

Gordon Price School

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September, 2011

From the Principal's Desk ~

Welcome back to everyone and a very special welcome to new families to Gordon Price! We hope that you all have had a wonderful and safe summer! The staff has been busy preparing to provide your child(ren) with an exciting, educational year!

Thank you to our wonderful custodial staff for working hard to make our school clean and ready for Sept!!

Our students in Grades 1-8 receive agendas, which are a very effective tool for learning. We are able to provide them to you at a cost of \$5 per student. Please contact the school office or your child's teacher for information about financial support, if needed. If you prefer your child to use their own agenda please return the Gordon Price agenda unused to your child's teacher.

You will receive a Gordon Price School Package that includes

important information including our Code of Conduct and forms that need to be completed and returned to your child's teacher. We would ask parents to review this Code of Conduct with your child(ren) and complete the forms. Please do this asap.

I would like to welcome Ms. McDannold who is our JK/SK teacher in K2, as Mrs. Falla is on maternity leave for the 2011-12 school year.

Mrs. Laidman, one of our EAs is on a leave of absence. Welcome to Ms. Lavallee who will be replacing her. And finally, a welcome to our new office administrator, Mrs. Sherriff. I know that everyone in our community will make our new staff feel very welcomed at Gordon Price.

We are looking forward to another terrific year!!!

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One of our school procedures to ensure safety and learning is that we ask parents who are dropping off lunches, notes, etc. report to the Main Office. One of the most important learning factors for children is the amount of 'time on task' (learning time) that they receive 'free from distractions'. Thus, we ask that everyone is respectful of not interrupting classes during the instructional day. Your child's lunch, etc. will be given to your child by staff at the next break in instructional time.

Parents – Your assistance please

We ask that parents who are picking up children during the day report to the Office to sign their children out.

Notes sent in by parents to their child's teacher are preferred as these are forwarded to the office and tracked by our Office Staff. We are asking for your assistance in making end of day arrangements for your child prior to the day. The Office is frequently receiving many phone calls requesting that their child(ren) be given end of day directions. Not only is this a disruption to your child's 'time on task' it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Office Staff to ensure that the numerous messages can be delivered by the end of the day.

We thank you for your cooperation and assistance with these requests.

Meet the Parent Night

Tuesday, Sept. 13th

With another school year underway, the staff is anxious to meet informally with parents. "Meet the Parent Night" will be held next Tuesday rain or shine from 5:00-7:00.



Harvey's will be set up for business at 4:30 on the back playground and staff will informally greet parents from 6:00-7:00 in classrooms.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be available to parents and students in the Library from 5:00-6:30. Please come out and join us for what we know will be a great evening!

Communication Bell Times

Nutrition Breaks

Education is a partnership between home and the school. If you have any questions regarding your child's program or achievement, please contact your child's teacher here at the school.

Entry Bell	8:45
Nutrition Break # 1	10:45 to 11:25
Nutrition Break # 2	12:55 to 1:35
Dismissal Bell	3:05

Parents are reminded that during the Nutrition Break time, students receive indirect teacher supervision in the classroom. When a student leaves the school during the day, we would ask that he/she sign out at the Office and sign back in on their return to the building.

Medical Issues

Many children have allergies, a few, however, are life-threatening. The most common causes of life-threatening reactions are food, drugs, insect stings and exposure to latex rubber. Some children in our school are allergic to peanuts/nuts.



Even a tiny bit
can be fatal
within minutes.

**If your child
has a life-
threatening allergy that we
don't know about, please let
us know asap.**

Consistent with HWDSB policy, a medical plan may have to be developed for your child. Appropriate authorization forms must also be completed by your family doctor before medications can be administered at the school.



Visitors to the School

Any person who enters a school is required to demonstrate behaviors and actions that are consistent with Ministry requirements. The Ministry outlines clearly the expectations of all individuals when they are at school.

In the interest of student and staff safety, all parents and visitors are required to enter the school by the front door only and immediately report to the secretary at the office. Once again this year, there is no entry to the school from the Day Care Center and such things as baby buggies are not generally permitted in the school. Thank you for your understanding and support in this regard as we continue to focus on "Safety for All" here at Gordon Price.

Smoke-Free Ontario Act

The Government of Ontario's Smoke-Free Ontario Act is designed to protect everyone from the harmful effects of tobacco smoke. This act replaces existing municipal no-smoking by-laws and creates minimum standards across the Province. Accordingly smoking is prohibited on all school property.

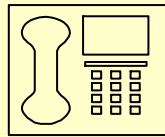


Volunteers at Gordon Price

Volunteers are always welcome at Gordon Price School. If you are interested in supporting school initiatives, please give our secretary a call at 905 574 6336 or send a note to your child's teacher. Our Vice Principal, Mrs. DiFrancesco will be organizing a Volunteer In-service shortly!

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent or late for school, please leave a message on our answering machine at 905 574 6336.



Forms Home

Your child will be bringing home with them a number of papers, brochures from both the school and the community during the next couple of weeks. Some of these items are:

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Package - has many forms in that require parent signature and return to teacher.

School Calendar - we are again following a 5-day schedule this year. Students on rotary should always check the day number to be sure that they have the required notebooks and /or

textbooks/equipment for the day.

We are sending home a school year calendar which will indicate school holidays, AB Kdn dates and the day number.

Student Insurance

Forms - as directed in brochure

Student Info Verification Forms

This form, which will be sent home in a sealed envelope sometime during the second week of school, is a hardcopy of the information in our student records. Please clearly indicate any changes to information and return to your child's teacher by September 30. **If you do not want this information coming home with your child please contact the school office.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 13 - 'Meet the Teacher', Book Fair and Harvey's

Thursday, September 15 - School Council Nomination Forms due into school office

Friday, September 30 - Student Info Verification Form due to child's teacher

