

## GORDON PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*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

**Principal:**  
Mr. B. Patton

Spring is here! We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing March Break. Our students have returned with focus and willingness to learn. I am very proud as I walk the hallways and visit classrooms seeing our students showing their kindness and engaging in their learning.

In March, we had a Family Science Night . More than 100 children and their families enjoyed the fun science activities. Thank you to School Council for successfully applying to Ministry of Education for \$1000 Parent Reaching Out Grant.

**Office Administrators:**

Our School Athletic Teams are wearing new jerseys with updated logos. Our Pizza Day Fundraiser helped support the purchasing of these beautiful uniforms. We know our students are very proud when they wear the school jersey.

Mrs. Sherriff  
Mrs. Erben

World Autism Day is April 2. Students and staff are invited to wear blue clothing to recognize people with autism.

**Superintendent:**  
Mrs. L. Romano

On April 3rd, we welcome HOZA for their presentation of Decade of Peace. Students will have the opportunity to explore the values of peace, solidarity, cooperation, equality and respect for all human beings.

**Trustee:**  
Ms. B. Buck

On April 10th, it is the International Day of Pink. We are encouraging our students to wear pink. Students will participate in activities.

At Gordon Price, we all belong and want to celebrate our diversity and our positive school culture through these different events.

Mr. Patton

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
April 3, 10, 17, 24	Pizza Days	April 2	World Autism Day: Wear Blue
April 9	Bandfest	April 10	Day of Pink
April 11	Immunizations	April 12	School Spirit: Formal Day Staff Appreciation Brunch (School Council)
April 19	Good Friday	April 22	Easter Monday
April 25	Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Reception	April 30	MADD Smart Wheels Presentation GR 5-6 students

### Special points of interest:

- Important Dates
- School Council
- Health Curriculum Information
- ECO Team
- Community Connections

### 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>

## **School Council News.....**

*Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Family Science Night. We had over 100 children and parents enjoy the fun and exciting science activities.*

*Next meeting: April 9th , 2019 at 6:30 in the Library.*

*Upcoming Family Movie Night: Friday April 5th.  
Doors open at 5:45 pm and movie begins at 6:15.*

*Staff Appreciation Brunch: April 12th. An information letter will be sent home closer to the date.*

## **March Madness**

Thank you for your donations and support! This year's March Madness raised \$1800 for the school. We appreciate our parent volunteers and staff collaborating for a fun-filled and exciting day. All proceeds will go to the purchase of a water filling station.



***Pink Day is April 10th. Wear Pink!***

***World Autism Awareness Day  
Tuesday April 2nd!***



**World Autism  
Awareness Day**

## **Grade 8 Graduation Information**

Rehearsal: Tuesday June 18, 2019

Ceremony: June 19, 2019 at 5 pm. Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School

Dance: June 19, 2019 at 7 pm Gordon Price School



## **Health Curriculum: Growth and Development**

The Ministry of Education has directed that the Health and Physical Education Ontario Curriculum , Grades 1 to 8 2015, be replaced with an interim curriculum which is a re-issue and revision of the 2010 version.



### **Key Messages:**

Teachers are required to teach and report on curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education.

Teaching and learning in all subject areas needs to be inclusive, accepting, and free from discrimination.

Please feel to review the curriculum at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/healthcurr18.pdf>

Communication regarding when and what Growth and Development learning is occurring in the classroom will be shared with parents as past practice. A letter will go home with students. Families will have an opportunity to review the learning materials by making an appointment with teachers. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

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

The Eco-team prepared some read aloud lessons for Earth Hour, which we observed on Friday, March 29th. Our whole school turned off the lights and discussed a water themed book and the importance of conservation of our most precious resource. With April comes Earth Week, which we will have the week of the 22nd. There will be a whole school assembly paired with an outdoor clean up. Thank you for continuing to find ways to reduce the waste in your child's lunch and being our partner in teaching your child about the importance of being mindful of our ecological footprints.

**Remember: Be Fantastic and Don't use Plastic.**

## Parents Corner

**Growing Together is a community education guide for parents, youth and children. This guide is published twice a year by McMaster Children's Hospital and Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre.**



### **A sample of upcoming workshops ...**

**Treatment Options for Children/Teens with ADHD April 17, 2019**

**Managing Routines April 24, 2019**

**My Child doesn't want to go to School May 2, 2019**

**COPEing with Impulsive Children/Teens: Strategies for Improving  
Self Control May 6, 2019**

**Social Skills: A Parent Skills Training Course May 15, 2019**

**What is Mental Health and How can I Support my Child/Teen? May 16  
2019**

**For more information visit:**

**<http://www.mcmasterchildrensfamilyresourcecentre.ca/>**

**or**

**[http://www.mchcommunityed.ca/files/  
GTGuideJanAug2019FinalWebsite.pdf](http://www.mchcommunityed.ca/files/GTGuideJanAug2019FinalWebsite.pdf)**