant Caretaker

Suggested Supplies

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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 Gel Pens	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.



Storm Boys & Girls
House League 2014
www.stoneycreekstorm.com
Email: info@stoneycreekstorm.com



The Stoney Creek Storm Basketball Club is excited to be running it's Third Annual House League Program. This ten week program will begin on Saturday October 18th and conclude on December 20th.

Registration: **Monday September 15th at Gatestone School from 6-8pm.**
Wednesday September 17th at Gatestone School from 6-8pm.

Divisions **Each division will be capped at 32 players**

- Boys and Girls in grade 1-2 will play Saturday morning from 9-10am at Gatestone School
- Boys and Girls in grade 3-4 will play Saturday mornings from 10:15-11:15am at Gatestone School
- Boys and Girls in grade 5-6 will play Saturday mornings from 11:30-12:30pm at Gatestone School

Volunteer coaches/parents will be required to assist in the daily activities so please volunteer and come out and join your son or daughter in the fun. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer coach or assistant please indicate on the form below.

Registration Cost: \$100.00 includes: basketball, Team shirt & 10 weeks of instruction/games.

Storm House League is intended to be a fun morning of basketball each week where each player is given the opportunity to learn the basic skills and strategies of the game of basketball. Each week the players will be schedule to play for 1 hour of which 30 minutes will be used for skill development. followed by a 30 minute game. Everyone is encouraged to get involved and be a part of the ACTION.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!

Register before September 15th and SAVE \$10
All early registrations can be mailed to the address below

Mail the completed form below along with payment to: Dan Lane 7 Yorkdale Cres, Stoney Creek, Ontario L8J 1E2

Players First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Postal _____ Ph.# _____ - _____

E-mail Address: (print clearly please) _____

Date of Birth: _____ (m) / _____ (d) / _____ (y) School Attending: _____

T-Shirt Size: yth small _____ yth medium _____ yth large _____ yth x-large _____ adult small _____ ad med. _____ ad large _____

Allergies / Medical Concerns: _____

Yes, I would like to volunteer as a House League coach: _____ Parents Name: _____

Are you interested in trying out for a rep team this year? Yes No

Method of payment: Cash Cheque (\$100.00 made payable to Stoney Creek Storm)

Harvey's BBQ

Meet the Teacher

Thursday Sept 11th, 2014



Please complete one (1) order form per family and return
with your youngest child to his/her teacher by: Monday Sept 8th,
2014

Name of Youngest Child: _____

Teacher and Class: _____

Food	Cost Each	Quantity	Total Cost
Hamburger	\$3.50		\$
Cheeseburger	\$4.00		\$
Hot Dog	\$3.00		\$
Drink	\$1.00		\$
Chips	\$1.00		\$
Total payment enclosed	→		\$

*****Parents/Guardians: Your child will receive tickets for your order on Wednesday Sept 10th, 2014 which will be redeemed for food on the night of meet the teacher between 5:30-7:00pm**

***Food may not be guaranteed available if you do not pre-order**

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LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

Thanksgiving (No School)
Monday, October 13th

Picture Days
Friday October 17th

School Council
Monday, October 27th, 6:30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Labour Day	2 First Day of School 9:00 AM JK Interviews	3 SK classes and 1/2 of JK students	4 SK classes and other half of JK students	5 All Kindergarten classes	6
7	8 Harvey's BBQ form and \$ due	9	10	11 Open House 5:30 to 7:00	12	13
14	15	16 Mad Science Assembly	17	18	19 P.A Day No school for students	20
21	22	23	24 Terry Fox Run @ 1:45pm	25 Tribes House Meeting & Assembly	26	27
28	29 School Council • 5:30 Drop-in • 6:30 Formal Meeting	30				