

Gateway Middle School Newsletter



November 1st, 2024



Principal’s Message

As we move into November, I’m thrilled to share the many achievements and updates from our school community. First, congratulations to our volleyball teams on wrapping up an incredible season! The dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed by our students were truly inspiring. We’re so proud of all our players and their efforts both on and off the court.

With colder weather setting in, please remind your children to dress warmly as they travel to and from school and during outdoor activities. Jackets, hats, and gloves make a big difference in staying comfortable in low temperatures.

We also had an outstanding outcome with our annual school marathon fundraiser. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our students, staff, and families, we raised over \$9,000!

This incredible success will directly support school programs, resources, and activities that benefit all our students. Thank you for helping us surpass our goal and make a lasting impact.

Finally, remember that we are committed to open and consistent communication with you. For updates, announcements, and important information, please regularly check Edsby. Our school team is always here to support you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Here’s to a wonderful November!

Mrs. Angela Ellis

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Remembrance Day Service

Gateway's Remembrance Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 7th, at 10:45 a.m. in the gym. Each classroom will participate in a wreath presentation, and we warmly invite all parents to join us for this service. Students are asked to bring a donation for their poppies.



Basketball

We will be having a short break in our extra-curricular sports programs, but Basketball season will be here before we know it! Our Junior program will start near the end of November and our Grade 5/6 program will begin after the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to a great season of growth and team work.

Gateway Marathon Top 20 Finishers:

1. Luke Treptow
2. Sawyer Greenan
3. Kasey Obey-Dallyn
4. Novah Dalke
5. Ryder Ludwig
6. Mr. Janssens
7. Evan Dufresne
8. Kian Amisola
9. Riley Kwasniuk
10. Patrick Newhouse
11. Atley Hildebrand
12. Levi Roy
13. Sydney Pylot
14. Chase Marsden
15. Drew Mirasty
16. Oakleigh Madsen
17. Trey Ludwig
18. Wyatt Alkestrup
19. Trent Nippi
20. Ryder Kotelko



Top AR Earners- October

1. Parker Evans - 257.4
2. Chase Nicholson - 118.0
3. Onyx Aubichon - 109.1
4. Luke Nicholson - 106.4
5. Eli Cappelle - 71.3
6. Kian Amisola - 51.4
7. Kaden Angus - 47.1
8. Kyan Benedicto - 46.8
9. Nate Cappelle - 39.8
10. Isuka Peduru Hewage - 38.6
11. Ellie Myette - 38.0
12. Dane Semeniuk - 37.7
13. Jaren Bear - 34.9
14. Trevor Thompson - 34.7
15. Cody Munro - 30.4

Cowboy's Caviar (Beef Jerky) School Fundraiser

Cowboy's Caviar Fundraiser materials will be sent home on Tuesday, Nov. 5th, and the fundraising window will remain open until Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Top 15 sellers will receive a movie party at Aurora Cinemas. Students will also receive one entry for every bag they sell for individual prizes. Our beef jerky orders will arrive before Christmas break. All profits from this fundraiser will be used to subsidize school trips, guest presenters, extra-curricular clubs, mentorship program, and specialized academic equipment.

Dates to Remember

- REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
November 7 @10:45
- NO SCHOOL
National Indigenous Veteran's Day
November 8
- NO SCHOOL
Remembrance Day
November 11
- METIS WEEK
November 12-15
- SCC MEETING
November 12 @7p.m.
- ROCK YOUR MOCS
November 15
- BEEF JERKEY ORDERS DUE
November 19

Following Their Voices

Gateway School is proud to continue as a Following Their Voices (FTV) school, a commitment aimed at enhancing the educational success of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students.



This year, teachers are focusing on a new set of tools designed to strengthen instruction and student engagement.

The first tool, the **Check-in Tool**, gathers students' feedback in real time, allowing teachers to assess the impact of their lessons on student learning.

Next, **Clarity Packs** support teachers in creating curriculum-aligned learning goals, rubrics, vocabulary lists, and teaching strategies to enrich lessons.

Finally, the **Peer Observation Tool** provides an opportunity for teachers to observe one another, set student-centered goals, and create action plans for ongoing improvement.

Together, these tools help create clear, intentional lessons, amplify student voice, and foster collaborative professional growth, all in support of our commitment to the success of every student.

“Take Care of Each Other”



Indigenous Days of Significance

In honor of *Secret Path* Week, Gateway students learned about Chanie Wenjack's story and its importance, reflecting on his legacy. To mark the week, students participated in a school-wide walk to Lion's Park, showing solidarity and remembrance.

We're also preparing for *Métis Week*, taking place from November 12-15. Stay tuned for details on the exciting activities planned to celebrate and honor Métis culture and history!



Attendance Matters

Attendance is a key factor in student success! Research shows that missing 10% of school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance.

Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.



Scholastic Book Fair

We raised a total of \$942 during our October Scholastic Book Fair! These funds will go directly toward new books for our school library. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Watch for more details about our next book fair in February for I Love to Read Month!

And that's a Wrap...

Congratulations to our **Volleyball** and **Smashball** teams and coaches on a successful season! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have truly shone through, and we're proud of all you've accomplished!

Congratulations to our **Cross-Country** runners on a successful season as well! Your commitment and perseverance were inspiring—well done

Thank you for reading!

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