



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for October 5, 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.*

The cooler weather is upon us! Our students enjoyed the learning activities related to Orange Shirt Day and had an opportunity to participate in fitness activities to support Terry Fox foundation. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [TerryFox.org](http://TerryFox.org) and select Gordon Price School. It was awesome to see the school spirit this week with these events!

# Thank you!

On October 2, it was National Custodial and Maintenance Workers' Day. At Gordon Price, I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work, attention to detail and dedication of our Caretaking Team in maintaining our clean and safe learning environment.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, it is World Teachers' Day. We need to celebrate the efforts and work of our teaching staff this school year. They are dedicated professionals who make a difference in the well-being and learning of our students. Their collaboration and optimism have provided a smooth transition to the school year.

We continue to use the enhanced public health measures- hand hygiene, mask wearing and physical distancing. We know our students are used to playing close with each other. Staff continue to remind students to be physically distant and wear masks when students can not maintain their distance. We would appreciate your reminders at home too about physical distancing.

Part of Secure Schools' Plan, schools are required to have 2 lockdown drills each year. We will have our first drill this upcoming week. We will adhere to our COVID-19 measures during our practice.

**COVID-19 Information Update #26** was posted <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/gordonprice/2020/09/30/covid-19-update-to-families-26-september-30-2020/> After this update, there were changes released by Province of Ontario. New information will be posted on the school board website to reflect the revised daily screening checklist.

**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.

**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.

### **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](http://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](http://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.

**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.

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