



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for December 9, 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.

Students and staff had another great week of learning and teaching at Gordon Price!

2020 Year Calendars: We sold over 40 copies of our Gordon Price 2020 Year Calendar. We have submitted our first order already. But we are giving families another opportunity to purchase a calendar as they make awesome gifts for family members. If you are interested in ordering a copy, please return the order form and \$18 by Monday.

Labour Updates: Please visit this website, <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/labour-update/>, for more information regarding Labour Updates.

January Pizza Orders are due December 12th.

Congratulations to Sandhya Rajaram of Umbrella Daycare Program in her retirement. We know Sandhya has been part of the Gordon Price Community since 1992 and created many lasting friendships with staff and families from the community. We wish her all the best!

Immunizations for Grade 7 and 8 students will be Wednesday December 11, 2019.

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

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.

Gordon Price cares for our community day! On Thursday December 12th, students can wear their hats or pyjamas for the day. They can support Neighbour to Neighbour food centre by either donating a non-perishable food item or \$2. All donations are appreciated and make a difference for this community organization.

Weekly Update Feedback: We know communication is important between home and school. Do you follow our weekly updates? Let us know by submitting your feedback. Are they helpful? Can they be improved? Send us your feedback with a note or via email gordonprice@hwdsb.on.ca. Your child will be entered into a draw for a prize!



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Upcoming dates:

December 10: Bus Safety Presentations
December 11: Immunizations for Grade 7 and 8 students
December 12: Gordon Price care day!
December 13th: SK Vision Screening
December 17th: Winter Wonderland
December 20th: Last day of School

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.



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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.

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