



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for September 28, 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.

Our weekly updates are back this year. This is an excellent way to stay informed about our school. The update will be sent via email and posted on our school website each week. Do you receive emails from the school? If not, look at the School Messenger Instruction sheet attached to this email and posted on the website.

Well, it has been a fantastic week at Gordon Price. Students and staff are doing their part to keep everyone safe and healthy. Hand hygiene, mask wearing, and daily screen checklists are very important to all of us. We are reminding our students to be physical distancing during nutrition breaks. This week, we completed our 3 fire drills. Everyone has adjusted to our new routines! Educators are building relationships and learning about their students.

COVID-19 Information was posted last week at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/gordonprice/2020/09/17/bus-information-and-parent-resources-regarding-covid-19-protocols/>

September 30th: Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters

Terry Fox Run and Activities: Next week, our students and staff are participating in physical activities as part of the Terry Fox Run Event. More details will be shared.

Transportation Update: There will be no courtesy transportation at this time. We have only 1 bus route.

Part of our School Re-opening plan, the parking lot is closed at the beginning and end of the school day. During the school day, it is open for parents to pick up their children.

Volunteers: With our current Return to School Protocols, volunteers are not permitted in the school.

School Council: Please look for upcoming information and details regarding School Council.



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Report an Absence - Safe Arrival

At HWDSB, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all students safely arrive at school every day. To strengthen our procedures for absences, we are using a student absence reporting system that makes it easy for parents/caregivers to report absences. It also allows school staff to respond quickly and thoroughly to all unexplained absences. Our goal is to continue to have all absences explained and all students accounted for each day, knowing that they are safe.

With Safe Arrival, families report a child's absence in one of three ways;

1. Provide your email address to the school. Use the SafeArrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Provide your email address to the school. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account.

These options are available 24 hours/ day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

September Information Package: In the Parent Portal, parents/guardians are asked to complete Media Consent Form and Digital Tools Permission Form.

Medical Conditions: Does your child have asthma, epilepsy, anaphylactic allergy or diabetes? Please contact the school to setup a plan of care.

Students and Medication: For the safety of all of our students, we ask that students not carry any medication on their person or in their locker unless it is an Epi-pen for emergency treatment. Please contact the school to let us know your child may require emergency treatment.

Other medications are over-the-counter medication, such as cough syrup and pain relievers. These should **not** be brought to school by students of elementary school age, or stored at school, as some students may have adverse reactions to improper usage and other students may inadvertently obtain these medications.

All other medication must be kept in the office. Prescription medication requires signed authorization of a parent or guardian and signed direction by the prescribing doctor before it can be administered by school personnel. These forms are available at the office.