



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for September 16, 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.

Another successful week of teaching and learning! Thank you to all of students and their families who participated in our Meet the Staff Event! We have a very supportive parent community.

Transportation Update: We thank you for your patience with transportation. All of our new students have been placed on the bus. We are hoping this week to confirm space on our school buses. Once our bus lists are finalized, courtesy transportation requests will be considered.

Just a reminder, the parking lot is very congested in the morning and after school. Parents should park on the street by respecting the street signage.

Pizza Days: Pizza Forms were sent home. They are due September 19th. You can pay either online using School Cash Online or provide exact change with the order form.

Report 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. Provide your email address to the school. 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. Provide your email address to the school. 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/ 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.



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School Cash Online: For safety and efficiency reasons, HWDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and checks received by our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online. It takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions to begin receiving email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online at <https://hwdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select Register. Complete each of the three Registration Steps *For security reasons your password requires eight characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the "SUPPORT" option at the top right hand corner of the screen.

September Information Package: Please 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).

Medical Conditions: Does your child have asthma, epilepsy, anaphylactic allergy or diabetes? Please contact the school to setup a plan of care.

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.

Fresh from Farm Fundraiser: We will be having our Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser again this year. Forms will be coming home the week of September 30th. There will be one order form per family. Families will have an opportunity to order Ontario fruits and vegetables. All proceeds will support our School Nutrition Program.



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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.

Upcoming dates:

September 19th: Pizza Orders are due.
September 20th: PA Day – no school for students
September 26th: Terry Fox Walk/Run