

# GATOR NEWS

Chris Popofski, Principal | Linda Brooks, Office Coordinator

## Balanced Day

**Start of Day - 8:35**

**8:35-10:15 Instructional Time**

**10:15-10:35 Nutrition Break**

**10:35-11:00 Outdoor Recess**

**11:00-12:40 Instructional Time**

**12:40-1:00 Nutrition Break**

**1:00-1:25 Outdoor Recess**

**1:25-3:05 Instructional Time**

**End of Day - 3:05**

## Spring Fest:

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- Scholastic Book Fair
- The famous Cake Auction by the Gateway Staff

For more details, please see the info below.



## Principal's Message:

It has been a very exciting start to spring now that it is here. May is a busy month at Gateway Drive P.S.. Activities planned for students include: Youth Empowerment, Bike Safety, Emergency Preparedness Day, Intermediate badminton tournament, Shark Swimming, Special Olympics, along with many others!

At the end of this month our grade 3 and 6 students will complete their Ministry of Education EQAO testing, which takes place from May 25<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup> for Grade 3 students and May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup> for Grade 6 students. A reminder for students in these grades to avoid any scheduled absences on these days if at all possible.



Thanks  
Mr. Popofski

### Bottle Drive for Gateway Drive:

When: **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – noon**

Students will be collecting empty beer, wine and liquor bottles and cans in the neighbourhood. If you are not home and would like to donate bottles, please leave them by your front door with the flyer attached.

Also, we are collecting **Canadian Tire Money** to purchase gardening tools for the school gardening project.



### New Health Curriculum:

This year the new Health and Physical Education curriculum will be implemented in all schools in Ontario. Included in the update are new expectations in the Human Development and Sexual Health component of the curriculum. This education starts with children learning about themselves, their feelings, their bodies and about showing respect for themselves and others in a reliable and accurate way. This learning is most effective when parents and schools work together. Parents help their children form values about relationships and their behaviours. Education website: <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>.

### Parent Council Meeting:

**Wednesday May 25th at 6:30pm**

**Follow us on Twitter:**



**@GatewayDrivePS**

### Are you moving?:

If you will be moving out of our school area over the summer, please let the school know.

This will help in determining our new classes for September. We will be working on these on June 3rd, so if you could let us know before that day it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the school as soon as possible.

Similarly, if you have new neighbours moving in, please direct them to the school before the end of June to register for September.



### Kindergarten Registration:

It's not too late to still register. Parents registering new students are required to complete the "STUDENT ADMISSION FORM", which is found on our School Board website in PDF version - <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/schools/article.aspx?id=> and provide the following: Proof of Birth Date, Proof of and full address, Immunization Record, Custody documentation (if applicable).

If you have any questions at all please contact the school (519-824-4300).

### Check us out online:

**[www.ugdsb.on.ca/gateway](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/gateway)**

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- Gumball Guessing Contest
- Fudge for sale

Pop and chips will also be available for purchase.

So, bring your family out to this fun event!

Money raised from Spring Fest will go towards school activities and resources.



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## April Environmental Theme: Climate Change:

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Climate Change refers to any changes in long-term weather patterns (temperature, precipitation, wind, storms) that have been caused by humans polluting the atmosphere with too many greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide. We need to act now, because who can argue with reducing pollution? Pollution can't possibly be good for us!

The world is tracking climate change. Weather and temperature has been changing too quickly over the past few decades, which seems to be caused by the industrial revolution here on Earth. We are sending too much pollution (from cars, trucks, factories, and power plants using coal) into our atmosphere. Over the past hundred years the temperature of the Earth has risen and this has caused many changes in nature. For example, species of plants and animals are either migrating or becoming extinct. Some seaside cities may soon be underwater from rising sea levels. We are having more severe weather patterns like tornadoes and hurricanes and ice storms. Drinkable water sources are drying up.

What can you do to help be part of the solution? Well, all of the things we have been talking about this year can help. If you buy less and reduce, then less energy will be used and less pollution will be sent into our atmosphere. If you don't waste electricity you help out too. If you walk or bike to school or carpool you are doing your part. If you buy locally you reduce the greenhouse gases emitted through shipping and this helps planet Earth too.

You can Google: "*Top 10 ways you can stop Climate Change*" to get more ideas on how you can help.

And finally, eat a fresh, local apple - Not only is it good for you, but greenhouse gases were not created in the processing, canning, freezing, packaging or long distance transportation, so local apples are good for the planet too!

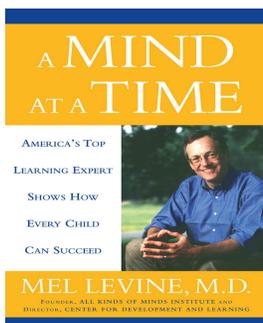
***Slogan of the month: Climate Change is not cool!***



## ADD & LD:

Does your child have an LD, ADD/ADHD or both? Here are some great resources to help you:

1. Work with your child to understand how they think and learn
2. Develop some strategies with your child to help them advocate for what they need to learn (technology, accommodations to the environment or learning tasks)



### Other great online resources include:

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, which has lots of good information on LD and ADD/ADHD issues, including topics about how to understand the IPRC and IEP, how to advocate for your child and topics related to specific LDs.

<http://www.ldao.ca/introduction-to-ldsadhd/what-are-lds/>

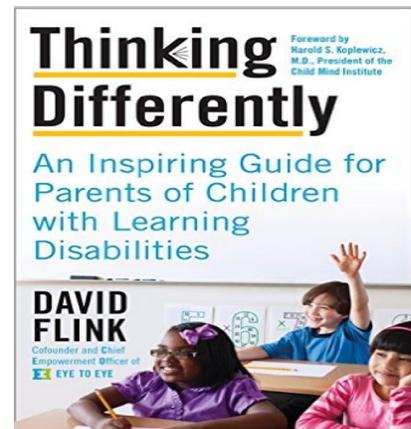
The Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County connects to the Ontario chapter, but provides links and information about workshops and activities that are being

held in Wellington.

<http://www.ldawc.ca/>

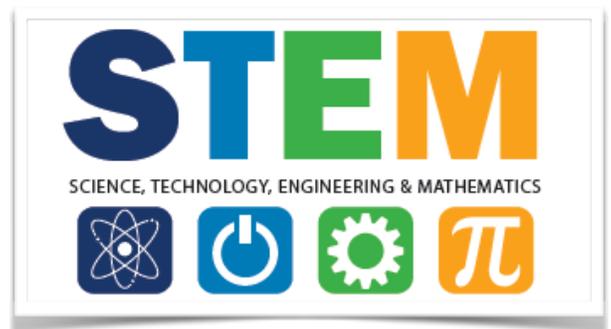
Our school board has also worked hard to address the needs of LD and ADD/ADHD students by providing SEA equipment, Google Read and Write training and targeted reading programs to help LD students access the curriculum and develop key academic skills.

**Connect with your child's teacher to discuss all the supports that are available to your child!**



## What is STEM and why is it important:

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The idea is to offer students tasks that integrate more than one subject area such as thinking about all the angles, measurements and calculations involved in building a structure that could stand up to the elements of our Canadian winters. STEM provides opportunity to focus on one assignment while applying knowledge gained in a number of subjects so knowledge gained in one area can be applied in another. Check out this link for more information (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIPJ48sintE>)



Think of it like driving a car. We can't just focus on braking or steering by themselves. We need to simultaneously think of acceleration, steering, signaling, braking and road signs all at the same time and ideally we'd like our students to have the same flexibility with their thinking across different subject areas.

Try this activity to promote mathematics, science, engineering and language.

Using popsicle sticks, glue, tape, and elastics, design and build a device that will launch 3 marshmallows as far as possible using elastic bands. The elastic energy may be "loaded" by hand but the device must get all of its launching power from the stored energy in the elastic bands. Have fun and enjoy!

## Gateway Orchestra News:

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The Orchestra has been busy preparing for lots of great upcoming events

1. Wednesday May 18th, 2016

Along with the other excellent musical groups at our school, the Gateway Orchestra will be performing at our school's Spring Fest from 6:45-7p.m.



2. Friday, June 10, 2016 7p.m. - GATEWAY ORCHESTRA GALA CONCERT - Parkwood Garden's Church with special guest, recording artist, vocalist, Michael Harris (an inspiring former Gateway Grad)

Watch for tickets!

3. The orchestra also participated in MUSIC MONDAY on May 2, 2016 - The international day of music and music education! To celebrate, the Gateway Orchestra performed for the school over the PA a little medley of the Star Wars theme songs that we have been working on. Mr. Popofski did a fine Darth Vader impression or two as well ;-) ... Learn more about Music Monday Canada here. : <http://www.musicmonday.ca/>

Sound exciting?

Want to be part of the orchestra for next year?

Orchestra Registration for next Fall 2016 will be starting June 8th, 2016. Mr. D will be doing classroom demos. Registration for next fall's Grades 3 to 8.

Please Call Trevor Dick 519-837-3571 for more information

### **URGENT! Help Needed with the Bottle Drive on May 14<sup>th</sup>:**

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School council is in urgent need of **4 more families** to help with the bottle drive on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-noon. Volunteers will help collect empty bottles throughout the neighbourhood. **If more families do not volunteer, this fundraising initiative will be cancelled!** Last year we raised over \$800 in the bottle drive for Gateway. This is an easy way to contribute to the school and it's a lot of fun. High school students requiring volunteer hours are also welcome to help. If you can help, please email Kelli Rice at [kellijasonrice@gmail.com](mailto:kellijasonrice@gmail.com) by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Please make sure to check out our school calendar on our school website:**

**[www.ugdsb.on.ca/gateway/](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/gateway/)**

# THE PARKWOOD BUZZ

## **PARKWOOD GARDENS DOOR TO DOOR FOOD DRIVE**

**Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group in partnership with Grace Community Church is collecting donations for our Community Food Cupboard.**

**A volunteer will knock on your door on:  
Sunday June 12th between  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
or you can leave your donation on the door  
step with this note attached.**

## **PARKWOOD GARDENS 20th YEAR SUMMER BBQ**

**Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group in partnership with Lion's Club of Guelph is celebrating 20 years of being a Neighbourhood Group.**

**Come and celebrate with us:  
Friday June 10th between  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Save the Date**

## **PARKWOOD GARDENS SPRING SWING YOUTH DANCE**

**Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group in partnership with Gateway Drive Public School is hosting a youth dance for grades 4-6.**

**Come and Dance with us:  
Friday May 13th between 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Volunteers are needed. Contact Parkwood  
for more information.**

## **Garden Fresh Box**

**The Garden Fresh Box Program is a non-profit, fresh produce buying service created to help people access affordable fresh fruits and vegetables and also to support our local farmers.**

**We are affiliated with the Guelph Wellington Local Food.  
Orders and payments are due by the**



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## **Parkwood Garden's Summer Camp & LIT Program**

**Sign up now for Parkwood Garden's Neighbourhood Group's Summer Camp & LIT Program. Email or call us for ongoing registration. Check out more information on [png.ca](http://png.ca)**



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Neighbourhood Group**



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