

GATOR NEWS

Chris Popofski, Principal | Linda Ellis, Office Coordinator

Balanced School 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

Safe Arrival

During the school day your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. Please remember to contact the school before 8:30 a.m. If your child is going to be late or absent in the morning and before 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. If your child is arriving late to school, he/she must sign in at the office. For your convenience we have an answering machine which allows you to contact the school at any time during the night, over the weekend and early in the morning. The number is **519-824-4300**. When you leave a message please be sure to note your child's full name, homeroom teacher and the reason for absence.



Principal's Message:

It is unbelievable that the month of June is already here. How quickly the last term is flying by. This is a month full of many special events including the junior and intermediate City Track & Field days, Grade 6 Camp Paradise, Grade 8 trips, Graduation and many class celebrations. We want to congratulate all of our students for their hard work and commitment to be the best they can be, in work and in play!

The last day of school this year is Thursday June 29th. Keep an eye on your child's backpack for reminders of the many upcoming events around the school in the next few weeks.

I look forward to all of the June activities - and hope that you can join us when and where possible!



Thanks

Chris Popofski

School Council News:

Please check out the school website as council meeting agenda's and minutes will be added to the School Council tab.

Next meeting for Fall Fest Planning will be on **Wednesday June 14, 2017 at 6:30pm** in the school library. We would love to see you there!



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook:

Gateway Drive Public School Council

Final Assembly:

Our end of the year assembly will be on June 29th in the Gym at 8:50 A.M. This is a time when we recognize special people and events.



From the library:

All library and text books must be returned the week of **June 12th to 16th**.

Please hunt around your home to make sure you locate items that need to be returned to the school.

Grade 8 Graduation:

Its around the corner, Grade 8 Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 P.M. Congratulations grade eights!

**Follow us on
Twitter: @GatewayDr**



West Guelph French Immersion (FI) Boundary Review:

On May 23, 2017, trustees approved the start of a West Guelph French Immersion (FI) Boundary Review to confirm boundaries for the new West Guelph JK-8 FI program. As part of its Annual French Review process, Staff previously determined that a new FI program would be accommodated at Gateway Drive PS for JK-3 FI which will feed into Willow Rd PS for Grades 4-8 FI.

This review will involve changes to current Paisley Rd PS JK-3 FI and John McCrae PS Grade 4-8 FI boundaries in order to create the new JK-8 FI boundary. There are also changes being considered that will impact the FI grade configuration at Paisley Rd PS and to the JK FI caps at Paisley Rd PS and John McCrae PS.

The boundary review is scheduled to take place from May 23 to the Final Decision of trustees at the Board meeting on September 26, 2017. The public may delegate at any of the Standing Committee or Board meetings during the review process.

A **Public Information Session** is also scheduled for **June 21 from 7-9 pm at Gateway Drive PS**. The purpose of the public meeting is for Board staff to share the information from the Initial Boundary Review Report, gather input into the recommended option and answer questions.

Please visit www.ugdsb.on.ca/wgbr for more information about this review including reports, timelines, delegation opportunities and an online form where you can submit comments to staff and trustees.

UGDSB French Review



Last Breakfast Club and Healthy Snack!

Our last Breakfast will be on Friday, June 23rd and our last Healthy Snack will be on Tuesday, June 20th. Thank you to School Council and the many wonderful volunteers who have contributed to these worthwhile programs over the course of this year.



Appropriate Dress For Warm Weather:

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, students need to be sure they are dressed appropriately for school.

Straps on t-shirts must be a least 3 finger widths, neck lines must be appropriate and midribs and backs are to be covered. Shorts/skirts must be long enough to be modest and not revealing.



Please also make sure to apply sunscreen in the morning and send along a hat so students may play safely in the sun.

Parent support with appropriate dress and sun safety is appreciated.

Special Olympics:

600 students from the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board participated in the Special Olympics, May 17, 2017. The event was held at St. James sports fields, and included track and field events as well as adaptive events.

Special Olympics



Are you Moving:

If you know you are moving and your children will not be attending Gateway Dr. P.S. next year, please let Ms. Brooks know at 519-824-4300.

Ramadan:

The Islamic calendar has 12 months and one of them is the month of Ramadan. The Islamic Calendar is lunar which means it is based on the moon.

During this month Muslims all over the world fast from sunrise to sunset, which means that we can not eat or drink anything from dawn to sunset. We wake up early before dawn and eat and drink a big breakfast, because it will be a long day before we can eat

again. Only those people who are healthy are allowed to fast. When the sun sets, we break our fast with dates and water. Then we say our prayers and eat a nice dinner with the whole family.

Muslims pray 5 times a day, but in Ramadan there is a special prayer called the “night prayer”. It is fun to go to the mosque for these special prayers because lots of people come and I see my friends.

At our home we celebrate by sharing food and inviting family and friends over. It is also a month of prayers and the reading of the Holy Quran, as it was during Ramadan that the Quran was revealed.

When we fast in Ramadan, it teaches us patience, respect and to be thankful to God for what we have. It is also a time when Muslims give charity to the people in need. Ramadan is a good time to practice doing good deeds too. But we shouldn't just wait for Ramadan, we should do them all the time

The end of Ramadan is celebrated with a day of Eid. Eid is a time of joy, exchanging of gifts and being with family, much like Christmas. On Eid day we wish each other by saying EID MUBARAK!

By Fiza Ahmed (Westminister Woods Gr 3) and Ayyan Sayyed (Meezan School, Gr4)



Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5th!:

A Platform for Action- *World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment and is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.*

This year's theme - *Reconnecting you to nature!*
On 5 June, go outside and show us that you're #WithNature. Breathe in the beauty and remember that by keeping our planet healthy, we keep ourselves healthy too.



This year Canada is the host country! Every World Environment Day has a different global host country, where the official celebrations take place. This year's slogan is: "I'm with Nature". Canada is issuing passes giving everyone free entry to all its National Parks for the whole of 2017 as part of its 150th Anniversary celebrations. Be sure to visit a park this year! <http://worldenvironmentday.global/en/about/what-is-it>

Ideas for your family to celebrate World Environment Day!

- **Create an event for family, friends and neighbours** -There is no end of ideas that you could take forward for World Environment Day. Surprise yourself! Think about ideas that we can do to help the planet like fixing a problem in your community.
- **Get out into nature** - World Environment Day is all about appreciating the beautiful planet we inhabit. Why not spend a day in a park, hiking a trail or appreciating a forest on the weekend before World Environment Day.
- **Inspire others** – A great idea will naturally attract others who can take a small idea and make it extraordinary. So, with your powers of persuasion, bring on board the people you think can make your idea awesome. Or ask everyone to make their own personal pledge to change one wasteful or harmful habit for the better. Share what you're doing using the hashtag: #WorldEnvironmentDay
- **Have fun:** Make your event for World Environment Day fun, inspiring and interesting. For example, Google events happening locally that you can attend, or check out Pinterest for fun, recycled crafts ideas.

Transition Plans for Students with Special Needs:

Spring has sprung and it's a great time to be reviewing your child's transition plans. Students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) must have a transition plan, whether or not they have been identified as an exceptional student. A transition plan includes goals for ensuring successful transitions, and the actions for meeting those goals. It is required if a student may need support making any transition, which may include entering, during, or leaving school. A plan to support the student must be developed as part of the student's IEP.



Some transition goals may help with changes throughout the day, such as moving from recess to the classroom, while other goals may assist with larger transitions, such as moving from one school to another or changing grades/teachers within the same school setting.

For many students, the supports provided to the whole class are all they need to have a successful transition, which means they may not need an individualized transition plan on their IEP at this time.

When planning for any transition, the student's strengths and needs are considered, as well as their physical, emotional, and learning needs.

Please communicate with your child's teacher if you feel additional transition supports are required on his/her IEP.

Talking About Mental Health June 2017 – Successfully Shifting from School to Summer:

It is an exciting time of the year. The weather is getting warmer, days are getting longer and summer is just around the corner. School is wrapping up and it is time to think about how to have a good transition from school routines to summer vacation.

The shift from school year to summer break is easy for some, but more challenging for others, particularly those children and youth who experience anxiety or have difficulty with transitions.

A good transition to summer is important and can lead to a more positive, fun summer experience.

Here are some practical tips to make a smooth transition from school to summer:

Post the summer schedule. Have your child or youth contribute to a family calendar. Be sure to note blocks of unscheduled time as well.

Make a list of places and people to visit when time permits and the mood strikes. Summer is a good time to stop by the library, bike trail, or concert-in-the-park that you can't seem to get to during the school year.

Revamp – but don't eliminate – your child's daily routine. A daily routine gives most kids a sense of structure and security.

Prepare your child for their scheduled activities. If possible, visit the locations where they will be during day camp or day care in advance. Have your child talk to counselors, caregivers, as well as other kids who have enjoyed those same situations and settings.

Get outside and enjoy the summer. Try to limit the amount of time online, watching TV, or playing video games. Be active and get plenty of sleep and exercise. Being outside, such as going for a walk or playing in the park elevates our mood and makes us feel less anxious.



Looking for Activities To Do:

<http://www.orangeville.ca/parks-and-recreation>

<http://guelph.ca/living/recreation/recreation-programs/>

<https://www.centrewellington.ca/beactive/Pages/Recreation,%20Parks%20and%20Facilities/Community-Guide.aspx>

<http://wellington-north.com/government/departments/recreation>

Hope you have a wonderful, relaxing, fun summer. However, if you find mental health challenges to be increasing or causing more difficulties over the summer, seek out mental health or addiction supports for your child/youth, you and your family.

Summer resources for Mental Health and Addiction supports:

Your family physician and family health teams in Guelph, Wellington, and Dufferin are excellent resources.

Canadian Mental Health Association WWD (CMHAWWD):

Tuesday Walk In - 1:30-7:00, 485 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph.

To access services for Children, Youth and Adults in Guelph/Wellington: : 1 844 HERE 247 (1 844 437 3247)

<http://here247.ca/>

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS):

Tuesday Talk In – 1:00-7:00 pm, 655 Riddell Road, Orangeville.

To access services for Children and Youth in Dufferin: 519 941 1530.

<http://dcafs.on.ca/>

Family Counselling and Support Services:

Walk-in, Wednesday, 1-7, sliding scale, based on ability to pay, but will not turn anyone away. 109 Surrey St E, 519 824-2431.

<http://familyserviceguelph.on.ca/>

KidsHelpPhone 1 800 668 6868. <http://www.kidshelpphone.ca/>

Dr. Lynn Woodford is the Mental Health and Addiction Lead for Upper Grand District School Board

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WELCOME TO GRADE 9!!!!

We have a grade 9 orientation and registration day just for you!

Thursday, August 31st

8:45 am- 2pm

This is an opportunity to meet other grade 9's and our Link Leaders who will help you find your way around the school!

Registration will be a chance for you to pay for \$50 student fee which covers your lock, yearbook and access to all extra-curricular clubs, sports and councils!

Please remember to bring some \$\$ to buy pizza during the day.

Also, please keep an eye out for your timetable and welcome letter in the mail this summer!

We are so excited that you will be joining us as a GCVI Gaell!

Coming this Summer to the...



Leader-in-Training Program

Leadership Training and Hands-on Volunteer Experience

7-Up's (Entering Gr. 7)
LIT 1 (Entering Gr. 8)
LIT 2 (Entering Gr. 9)
Jr. Leader (Entering Gr. 10)

Introduction to the workforce
Resume building experiences
Development of transferable skills
Learn to effectively work in teams
Practice effective communication

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE
SIGN UP TODAY!

Canada 150 Community

BBQ

FREE

Friday, August 11th
5:30pm-7:30pm

*Have a craft, game, song, activity from another culture you would like to share with us? Contact us at PGNG to make our BBQ more multicultural!

Contact Us Today

Call: (519) 824-6340

Email: pgng96@gmail.com

Rugby Camp

FREE

Grades 7-8

July 10th-August 4th

10:30am-12:00pm

Registration required ahead

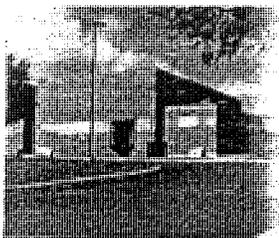
Summer Camp

July 4th-August 11th

Five Day Week
\$95.00

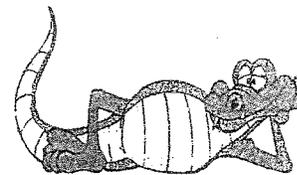
Four Day Week
\$75.00
(July 4th, August 8)

Half Day
\$35.00
(July 10th, July 31st)



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May 15, 2017

Dear New Gateway Families!

We are excited that your child is registered to attend Junior Kindergarten at Gateway Drive Public School this fall.

We will be hosting a **Junior Kindergarten Orientation** for you and your child to come visit and learn more about the program. Please come to the school on **June 9 for 9:30 am**. Your child will have the opportunity to meet the staff and new friends and play in the Kindergarten classroom. We will have a short presentation for parents to share what your child will be learning, the schedule of the day and things to bring on the first day of school. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have and hope to make this transition for your child a happy one.

Please RVSP at 519 824-4300 or linda.brooks@ugdsb.on.ca by June 2.
We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

The Gateway Kindergarten Team

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Celebrating Local Food

Amy Skeoch MHSc, RD

Summer is almost here! And it's never too early to start thinking about the fantastic local food opportunities we have in Ontario. Did you know that June 5-11th is "Local Food Week"? As part of the Ontario government's Local Food Strategy, *local food week* puts a spotlight on the many farms, food markets and initiatives that supply us with fresh delicious food. For a list of events during this week visit Foodland Ontario, or visit their Facebook page to see what's happening in your area.

Do your kids know where their food comes from? Why is it a good idea to buy local?

It's important for kids to see and understand how much hard work and resources contribute to the abundance of fresh food items they see in grocery stores and markets. How do strawberries and potatoes grow? How is cheese made? And where does chicken come from?

If you want to enhance your child's understanding of the local food system you can:

- ✓ Visit a farmer's market or look up some nearby farms that sell their products (see link below)
- ✓ Talk to the farmers that produce the foods and connect your kids to the local food process
- ✓ Ask your kids to look for the Foodland Ontario symbol that indicates local items, or ask them to look for items that are produced in Ontario on the label
- ✓ Grow your own mini-garden so they can experience growing their own food

Learning about our local food system is something we should all experience, because as you know.....**good things grow in Ontario!**

What produce is in season? <https://www.ontario.ca/foodland/page/availability-guide>

Is there a farm near you to visit? <http://ontariofarmfresh.com/>

Is there a farmer's market in your area? <http://farmersmarketsontario.com/MarketsV2.cfm?uSortOrder=City>

Sources:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/localfood.htm>

<https://www.ontario.ca/foodland/page/why-buy-local>

***Newsletters from now on will be online. If you require a hard copy they will be found in the office. You can also register on our website to get it emailed to you. A school calendar has also been added to our website to keep you up to date.**