

## GORDON PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11 Guildwood Drive

Phone: 905-574-6336

October 2018

*Gordon Price is a diverse school community filled with kindness, acceptance, potential and hope. Learning Together. We help using our kind words, helpful hands and caring hearts to make a difference.*



### From the Principal's Office

We have had an excellent start to the school year! We are very proud of our students and staff for their effort and attitude. As I walk the hallways and visit classrooms, I see students engaged in the learning process. Two key components to our students' success are to instill student pride and ownership of school responsibilities, and to have consistent parental support.

Our school enrollment remained the same between June and September so our school organization will remain the same. Ms. S. Croke will be leaving Gordon Price as she has been placed in a classroom teaching position at RA Riddell School. We wish her all the best. A new teacher will be hired for Primary Health teacher.

Thank you to all of the families who visited our school to meet the Gordon Price staff. Our staff is kind, caring, and dedicated to our students' learning and well-being. On September 21st, we were engaged in professional learning for our school annual plan, report cards and health and safety training.

At the end of October, students will be receiving their progress reports and parents will be invited for parent-teacher conference to discuss students' progress and how families can support their child's learning.

Mr. Patton

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
October 2	School Council Meeting 6:30 Library	October 3, 10, 17, 24	Pizza Day
3	Last day to order Fresh from the Farm orders online	8	Thanksgiving (No school)
9	Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser orders	11	Grade 7 Immunizations
12	Cross Country Meet	October 16	Photo Day
30	Progress Reports go home	31	Halloween
November 2	PA Day	December 7	PA Day

#### Principal:

Mr. B. Patton

#### Office

#### Administrators:

Mrs. Sherriff

Mrs. Erben

#### Superintendent:

Mrs. L. Romano

#### Trustee:

Mr. W. Hicks

#### Special points of interest:

- Important Dates
- Volunteer Information
- ECO Team Initiatives
- Fundraising

#### PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO GORDON PRICE EMAIL

Due to Anti-Spam Legislation, schools cannot use email to communicate with parents unless you "opt in" through an on-line process. All parents are asked to go to the Gordon Price website and click on "Subscribe" (or go directly to the link below). This will enable us to update you when new items are posted to our website. Helping us in this way will allow us to save hundreds of dollars in photocopying/paper charges that can then be redirected to purchases for classrooms (not to mention saving a few trees). You may "unsubscribe" at any time in the future.

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/gordonprice/subscribe>

## *Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser*

*Our Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser campaign has begun. Forms have been sent home. You can place your orders using SchoolCashOnline by October 3rd.*

*All order forms are due Tuesday October 9th.*

*Orders will be delivered to Gordon Price in the month of November.*

*All proceeds from this fundraiser will support our School Nutrition Program and healthy active school initiatives.*



## **Calling All Volunteers!**



Volunteers are essential members of the Gordon Price. Volunteers make so many "extras" possible. Our team of volunteers enrich the educational experience of our students– Nutrition Program, athletics, classroom help and field trips. If you are interested in volunteering , please follow the procedures detailed below. If you are required to obtain a police check, it is best to do so first thing in September as it takes up to 8 weeks for the police department to process the paperwork.

### **New volunteers -**

· If you have never volunteered in a HWDSB school, then you will need to complete a Volunteer Application package and obtain a "Vulnerable Sector Screening Criminal Reference Check (CRC) " from Hamilton Police Services. Drop by the office and ask Mrs. Sherriff or Mrs. Erben for the necessary forms.

### **Returning volunteers -**

-All other volunteers must complete a volunteer application package and sign an annual offence declaration and should begin updating their CRC's every 3 years.

## **Students and Medication**

For the safety of all of our students, we ask that students not carry any medication on their person or in their locker unless it is an Epi-pen for emergency treatment. The office must be made aware of any student that may require emergency treatment.

Other medications are over-the-counter medication, such as cough syrup and pain relievers. These should **not** be brought to school by students of elementary school age, or stored at school, as some students may have adverse reactions to improper usage and other students may inadvertently obtain these medications.

All other medication must be kept in the office. Prescription medication requires signed authorization of a parent or guardian and signed direction by the prescribing doctor before it can be administered by school personnel. These forms are available at the office.

## **School Nutrition Program**

Our team of volunteers have started our nutrition program this year. Students will have an opportunity to have a healthy snack each morning. Hamilton Tastebuds sponsors and supports our program. If you have time, we can always use volunteers to help with the preparation of our snacks.



## School Bus Transportation



This year, we have 3 school buses that safely transport our students to school and home. Our buses have been experiencing delays in the morning and afternoon. Bus delays are posted on the [hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://hamiltonschoolbus.ca) and school websites. You can subscribe to the [hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://hamiltonschoolbus.ca) website and receive email alerts and notification when our buses are delayed.

### ***Gordon Price ECO Team***

Congratulations to the Gordon Price ECO Team for receiving a Gold Medal Certification. This is their 4th Consecutive Gold Medal! Way to go team and Gordon Price is making a difference for the environment. Here are the team members: Wesley, Sophie, Eva, Henry, Peyton, Claire, Teagan, Mohmoud, Kaitlynn, Emily, Dayanita, Sadie, Jazmin, Ella, Sam, Aiden, Faris, Ruth, Nabila, Morsal, Alex, Maddy, Kayden, Jordan, Mohammad, and Emily.



### **Boomerang Lunches**

Many schools across Ontario are moving toward Boomerang Lunches as a way to make a difference for our environment. The purpose of a Boomerang Lunch is not to transfer trash disposal responsibilities from the school to home. An

important objective of the program is to encourage parents and students to review and think about the way they prepare and package lunch foods. Most lunch trash comes from disposable packaging of single use containers.

We want our students and families to think about ways to reuse instead. Also, food waste can be brought home to be composted, where at school it would be thrown into plastic bags. Finally, when all food and waste goes home, you can get a better look at the food your child is finishing, as we used to often see full sandwiches and fruit in our waste bins.

Thank you for participating in Boomerang Lunches!

## School Council News.....

### WELCOME BACK, PARENTS!

The Gordon Price School Council invites all parents to join our organization. School Councils provide advice to Principals regarding programs and student life.

**First Meeting October 2nd, 2018**  
**School Library**  
**6:30 pm**

#### **ALLERGY ALERT**

Within our school community there are students and staff who have a potential life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly nuts. Others suffer from allergic reactions to perfumes, spray colognes and body sprays (e.g. AXE). We respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the school community to avoid sending nuts of any kind or wearing perfume/ colognes to school.

#### PICTURES!

Edge Photography will continue to be responsible for our school photos.



**We have scheduled the following photos dates:**  
**On October 16th, it will be individual student and class photo day. Re-take photos will take place in November.**

#### **Bikes, Scooters and Rollerblades**

If your child rides a bike, scooter or rollerblades to school, they should walk their bike and scooter while on school property. This ensures the safety of everyone.

#### **Cross Country**

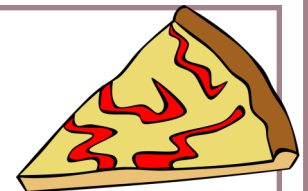
75 Students from Grades 3-8 will be competing for Gordon Price at the HWDSB Division 4 Cross Country Meet at Christie Lake Conservation area on Friday October 12th, 2018. Good Luck to all those racing!

#### **Pizza Days-Wednesday**

Beginning in the month of October, we will be having Pizza Days (October 3, 10, 17, and 24).

Please sign up for School Cash Online as it is an easy way to pay for your child's pizza, <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>.

All proceeds from Pizza Days will support educational excursions, arts education and graduation.



**Visit school website: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/gordonprice](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/gordonprice) or Follow Twitter: @GP\_HWDSB**

**Mark your calendars ... Wednesday October 3rd is Wear Yellow Day**

On Wear Yellow Day (WYD) students, parents, and staff are encouraged to wear yellow clothing and use active travel (walking, cycling, rolling) to and from school. Not only is this a great way to be physical active, it also helps decrease our carbon footprint.

## Walk, Wheel, Wear Yellow



Check out the parent math resource at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/mathematics-parent-resources/>

**Have you signed up for SchoolCashOnline? It is an easy and convenient way to pay for Field Trips and Pizza Days. Visit our school website for more information.**

Do you follow our school Twitter account?

Here are some tweets that you have missed in the past couple of weeks ...



**Cool Little Kids®**  
*An Anxiety Prevention Program: Working with Parents/Primary Caregivers to support young Children*

Cool Little Kids is an Evidence Based program grounded in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

**Information Night**

October 16, 2018  
 6:30 pm-7:30pm  
 Education Centre  
 20 Education Court  
 Hamilton, Ontario



RSVP by:  
 October 12, 2018  
 Call: 905 527 5092 ext. 2923  
 Email:  
 coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in JK-Grade 2 and if your child is described as shy, withdrawn or worried, come and learn about the Cool Little Kids Program. Learn practical strategies that will help to build your child's confidence.

**THIS IS A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS. CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.**



*This program is offered by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Social Work Department.*

**Families Worrying Less Together**  
*A Program for Parents/Primary Caregivers of Kids Whose Worries Get the Best of Them*

FWLT is an evidence-informed program based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

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 October 12, 2018  
 Call: 905 527 5092 ext. 3555  
 Email:  
 FWLT@hwdsb.on.ca

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in Grade 3-6 who is excessively shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the "Families Worrying Less Together" program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently.

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**Follow our school at @GP\_HWDSB for information about our school and for parents.**