

Fall 2018

Gagetown School

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The school year is off to a great start! The children are settling in to their classes and becoming accustomed to their new teacher's routines and expectations. We continue to strive for a balanced education for students; providing opportunity for learning both in and out of the classroom setting. This is in support of our School Improvement Plan's goal of increasing student engagement. Our Home and School is off and running with fundraising initiatives. Our annual Halloween Parade is coming up, Don't Miss Out. Safe Schools Week went off without a hitch, demonstrating how prepared our staff and students are in case of emergency. Thank you for your continued support, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Jeff Taylor
Principal

Safe Arrival and Drop off/Pick up: Please call the school (488-3561) if your child will be late or unable to attend school on a particular day. Students are expected to be in the school by no later than 8:00. We understand situations may arise that are beyond your control but they should not occur on a regular basis. Automated phone calls will go out commencing at 8:30 if no prior notification.

We appreciate your support in signing students in/out through the office. It is very important that you visit the office first so we have a record of your entry into the building. This is necessary in case of emergency. I would also ask that when dropping off or picking up your child that you do so out of the bus lanes. The front of the school is prioritized for bus transfers. Also a reminder that if the bus is in the drop off lane to check for flashing lights. If the red lights are flashing it is illegal to pass the bus.

Cluster Groups: Our cluster learning centers are off to a great start. Students chose their group based on area of interest. They take place on the last Thursday of the month. Our next cluster day is October 25th.

Maker Space: This is a space for all students to use a wide range of materials in a hands-on environment to create and innovate. Students lead their own STEAM learning with guidance from staff. Fundraising efforts are ongoing for the purchase of new materials for student use/consumption. Thank you Mrs. Fairweather!!



Upcoming Events

October 25

Grade 7 immunization

Cluster day

November 8

EYE-DA Screening for Kindergarten 2019 start

November 9

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 12

NO SCHOOL

November 22 & 23

Parent Teacher Interviews
5:30 – 7:30 and 9:00 – 11:00

PSSC Members Needed

We are in need of members for our school Parent School Support Committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 6 pm. Nomination forms are available on the school website, self-nomination is permitted. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Intramurals run at lunch time for all grades. Badminton is the focus for the fall.

More Important News

Breakfast Program

The breakfast program is off and running again this year. As a school, we are able to provide a light breakfast to students on a daily basis. This is a very important program that runs through donations and community volunteers. If you are able to help out in any way please let the school know.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our school assembly will take place on November 9 at 10am in the gym. We are thankful to have a local veteran as our guest speaker this year in addition to the many former and current service personnel taking part from the community. The ceremony is open to all, please sign in at the office if you are attending.

Student Leadership

Student leadership has been formed for the school year. There are 15 members of the group from grade 5 through 8. Students are looking forward to an active year organizing school activities. They have a Halloween dance planned for Thursday October 25 from 6:00 – 8:00. Doors close at 6:30.

Information is shared daily with the students through our morning announcements and we expect all students to listen daily to these important announcements. Please check homework bags and agendas for school announcements as well as personalized messages in students homework. Please join and become familiar with your child's teachers preferred method of communication.

Volunteers help run a number of programs at our school. Last year there were over 100 volunteers working in the school to make it a better place. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to volunteer please let the office know.

Sports

The soccer team has had a very successful season to date and continues in pursuit of the district banner. The players and school would like to thank Dr. Samuels for his commitment to coaching the team with the aid of Mrs. Francis and Ms. Hogan.

Congratulations to all cross country runners on a great showing this year! Teagan Mallery placed 3rd in his age group at districts. It was a short season but all performed well and improved as the season went along. Thank you Mrs. Meek!

K – 2 Basketball

Once again there will be initiation to basketball offered for the K – 2 students as part of a partnership between the school and the Village Recreation Council. This will take place on Wednesday afternoons starting on October 24th continuing for 5 weekly sessions. Students participating will take the late bus home.



Halloween Parade

The annual Halloween Parade hosted by the Home and School will take place on the afternoon of October 31st in the gym

Reminders

Me To We Club Initiatives-
We Scare Hunger (current)
and We Create Change
(November)

Student Drop Off begins at
7:30

Check your child's
agenda/homework pouch
nightly for announcements
and/or important notices.

Colder weather requires
proper jackets, hats and
mittens. Students are outside
a minimum of twice a day
for extended periods of time.
Separate Indoor/Outdoor
footwear is required. Please
have appropriate dress for
Physical Education.

Weather Closure

Please listen to/watch the
radio/twitter/district website
(ASDW). Any cancellations
will be announced by 6
am. Please note we are
zone 9.