

NOVEMBER PROGRESS REPORTS

On November 18th, Progress Reports will be sent home with your child(ren).

The Elementary Progress Report is intended to Communicate your child's: development of learning skills and work habits thus far in the school year; and, progress in working towards the provincial expectations in their subject areas.

Early in November, your child(ren)'s teacher will communicate how to book an interview on Friday, November 21st

More information regarding the Progress Report is available at: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/ReportCard_En.pdf.

This document is available in 22 languages at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html> .



TIPOFF: ANONYMOUS REPORTING APP

In November of 2013, Gatestone became part of TipOff, an anti-bullying app that allows students to anonymously report bullying.

After a student uses the app, the report is shared with the school so action can be taken.

Using TipOff is a great way for students to report bullying they have witnessed or any other activities that make them feel uncomfortable.

We plan to hold information sessions in classrooms to remind students to use this tool.

The app is available from Google Play or the Apple Store.



TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS

Severe weather across the District or in any part of the District may result in the cancellation of transportation services to the entire District.

If the weather is severe enough, the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System will advise the Director or

Designate of the road conditions and weather conditions. The Director of Education or Designate will then decide whether or not to cancel all school and board administrative operations. If the conditions are determined to be unsafe, The Director of Education or Designate will then inform Corporate Communications who will

inform the community by contacting the media, the City of Hamilton, school-based child care providers and by communicating cancellation information.

Please see <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/inclement-weather/> for more details.

NOVEMBER 16-22, BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

According to the Ministry of Education, bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behavior directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Types of bullying include:

Physical: hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property

Verbal: name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist & homophobic comments

Social: excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them

Electronic: (cyberbullying) spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, texting and social networking sites.



TRIBES UPDATE:

On October 30th Gatestone had its second House Meeting. Students from JK to 8 gathered together into their houses to discuss the character trait of Responsibility.

Several activities were planned for the students including creating a Responsibili-TREE, pumpkin carving, and team-building activities. Each house is also brainstorming ideas for

developing a crest that best represents their house.

Don't forget about Tribes Tuesdays! Wear your House colours for a token!

Token Race Update:

Wentworth-348
Dundurn-363
Alexander-355
Griffin-387
McMaster-431
Victoria-441

**Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11th**

10:40-11:20am

**Parents
Welcome**

*Our focus on
using
Information
Technology is
to engage our
students in their
learning and to
develop their
higher-order
thinking skills*

FUNDRAISING EVENT: MACMILLAN'S AND HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

School Council is leading two fundraisers in the fall and early winter.

The Fall fundraising campaign will be MacMillan Products. Students will be bringing home information and order sheets on Monday November 3rd. The fundraising campaign will generate money for technology and class trips.

Order forms and payment must be returned no later than **Tuesday November 18th, 2014.**



Once again School Council will be running the **Holiday Gift Shop.**

This is an event where students can purchase Holiday gifts for family and friends. The dates for the Holiday Gift Shop will be **December 10th, 11th, and 12th.** More details will follow in the December Newsletter.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

The City of Hamilton's Public Health Department recommends children should stay home if they:

- vomit or have diarrhea through the night or in the morning;
- have a temperature of 38° C (100.4° F) or higher;
- have any discharge from the ear or an earache;
- have pink eyes or yellow discharge from the eyes;



- have a runny nose with thick mucus, a night cough, or any continuous cough;
- have a stomach-ache or headache;
- have a sore throat;
- have a toothache, have a skin rash of unknown cause.

For more information visit the Public Health Department website www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

DECEMBER 18TH, NEXT
HOUSE DAY

DECEMBER 19TH, LAST
DAY BEFORE WINTER
BREAK

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2	3	4 Hamilton Bulldogs Trips	5 Grade 8's Day in the life of Saltfleet	6 Pizza Day	7	8
9	10 Westmount Option Sheet Presentation 1:45	11 Remem- brance Day Assembly 10:40- 11:20am	12	13 Pizza Day	14	15
16	17	18 Reports Go Home Photo Re- take Day MacMillan Orders Due	19	20 Pizza Day Cinderella and The Frog Prince Anti- bullying Assembly	21 PA Day: Parent Interviews	22
BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK						
23	24 School Council 6:30 Grade Eight IPRCs	25 Grade Eight IPRCs	26 Kindergar- ten/ Class 68 Crock-A- Doodle Grade Eight IPRCs	27 Pizza Day House Day & Assembly 2:45	28	29
30						