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Weekly Update for December 2, 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 December is here! On the PD Day, staff were engaged in professional conversations on how to support our students in feeling safe and accepted, specifically around bullying. As a staff, we made commitments to action to support our students. This week, we will be sending home information about HWDSB We Help. It is an app for students and families to use to report bullying or concerns.

Labour Updates: Please visit this website for more information regarding Labour Updates.

Samko Sale: Please return any receipts to Gordon Price so the school can receive any proceeds.

Best wishes: We wish Mrs. Palcik all the best on her leave of absence. Ms. King will be replacing her during this time. Ms. King will be reviewing Empower strategies with students and continuing to support learners in different classes.

Family Movie Night is Friday December 6th. The movie is The Grinch. The doors will open around 5:45 pm. A family of 4 costs \$5 and each additional person costs \$1. Juice boxes and popcorn will be sold.

Volunteer Opportunity: Our School Nutrition Program is looking for a volunteer(s) to prepare and organize our snacks for the next day. We are needing help for Monday and Wednesday mornings beginning at 9 am. Please call Mrs. Sherriff for more information.

Upcoming dates:

December 6th: Family Movie Night
December 13th: SK Vision Screening
December 17th: Winter Wonderland
December 20th: Last day of School



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Severe Weather

During severe winter weather, the difficult decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. Here are some guidelines to remember:

When bad weather is expected, Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) carriers check weather reports, road conditions and road clearing, starting as early as 4 a.m.

Based on this information, the Director of Education makes the decision in conjunction with Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

School boards have varied policies on cancellations. The HWDSB Rule is: Severe weather + Bus cancellation = No school. When HWDSB cancels busing due to inclement weather, we have deemed the roads unsafe and this triggers the closure of schools.

In extreme cold, buses may not start or run as expected and HWDSB may need to cancel transportation. But this does not automatically mean that schools will close. The Director (or designate) has discretion to keep schools open when busing is cancelled due to extreme cold.

A school cancellation is a tough decision – and some families may disagree with HWDSB's call. Families can always make the choice they feel is best when it comes to sending their child to school.

For more information, visit <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/severe-weather/>

Cold Weather and Outdoor Play: Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom.

Depending on the season, preparing for outdoor play in Canada can mean anything from applying sunscreen to wear mittens and a hat. During winter, it's important that children come to school prepared for the cold. Students should wear boots, mittens/gloves and hats and it's a good idea to pack extra mittens, socks, etc. in case they are needed.

Principals can always use their judgment to decide whether to send students outside for recess. However, HWDSB asks Principals to follow the City of Hamilton recommendation that individuals stay inside when the temperature is at or below -15C or -20C with wind chill. Questions or concerns regarding winter outdoor play should be directed to the school Principal.



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Parents are encouraged to go to hamiltonschoolbus.ca to check for any potential transportation delays.