



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for September 2, 2019

Welcome back to our students and their families, staff and school community partners!

First Day of School: Students will meet their teachers and classmates on the back playground for 8:30 am. Teachers will bring the students into their classrooms. Junior Kindergarten students will come with their families to meet their teaching team. All Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday September 4, 2019.

Safe Arrival: The parking lot is for school and daycare staff only. There is no parking in front of the school. All students will use the back playground entrance doors to enter the school. Supervision begins at 8:15 am on the playground. Beginning this year, there will be outdoor supervision in the outdoor kindergarten areas. Our dismissal is at 2:50 pm and supervision ends at 3:05 pm.

Agendas: Agendas are very important tools for students. They provide students opportunities to set goals, organize their time and assignments and develop their responsibility skills by transporting to and from school. An agenda provides a space for parents and educators to communicate information to each other. Each student in grade 1-8 will be provided an agenda.

September Information Package: Your child be bringing an information package. Please review and return the following papers: Parent/Guardian Consent Form, Media Consent Form, Digital Tools Permission Form, Emergency School Closure form, and School Council Forms (if interested).

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. Please contact the school to let us know your child 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.

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.



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Volunteer Information: 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.

School Day

TIME	EVENT
8:15 am	Playground Supervision Begins (Please do not arrive before 8:15 am)
8:30	Entry & Period 1
9:10	Period 2
9:50	Period 3
10:30-10:50	Outdoor Break Gr 1-4 Inside Break: Gr 5-8
10:50-11:10	Outdoor Break: Gr 5-8 Inside Break Gr 1-4
11:10	Period 4
12:10	Period 5
12:50-1:10	Outdoor Break Gr 1-4 Inside Break: Gr 5-8
1:10-1:30	Outdoor Break: Gr 5-8 Inside Break Gr 1-4
1:30	Period 6
2:10	Period 7



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2:50	End of Day Dismissal
3:05	Playground Supervision Ends (unsupervised after 3:05 pm)



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Important Dates:

Date	Event	Date	Event
September 2	First day of school	January 24	PA Day
September 12	Meet the Staff Night 5:00-6:30 pm	February 17	Family Day Holiday
September 20	PA Day	March 6	PA Day
October 1	School Council Meeting 6:30 Library	March 16-20	March Break
October 14	Thanksgiving	April 10-13	Easter Break
October 22	Photo Day	May 18	Victoria Day Holiday
November 8	PA Day	June 5	PA Day
November 29	PA Day	June 25	Last Day of School
December 21	To January 5 Christmas Break	June 26	PA Day