

GORDON PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 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 hope everyone had a safe and happy summer break! September marks the beginning of a new school year with new learning ahead. As students return for this school year, it is our hope they will set goals and always try their best in attaining them. As adults (staff and parents) our job is to support them in their learning journey. Take time to sit down with your child and plan for success. A good starting

point would be establishing routines for nightly reading practice, homework completion, and sharing their agendas.

We would like to welcome our new staff members: Ms. A. Blazek (Educational Assistant), Ms. L. Cheatley (DECE-K2), Ms. H. Hammond (Primary and Kindergarten Prep Coverage), and Ms. K. Laslo (Educational Assistant).

We welcome back to Gordon Price: Mrs. Bujan, Mrs. J. Struyk, and Mrs. A. Crook.

We appreciate all of the meticulous work from our caretaking and educators in preparing our classrooms and school for learning.

New this year:

There are many activities and events happening at Gordon Price. Our Monthly Newsletters provided a space for the school to share this information. At times, we needed to post further newsletters for current and updated information. This year, we will post a "Weekly Update" on our school website. You will find upcoming event information and celebrations about our school. I would encourage you to subscribe to our school website and receive notifications when it has been updated. Follow us on Twitter for media updates of our school.

Please mark your calendars for September 12th as it is our Meet the Staff evening. From 5:00 to 6:30 pm, you will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet our staff.

We are looking forward to an excellent year!

Mr. Patton

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
September 3	First day of school	September 12	Meet the Staff: 5:00-6:30 pm
September 20	PA Day	October 1	School Council Meeting 6:30
October 14	Thanksgiving	October 22	Photo Day

Principal:

Mr. B. Patton

Office

Administrators:

Mrs. Sherriff

Mrs. Erben

Superintendent:

Mrs. L. Romano

Trustee:

Ms. B. Buck

Special points of

interest:

- Important Dates
- Staffing Information

2019 Gordon Price Staff Organization

JK/SK: Mrs. Couto and Ms. Cartagena
 JK/SK: Mrs. Bujan and Ms. Cheatley
 JK/SK: Ms. Arndt and Mrs. Blair

Gr 1: Mrs. Falla
 Gr 1/2: Mrs. Juliao
 Grade 1/2: Mrs. Robillard
 Grade 2/3: Mrs. Kybartas
 Grade 3: Mrs. Gidge
 Grade 3/4: Ms. Koruna
 Grade 4: Mr. Johnson
 Grade 4/5: Ms. McLaughlin
 Grade 5/6: Mrs. A. Scott
 Grade 6: Miss. E. Scott
 Grade 7: Mrs. Stuart
 Grade 7/8: Mrs. Adames
 Grade 8: Mr. Ireland

Core French: Ms. Tratch
 Music: Ms. McManus
 Primary Phys Ed (Days 2, 4 and 5 pm): Mr. McAvella
 Library: Ms. Schooley (0.5)
 Primary Prep Coverage: Ms. Hammond
 Learning Resource Teacher: Mrs. Palcik
 Learning Resource Teacher: Ms. Schooley (0.5)
 Reading Specialist: Ms. Beaulne (Days 2 and 5)
 ELL Student Support: Mrs. Principato (Days 1 and 3)

Educational Assistants:
 Ms. Babineau
 Mrs. Struyk
 Mrs. Crook
 Ms. Laslo (LTO)
 Ms. Blazek (0.5 LTO)
 Mrs. McCormack (0.5)
 Mrs. McDonald
 Mrs. Whitmore

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

At HWDSB, student transportation is provided by the consortium Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS). HWSTS provides safe, effective and efficient transportation services to eligible students at HWDSB as well as Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. This may take the form of traditional yellow-and-black school buses, school purpose vans or Hamilton Street Railway transit.

Delays in 2019-20

HWSTS has advised Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) that a bus driver shortage may impact local school bus routes. HWSTS is working with the local bus companies to try to minimize the impact on students. Families are encouraged to sign up for email notifications of delays and cancellations on the HWSTS website www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca.

Courtesy Transportation

If you are interested in applying for courtesy seat on one of our buses, you must submit an application to the school. The Principal will review the application, consult with HWSTS regarding bus loading and routing information as necessary and will reach a decision regarding approval. If the application is approved, the school will contact the family and provide the stop location, stop times, bus route info and effective start date. All approved forms are sent to HWSTS where the new rider information will be recorded into our routing software. Students will not appear on the bus ridership lists until HWSTS has recorded approved application rider information into the routing software.

NOTE: Approved courtesy seat applications will not be processed by HWSTS staff during the fall start-up period annually until after eligible student ridership has been stabilized. Typically HWSTS will commence the courtesy seat process in late September - early October but final approvals / notifications may not be issued until November.