



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for November 25, 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.***

Another exciting and successful week! Thank you for your donations to the United Way- we raised \$136 from our Jersey Day! Soup Day was a hit with our students and staff as we received more than 140 orders. Our junior and intermediate students enjoyed Carousel Players performance of "Water Wonder". Junior Students had a chance to indulge in the French Potluck!

**ECO Team:** Thank you for your support for our Soup Day. More than 140 orders were placed giving our ECO Team more \$240 for next year's garden planting and other initiatives!

**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.

Best wishes: We would like to wish Ms. DeRosse all the best as she pursues other opportunities within HWDSB Schools. We welcome Ms. Babineau back on Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**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 26 at Lawfield Elementary School (45 Berko Ave. Hamilton)

### **Upcoming dates:**

November 26: December Pizza Orders are due.

November 27<sup>th</sup>: Shelter in Place Drill

November 29<sup>th</sup>: PD Day (No School for Students)

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Family Movie Night



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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.