

## Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for April 5, 2021

We hope our school family continues to be safe and healthy. This long weekend provided an opportunity for all of us to take a much deserved break. We are grateful for our students, families, and staff working together to support student well-being and learning. This week is a four-day week before our spring break. Please continue to follow the school board website for the latest news and updates. This spring break allows everyone to do a reset and recharge their energy levels.

Asymptomatic Testing in HWDSB: Please see this link for more information: https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/asymptomatic-testing-in-hwdsb-schools/

Bell Times 2021-22: Our bell times will remain the same for next school year, 8:30 am - 2:50 pm.

<u>Kindergarten Registration:</u> We continue to accept registrations for Kindergarten for this upcoming September. If your child was born 2017, you can register your child online or contact the school for additional information.

<u>March COVID Update:</u> This past week, March COVID 19 update was posted on HWDSB website. You will find information from Board Chair, Director, Public Health Measures, and Learning at HWDSB. Click on the link for the full update: <a href="https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/hwdsb-covid-19-updates-march-2021/">https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/hwdsb-covid-19-updates-march-2021/</a>

International Day of Pink: It is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, schools will be closed for Spring Break. HWDSB will recognize International Day of Pink on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their pink to show support acceptance and kindness to all students. This day was started in Nova Scotia in 2007 when two Grade 12 students saw a Grade 9 student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. Bullies harassed the boy, called him a homosexual for wearing a pink shirt and threatened to beat him up. The two Grade 12 students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, bought and distributed 50 pink shirts and encouraged peers to arrive to school wearing pink the next day to stand in solidarity with the grade 9 student and celebrate diversity. <a href="https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home">https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home</a>

