



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for October 19, 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.

Halloween and the first of November are here! We were shocked with the snowflakes on Friday but it was a good reminder. Students need to dress appropriately for the weather. Students and staff celebrated Halloween by wearing creative costumes. It was good fun!

Progress Reports were sent home last week. We encourage talk with your child about setting goals and developing a plan to achieving their goals. If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact their teacher.

Staffing and Organization: This past week, we finalized our staffing and school organization. We would like to extend best wishes to the following staff members: Ms. Joshua (Remote School), Mrs. Juliao (Remote School), Ms. Ruzylo (Remote School), Ms. Mills and Ms. Atalepe. A full staff list and organization are posted on our school website. Any students who are moving classes received a letter and will begin their new classes on November 3, 2020.

The following information about "Communication of a Confirmed Case" was posted from HWDSB (https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Family-Notice-28_Oct-27_final.pdf) :

Parents and guardians will receive timely communication when there is a confirmed case associated with your child's school.

When there is a confirmed case, expect to hear terms like close or casual contacts. You may also be asked to have your child self-isolate; learn How to Self-Isolate.

Practices are being established and shared about Communications to expect after a confirmed case of COVID-19. Some include:

- Students may be held back from dismissal should public health notify us about a confirmed case within this timeframe. Students will not be allowed to ride the school bus.
- A school administrator will personally notify families of a close contact child. A School Messenger phone alert may be used if the call volume is more than one class and/or if the contact is late in the evening, in which case, a School Messenger call will be made.
 - Notification to the broader school community will be done through School Messenger as late as 9:30 p.m. or as early at 6:45 a.m. with a letter posted on the school website.
- Multiple cases in a school does not always mean a school outbreak. Direction is provided by Hamilton Public Health Services in declaring an outbreak at a specific school location.
- Private information or identifiers including grade, gender, names of confirmed cases will not be shared. Halloween in HWDSB

Nutrition Program: This week, we will begin a modified nutrition program. We will have apples and cheese strings available to students at second break. It will occur on Mondays and Wednesdays only.

Stay informed: Subscribe to our school website, sign up for School Messenger, follow Twitter @GP_HWDSB.