



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for November 18, 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.***

This week, the snow caused lots of excitement and traffic woes. Students are reminded to be prepared for outdoor weather by coming to school with appropriate footwear and warm clothing. A second pair of footwear keeps our classrooms safe and clean. Our Caretaking Staff do an amazing job in trying to get our walkways and door exits clear before students arrive. The parking lot can be limited during snowfall season so we please do not park in the lot at entry or dismissal. We are reminding our students to use the sidewalks and crosswalks when walking to school and home.

**Remembrance Day:** We had a very respectful and honourable assembly with presentations from Mrs. Scott, Ms. Scott, Ms. Koruna and Mrs. Gidge's classes. We are grateful for their performances and messages of peace and sacrifice. Thank you to the stage crew and our Gr 8 students who led the assembly.

**ECO Team:** Thank you to the ECO Team's leadership with Book Exchange as more than 270 books were re-used.

**Soup Day:** Our Gordon Price Vegetable Garden had a great harvest again this year. Once again, we will be having Soup Day on Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please return your order and \$2 to order your bowl by Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Support Hamilton United Way campaign by wearing your favourite jersey and bringing \$2 on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Samko Sale:** Shop at Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse in Hamilton or Online from **November 28 to December 1 at Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum**. Samko & Miko will donate 10% of your purchase to Gordon Price! Feel free to share with your friends and family.

We would like to welcome Mr. Tudor to Gordon Price staff. He will be teaching Music to Kindergarten to Gr 8 classes along with Grade 7 and 8 Drama classes.

Family Movie Night is coming! Mark your calendars Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm. A family of 4 costs \$5 and each additional person costs \$1. Juice boxes and popcorn will be sold.

**Parent Learning Opportunity:** Unfiltered Facts about Vaping, Thursday November 21, 2019 – 7:00-8:30 pm. Liuna Station, 360 James St N., Hamilton, ON



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**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.

**French Immersion Information Nights for SK Parents:**

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, November 19 at Mountain View Elementary School (299 Barton St., Hamilton)

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, November 26 at Lawfield Elementary School (45 Berko Ave. Hamilton)

**Upcoming dates:**

November 17-24: Bully Awareness Week

November 18: Last due for Soup Day Orders

November 20: Dental Screening Day: Kindergarten and Grade 2 students

November 20: United Way Jersey Day: Bring a toonie to support Hamilton United Way

November 21: Carousel Players visit Gordon Price "Water Wonder" for Grades 4-8

November 21: Soup Day

November 26: December Pizza Orders are due.



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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.

Parents are encouraged to go to [hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://hamiltonschoolbus.ca) to check for any potential transportation delays.



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