



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for September 9, 2019

We did it! We have completed the first week of school! It was awesome to see the excitement and wonder on our students this week! I am very proud of our students and staff for their hard work this week!

Thank you to Mrs. Sherriff and Mrs. Erben for welcoming and registering many new students to our school. Our current enrollment is 420 students, increase of 25 students from last year.

Transportation Update: We thank you for your patience with transportation this week. We are waiting for transportation to provide an update on students who are eligible for the bus. Once our bus lists are finalized, courtesy transportation requests will be considered.

The Senior Girls Baseball Team are starting tryouts this week. Your child must complete the Athletic Permission form to participate.

Our Senior Band Program is starting to practice this week.

We are required to do 3 fire drills in the fall and spring. We conducted our first drill on Friday.

Meet the Staff Night: Come visit our classrooms and meet this year's school staff. It will start at 5:00 pm and end at 6:30 pm.

Trustee Information:



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Becky Buck and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Wards 8 and 14.

As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interest of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff. I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our wards.

I can be reached by email at bbuck@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 905-515-2367.

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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.

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.