



Gateway Drive Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you so much for an excellent turnout during our parent-teacher interviews last week. Your positive comments and support as we work through another challenging start up is greatly appreciated. All of the staff at Gateway Dr PS feel lucky to be part of this school community. If you didn't get a chance to have an interview because it wasn't convenient, please feel free to call or email your child's teacher to book another time.

On November 11th we held our annual Remembrance Day Service. Again, this year, we held the service virtually over our PA system and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to pay our respects. We were able to contribute \$150.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion on behalf of the school. Also, a huge thank you for your contributions towards our Celebrate You/Costume Dance-a-Thon. We were able to raise \$1600 for our playground update.

During the last week of school we will be holding our holiday concert online. While we don't yet know the specifics of what this will look like you will get more information closer to the dates. Thanks for understanding.

Again, we wish everyone the very best of the holiday season. Wherever you are and whatever you celebrate, our wish is for you to be safe and happy. Thank you for a great fall and we look forward to 2022.

Chad Reay

FOOD DRIVE

We will be having this year's 5 Days of Giving from Monday December 6th to Friday December 10th. Please help support our local families by donating non-perishable items. Your child can bring them into school on the designated day. Your child's teacher will collect them and the items will be stored in the classroom until distribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Day	Items
Monday December 7th	Breakfast (coffee/tea, pancake mix, cereal, granola, juice, jam).
Tuesday December 8th	Lunch (tuna, beans, alphagetti, soup).
Wednesday December 9th	Dinner (pasta, rice, canned vegetables, dried beans).
Thursday December 10th	Snacks (crackers, cookies, granola bars, popcorn).
Friday December 11th	Toiletries (deodorants, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste).

SAFE ARRIVAL

It is crucial that you call the school each morning your child will not be attending for whatever reason it may be. This helps us know that your child is safe and is also respectful of Mrs. DeBoer's time who must call each family that has not called in. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Please remember that school council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 19, 2021**. A link will be shared prior to the meeting so we can meet virtually.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help make Gateway Drive an amazing school!!

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In case of severe winter weather, with poor driving conditions and bus cancellations and delays, please listen for announcements on radio stations 1460 AM CJOY, 106.1 Magic FM, 900 AM CHML, 107.9 FM CJXY (Y108), Oldies 1090 AM, 105.3 Kool FM, News Talk 570 AM, 96.7 FM CHYM, 1150 AM CKOC, 102.9 FM CKLH, 820 AM CHAM and ,CKCO-TV. Announcements for John McCrae PS are included in “**South Wellington and the City of Guelph**.”

Please note: If buses do not operate in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. If you elect to drive your student to school, you **MUST** make arrangements for them to be picked up at the end of the day. Please see the UGDSB website for specific information.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – 2022-2023

We’re getting ready to welcome our newest group of little learners to the school! Junior Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year takes place from January 4-21 at 4:00 pm, 2022

All Junior Kindergarten students new to the UGDSB must pre-register online. Pre-registering online between January 4-21 will save families time by allowing you to fill out important forms and documentation when it’s convenient for you. Once pre-registered, you will be contacted about setting up a virtual meeting to verify the registration documents (child’s birth certificate, and proof of address). A complete registration will include completion of the online Student Admission Form (online pre-registration), and submission to the school of the child’s birth certificate, and proof of address. JK French Immersion registrations will be considered as ON-TIME if all documentation is received by 4:00 p.m. on January 21. Please visit www.ugdsb.ca/kindergarten for more details.