



Gordon Price Elementary School

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Weekly Update for September 20, 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.

The second week of school is in the books! Great learning and weather supports everyone's well-being. Thank you for your daily completion of the daily screening calendar. It makes a difference for Mrs. Sherriff and Mrs. Finlay. Our students know their cohort and line areas for a quick transition in the morning and nutrition breaks. We thank you for waiting for your children outside of the playground and wearing masks if you enter the school grounds. These HPH guidelines help everyone stay safe and healthy.

School Council is an excellent opportunity to stay informed about Gordon Price School. Our school council will have its' first meeting on September 30th at 6:30 pm via MS Teams. Please see attached information.

Schools are required to have 3 Fire Drills in the fall and spring. This coming week, we will begin our practice drills.

Orange Shirt Day: At HWDSB, we respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River. On Thursday, September 30, we wear orange to honour the story of Phyllis Webstad, who in the early 1970s had her orange shirt taken away on her first day at the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School in British Columbia.

Parent Opportunity: De-streaming Information Night for Parents of Grades 6, 7, and 8 students: <https://hwdsb.info/destreaming>.

Stay informed from HWDSB: See latest update RE: COVID <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/covid-19-update-september-2021/>

Medical Conditions: Does your child have asthma, epilepsy, anaphylactic allergy or diabetes? Please contact the school to setup a plan of care.

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.



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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.

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. 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). 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.