



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for January 13, 2020

***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.***

Happy New Year! We have had a great first week back establishing our school routines and expectations. At this time of year, people set goals and make plans to reach those goals. I would encourage you to set reading goals with your child. Spending 20 minutes a day reading to/with your child makes a difference. Find the time and make the time and you will see a difference with your child!

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

**Bullying and Student Well-being:** If you think you have concerns about your child's well-being, please contact your child's teacher and the school so we can understand what is happening and try to support your child.

**Family Movie Night** is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>. Aladdin will be shown. Doors open at 5:45 and movie begins at 6:15 pm. For a family of 4, it costs \$5. Popcorn and juice boxes are being sold.

**Stay informed of what's happening ... Weekly Update Feedback:** Subscribe to our school website and receive email notifications when it is updated.

**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.

**Upcoming dates:**

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January 17: Family Movie Night  
January 21: Grade 8 Graduation Photos  
January 24: PD Day (No School for Students)

## 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/>