

# 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**

## Important Dates:

**Mar 1** - Parking Lot changes come into effect - See letter attached to newsletter

**Mar 2** - Live Free Campaign - Bring in a toonie to support our nutrition program

**Mar 8** - Spirit Wear order forms are due - Samples and sizes in the office - Order Form below

**Mar 9** - Gr 8 Galaxy Cinema trip

**Mar 12 to 16** - March Break

**Mar 22** - Sub orders due

**Mar 29** - Sub Day



## Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe that Spring is hopefully right around the corner! It has been a very busy month at Gateway Drive. We have had many guest speakers, Scientist In The Classrooms, and a Valentines Dance. The students continue to work hard in their classes, both independently and collaboratively with their peers. We are continuing to focus on teaching math through number talks and problem solving school-wide. This provides our students with the chance to solve real -life problems linked to the math curriculum.

Finally, a reminder that March Break starts on Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 16th this year. We hope you enjoy this special week and that you have the opportunity to spend extra time together as a family!



Thanks

Chris Popofski

## School Council News:

### Family Skate Night :

- It was a huge success with a great turnout of over 60 students and family members.

Next meeting is **Wednesday April 25, 2018** 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



### Intermediate & Junior Basketball:

Mrs. Humphries-Abey, Mr. Jewett, Mrs. Negrave and Ms. Marsden couldn't be prouder of the way the intermediates & Juniors represented Gateway at their respective City Basketball Tournaments. They all should be very pleased with their performance.....Thanks for a great season.



### 2018 School Climate Survey:

Your voice matters @UGDSB Gr 4 - 12 students, staff & parents please complete our 2018 School Climate Survey at: <http://bit.ly/UGclimatesurvey2018>

Check out this video to understand why your answers are important.

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1066200581>  
#equity #accessibility #safety #respect

Survey closes on March 9th.

## Live Free:

Could you give up something for one day and donate a toonie or the value of that item to our student nutrition program? Live without your coffee or dining out for a week or live without chocolate? Whatever you choose, you will be helping kids "Live Free" from hunger and directly supporting Gateway's Nutrition Program. For some students, the snack/breakfast program is their only food of the day. For others, it is an extra pick me up that they need to get through the rest of their day. Please remember to send in a donation for what you are giving up on Friday March 2nd.



## Gator "AID":

Gator "AID" is an online reporting tool that encourages your child to problem solve when issues arise in class or on the yard at school. This tool gives your child time to think about the issue and reflect upon their actions or next steps. All emails go directly to Mr. Popofski.



## Follow us on Twitter:

@GatewayDrivePS



## Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm.

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*This Earth Hour, help shine a light on climate change  
Switch off your light and switch on your social power!*

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd.

### Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- prepare a candle lit dinner
- talk to your neighbours, or invite people over
- stargaze, or go camping in your backyard
- play board games, or charades
- host a concert, or a sing-a-long
- create or join your own community event
- have an Earth Hour every month!

The possibilities are endless!

(Select information taken from: [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org))



**\*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.**



# GATEWAY DRIVE P. S.

MR. C. POPOFSKI, PRINCIPAL  
MS. L. ELLIS, OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR



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February 23, 2018

Dear families,

I'm writing to ask for your help in keeping your children and our students safe. In the past few months we have experienced challenges at drop-off and pickup times with drivers stopping in no-stopping zones, blocking traffic, parking in no parking zones, and creating blind spots in the parking lot. As a result, we have had a number of close calls with students and vehicles.

**For student safety, starting March 1st we will be closing the parking lot and loop in front on the school during school hours. Only staff, buses and parents with proper parking permits will be allowed into and out of the lot.**

Attached is a map to indicate where the no parking zones are around the school.

You can help by:

- Encouraging your child to walk to school or walk with them (this provides some great family time and health benefits),
- Parents are encouraged to park on the following streets: West Acres, Gateway Drive, Queensdale & Springdale
- Talk about a pick up location with your child (e.g., park entrance West Acres, park entrance Springdale)
- Parking in available parking zones only and respecting our neighbours' private property,
- Crossing at the intersections of the streets at the corners with our Street Patrollers,
- Reporting unsafe conditions to the office, Guelph police or By-Law enforcement.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

- **X** indicates no parking
- Parking can be found on the following streets: West Acres, Gateway Drive, Queensdale
- Park entrances make great drop off and pick up locations - West Acres & Springdale



Sincerely,

Chris Popofski  
Principal

## Gateway Spirit Wear Order Sheet

School Council is pleased to announce that this year's spirit wear is ready to be purchased and shown off. We are offering many great options that you can choose from.



Logo above will be on the front

Please fill in the chart(s) with your choice of size and colour:

### Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt with Gator Logo - \$15

Enter Quantity									
Size/Colour	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult XXL
Black									
Forest Green									
Pink									

### Gildan Heavy Blend Pullover Hoodie with Gator Logo - \$35

Enter Quantity									
Size/Colour	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult XXL
Black									
Forest Green									
Pink									

### ATC Game Day Performance Hoodie with Gator Logo - \$40

Enter Quantity									
Size/Colour	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult XXL
Black									
Pink					X	X	X	X	X

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about sizes, please see the office as sample shirts will be available to try on. Visit our school's website to see a colour photo. **ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY March 8.**

***Please make all cheques payable to Gateway Drive School Council.***



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