



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for January 11, 2021

I would like to thank our students, families and staff for an excellent week of remote learning. It has taken considerable effort and patience to shift our student learning to online. We know there are many families supporting their children's learning at home and balancing work from home. Our attendance and participation have consistent every day this week. Again, a BIG Thank you to our staff and parent community for doing their best!

On Thursday January 7, Ministry of Education announced we will be continuing to learn remotely until January 25<sup>th</sup>. This past week, we received requests from families for devices. Those requests have been submitted to HWDSB. When devices are ready for deployment, we will be contacting families. HWDSB shared this announcement with the community, <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/remote-learning-update-for-families-2/>.

There is a learning package available for Kindergarten families. We know there are challenges navigating the online learning space. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions.

### Attendance

Attendance is taken twice a day- 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. If your child is not present at the meeting, you will receive an attendance call. We recognize some families are balancing many demands and students may be late or absent. You can enter an absence in School Messenger.

School Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm via MS Teams. Please contact the school for the meeting details.

### Financial Support for Families

Ontario is offering funding for parents to help offset costs during the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline to apply for this one-time funding has been extended to **February 8, 2021**. For more details, click here <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/ontario-financial-support-learners/>.

### Move to In-Person/Remote Learning

There will be an opportunity for families to transition between in-person school and the Remote Learning Program in February 2021. Families interested in a move will need to complete a transition form in **Parent Portal during the week of January 18th-22nd**.

### Communication

Family Contact Information: If your child's contact information has been changed, please call Mrs. Sherriff and Ms. Sloan so our system can be updated. This contact information is used for School Messenger too.