



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update October 25, 2021

***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.***

Last week of October is already here! Time flies when you are having fun! This week, we recognized the contributions of our School Bus Drivers and Early Childhood Educators. I appreciate the work of Mrs. Blair and Ms. Kroese in our Kindergarten classrooms helping our youngest learners grow, develop, and learn. We recognize Gordon Price Child Centre staff and Umbrella Before and After Staff for their partnership and work.

Congratulations to our School Volleyball teams for their sportsmanship and efforts this week as they began their season. Thank you to the coaches for their volunteering and encouragement! At this time, no spectators are allowed to watch the games. Good luck Panthers!

IEPs are being sent home for families to review. Classroom teachers, educational assistants, and learning resource teachers have been collaborating to develop IEPs. When they come home, please take the time to review and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

HWDSB provided a COVID-19 Update: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/covid-19-update-october-2021/>  
**Daily Screening Tool:** All staff and students must complete and submit a daily screener as part of Public Health Measures. It is easiest when parents sign the calendar so we know the students are healthy to come to school. We have been provided an updated screener tool, <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

**Halloween:** On October 29<sup>th</sup>, students may participate in Halloween activities at school. Here are the guidelines:

- Students can wear costumes to school (e.g., no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.)
- ☐ Students choosing to wear a costume should come to the school already wearing the costume and keep the costume on for the duration of the day
- Student costumes must be able to accommodate a face covering as per COVID requirements
- We will not be having parades or assemblies
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering.
- A costume mask should not be worn over a non-medical mask or face covering because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. •
- Activities will take place within our student cohorts.



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- If classes would like include treats for students during activities, these must only be purchased and individually packaged treats (no home baked foods). There is no need to clean or disinfect prepackaged treats.

**Parent Opportunities:**

Please see attached flyers for upcoming parent sessions for supporting your child's separation anxiety and mental health.