

GORDON PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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June 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

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Special points of interest:

- Important Dates
- School Council
- Graduation
- ECO Team
- Safe Arrival
- Community Connections

We are in the final month of the school year! As a school, we reflect on our work and impact. Here is a summary of short-term and long-term goals:

EQAO– thank you to students for their efforts. Thank you to the super supportive team of educators and volunteers in helping out with student assistance.

Special Education Students: at Gordon Price, we have students with learning needs, physical and social and emotional needs– we have an exceptional staff who continually collaborate with colleagues, parents and community partners to support these students to ensure their learning and well-being. Good luck at Special Olympics!

School Council– we have an active group of parents and community partners who share their voices on school issues. This year, Family Science Night and Family Movie Nights were led by our school council. Family Movie Night raised more than \$600 to support graduation and nutrition program.

Reading Interventions: This year, our grade 1 reading team provided support to 22 students. We reached our target of 76% reading by the end of Grade 1. Our LRT team supported many students with Empower Reading program and the results are in and the impact is clear. Many students improved their decoding, fluency and comprehension skills.

Positive School Culture: We set our goal to create a kind and caring environment and develop more connections to students. Through School Spirit Days, Pink Day and Mental Health Awareness activities, we are making a difference.

Mrs. DiTommaso will be retiring at the end of June. We appreciate her teaching career and work at Gordon Price. We wish her good health and happiness in her retirement.

We wish Ms. Bennett, Mrs. Garcia, and Ms. Casta all the best as they continue to pursue their careers with HWDSB.

Our Staffing is being finalized this month and a final newsletter will be shared at the end of June. We appreciate all of the support from our school families and community.

Mr. Patton

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
June 5, 12, 19	Pizza Days	June 6	HWDSB Special Olympics
June 6	Soccer Team Tournament	June 7	PA Day: Reporting and Assessment
June 11	Jump Rope Event	June 12	Grade 8 Trip HWDSB Gr 6-8 Track Meet
June 18	Grad Rehearsal	June 19	Grade 8 Graduation
June 27	Last day of School for Students	June 28	PD Day

School Council News.....

Thank you for your support of Family Movie Nights!

Over \$600 was raised from these nights and supports our grade 8 graduation and nutrition program!

Become involved in the school and join school council.

***The first meeting of 2019-2020 School Year will be October 1, 2019.
More details will be shared in September.***

Library News ...

In order to have the library ready for September, all books need to be returned by June 10th. Please ensure that your children return their books on time.

Fundraising Purchases

Many thanks for your support of this year's Gordon Price's fundraising events including Pizza Days, Soup Day, March Madness, Fresh from the Farm, Milk Program and Music Events.

This month, we purchased 8 student laptops (\$5000) and outdoor equipment (\$1000).

Grade 8 Graduation Information

Rehearsal: Tuesday June 18, 2019

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

Celebration and Dance: June 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm– 9:00 pm Gordon Price School



Gordon Price ECO Team

We are busy preparing for our Vegetable Garden again this year! Satellite Garden Centre generously donates our vegetable seeds and plants, Green Horizons has graciously donated a Big Yellow Bag and we have an amazing family who donates their time and skill to turn the earth with a rototiller. Our Eco-team will be planning what we will be planting and grade will have a chance to plant a row. Showing students how to grow their own food highlights a lot of eco-friendly discussions such as eating local, organic food/pesticides and how growing your own food is fun! We are always looking for family volunteers to help to care for our garden in the summer (watering if dry and weeding), for one week each. Please contact Mrs. Gidge or Ms. Koruna for more information. Thank you for your support!

Reporting an Absence Safe Arrival

At HWDSB, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all students safely arrive at school every day. To strengthen our procedures for absences, we are using a student absence reporting system that makes it easy for parents/caregivers to report absences. It also allows school staff to respond quickly and thoroughly to all unexplained absences. Our goal is to continue to have all absences explained and all students accounted for each day, knowing that they are safe.

With Safe Arrival, families report a child's absence in one of three ways;

1. Use the SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account.

These options are available 24 hours per day. These options are available 24 hours/ day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Stay tuned for more details about our upcoming School Spirit Days in June



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Beach Day



Hat Day

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 ...

COPEing with Impulsive Children/Teens: Strategies for Improving Self Control July 8, 2019

Social Skills: A Parent Skills Training Course July 16, 2019

Help Your Child and Teen Stress Less August 13, 2019

Helpful Transitions for School Success August 22, 2019

Positive Parenting: June 20, 2019 or August 22, 2019

What is Mental Health and How can I Support my Child/Teen? August 23, 2019

For more information visit:

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

or

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