



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for September 30, 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.

The month of October is upon us! Congratulations to students of the week for their success and many students receiving Panther Paws for sharing their good character!

Thanks for your donations: We are very grateful for our school community and your support of Terry Fox Run/Walk. As we have started a Fall Food Drive for Neighbour to Neighbour. We are accepting donations until October 9th. Suggested items include: pasta, canned meats and fish, canned beans, soups and stews, canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain cereals, and infant foods and baby formula. We know your kindness makes a difference.

Staffing Re-organization: We had a small number of student moves in our primary division to comply with Ministry of Education class sizes. Our new grade 5/6 class is starting on Monday. Each of our grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes had 8 students move from their classrooms to form the new grade 5/6 class. Our school staff will support our new staff as they transition to our school. We welcome Ms. Entwistle as a Arts and Library teacher for our Kindergarten and Junior grade classrooms. Ms. Turco will be our grade 5/6 teacher.

Medical Conditions: On Friday September 27th, we sent home information to families regarding plans of care. Please review the information and return the renewal form. If needed, please contact the school.

Fresh from Farm Fundraiser: We are excited to launch 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. See the information letter for deadlines.

Backpacks wanted: A local organization that supports homeless men is asking for donations of gently used backpacks. If you have a gently used backpack and interested in making a donation, please bring items to the school. Your kindness will make a difference in our community.

School Council: Be part of our school council. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 1 in the school library beginning at 6:30 pm.

Volunteer Information: Did you volunteer with us last year? We are sending Volunteer Information Packages to our past volunteers. Look for it next week and we hope you can support our school again.



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Upcoming dates:

September 30: Wear Orange Day
October 1: School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
October 2: Wear Yellow Walk to School Day

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.

School Cash Online: For safety and efficiency reasons, HWDSB would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques 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.



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September 27, 2019

Grade 5/6 Classroom Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beginning on September 30th, your child will be part of our new grade 5/6 classroom due to re-organization. They have moved their desks, learning materials and lockers to their new room location. Ms. Turco has been hired to be the classroom teacher. Ms. Turco has been a teacher with HWDSB for the past three years at different schools for grades 4-6. Ms. Turco will officially begin her teaching assignment on Thursday October 3, 2019.

For September 30- October 2, 2019: Ms. DiDomenico will be a supply teacher until Ms. Turco begins on October 4th.

I appreciate the help and support by Ms. McLaughlin, Mrs. A. Scott, Miss E. Scott, Mrs. Palcik and Ms. Schooley with this transition.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Patton
Principal