

## GORDON PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11 Guildwood Drive

Phone: 905-574-6336

March 2019

*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 felt the wrath of winter in the month of February as we were bombarded with winter storm warnings– snow, freezing rain, and cold temperatures. We had school closures that interrupted different events and classroom activities. Hopefully, we will experience the spring season earlier this year.

We continue to focus on our school goals. We want all students reading and improving in mathematics. We had professional learning opportunities for our Kindergarten and Grade 6 teams. During our PD Day, staff identified ways to connect with students and build relationships between students and adults. If we create a community filled with kindness, acceptance, potential and hope, students will feel accepted and have a sense of belonging. In February, we had many students receive a pink heart as recognition of their acts of kindness. We really appreciate our students!

Congratulations to the choir, dance team and the band for their awesome performances this month at the Bulldogs Game, Dancefest and Golden Horseshoe Band Fest.

We continue to recognize students every Monday with our student of the week certificates. This month, we recognized our Grade 7 and 8 students with SOAR (Student Outstanding Academic Recognition) Awards for students with 80% or more average and Excellent/Good Learning skills.

Mr. Patton

### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
March 6, 20. 27	Pizza Days	March 8	March Madness
March 11-15	March Break	March 22	Spirit Day: Sparkle/Glitter Day
March 25/26	Dental Screening	March 25	Family Science Night
March 28	Fire Safety Presentation Grades 1-4 Students	April 11	Grade 7 Immunizations
April 12	Staff Appreciation Brunch by School Council	April 19 April 22	Good Friday Easter Monday

#### Principal:

Mr. B. Patton

#### Office

#### Administrators:

Mrs. Sherriff

Mrs. Erben

#### Superintendent:

Mrs. L. Romano

#### Trustee:

Ms. B. Buck

#### Special points of interest:

- Important Dates
- School Council
- Health Curriculum Information
- 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.....**

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

***Family Science Night has been re-scheduled for March 25th 6-8 pm.***

***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**



Our March Madness Fun is scheduled for Friday March 8th. We are accepting new or gently used toys, stuffed toys, books, puzzles, jewelry and games by Thursday March 7th. Raffle tickets are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1. All proceeds of this event will support the purchase of a water filling station. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the school.

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Inclement Weather and School Closure**

Severe Weather Conditions – Severe weather across the District or in any part of the District may result in the cancellation of transportation services to the entire District. If the weather is severe enough, the General Manager of the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System will advise the Director or Designate of the road conditions and weather conditions. The Director of Education or Designate will then decide whether or not to cancel all school and board administrative operations. If the conditions are determined to be unsafe, The Director of Education or Designate will then inform Corporate Communications and the General Manager of Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation System of the cancellation of all school and board administrative operations. Corporate Communications will inform the community by contacting the media, the City of Hamilton, school-based child care providers and by posting cancellation information on the website and on a School Cancellation “Hotline”. The Director or Designate will make every effort to cancel all school and board administrative operations by 6:00 a.m. For more information on the Cancellation of School & Board Operations visit Weather Cancellation Infographic

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Weather-Cancellation-Infographic.pdf>

## **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***

Our ECO Team continues to set the example of environmental stewardship by reminding our school of appropriate recycling habits and managing our waste. Earth Hour is March 30th this year. Gordon Price will recognize Earth Hour on March 29th with a water themed event. Our re-useable water bottles will be arriving in May just in time for the warmer weather and outdoor activities.

**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 ...**

**Why Little Kids Worry 3–10 years March 7, 2019**

**The Shy Timid Child March 18, 2019**

**COPEing with 3-12 Year Olds with ADHD March 29**

**Why Won't They Listen? March 28**

**Positive Parenting March 15, 2019**

**For more information visit:**

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

**or**

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