



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for January 27, 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.

Labour Updates: Please visit this website, <https://www.hwbdsb.on.ca/about/labour-update/>, for more information regarding Labour Updates. In the latest update, there is information about Extra-Curricular activities, Report Cards and IEPs for Elementary Schools.

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: Many thanks to everyone who attended our last movie night! Your support raised more than \$ 220 for Gordon Price School Council.

Mad Science: Flyers were sent home for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students for upcoming Mad Science Programs at Gordon Price.

February Pizza Orders: we are only accepting online orders for February Pizza Days. Our website has registration information for School Cash Online. All orders are due January 27th.



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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 to check for any potential transportation delays.

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/>