



Gordon Price School

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From the Principal's Desk ~

Every year in March, Principals are asked to predict how many students will be enrolled in each grade in their school for the following September. Past enrolment trends, kindergarten registration and the number of students believed to be transferring from other schools are used to make these predictions.

Teacher allocation for the school year is based on these predictions.

In mid September the school district examines the actual number of students registered and determines if a school has been given too many or requires additional teachers.

Fortunately, Gordon Price **does not** need to re-organize this year as we are very close to our projected number of students!!

We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Ellwood as part of the permanent teaching staff of Gordon Price!

Ms. Stephens-Brockbank
Principal



The following are our EQAO for
the 2010-11 school year:

Grade 3 Results
Reading—63%
Writing—67%
Mathematics—80%

Grade 6 Results
Reading— 80%
Writing— 70%
Mathematics— 50%

*****percentages are based on the number of students who have achieved at or above the provincial standard (levels 3 and 4)**

Picture Day

Our date for this year is Wed, October 26th, 2011 for the entire school. We are holding a Family Picture Night on Wed. October 26th as well. We will send home more information with all students. Thursday, October 27th is for the alternate day kindergarten students.



Pizza Day Success

Thanks to all who participated in our 1st pizza day. With so many hungry pizza eaters we even had to order more! The office has increased the amount ordered so we won't be short again. Pizza can be purchased at the office during the 2nd nutrition break for \$1.50 per slice every Friday.

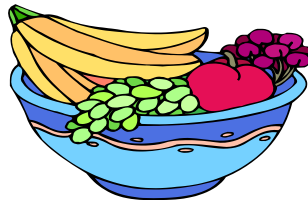
Milk Sales

We will be selling 2% white and 1% chocolate milk as of



Tuesday

October 4th. A container of milk will cost \$1.00 each. Milk will be sold from the Office. The lunch monitors will be picking up milk orders for the kindergarten students. All other students will go to the Office to purchase milk on either nutrition break.



Nutrition Policy

As you are aware, The Ministry of Education has developed nutrition guidelines for schools. One of the pieces of information, "Nutrition in the Classroom" states, 'when food is to be used as part of an in-class celebration or party, all foods and beverages served must meet the nutrition policy guidelines.' This means that parents can ONLY send in food that meets the nutritional guidelines (e.g. celebrating your child's birthday). Thus cupcakes, cakes, etc. can no longer be sent in for other students to share. A parent/guardian can put in whatever food they choose in their own child(ren)'s lunch but any foods to be shared with other students **MUST** meet the nutrition guidelines. Please visit our website at www.hwdsb.on.ca/nutrition for further information. If you are interested in being part of our School Nutrition Action committee please contact the school principal, V. Stephens-Brockbank.

Supervision

Just a reminder that our school grounds are supervised beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:20 p.m. each day. There is NO supervision of students before or after these times. Please ensure that students do not arrive prior to 8:30 a.m.,

especially on rainy days as they are only admitted into the school buildings beginning at 8:30 a.m.



School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day October 17-21, 2011

The annual School Bus Safety Week is occurring across Canada this year from October 17-21. The purpose of School Bus Safety Week is to provide an opportunity to remind all motorists, parents and caregivers to be aware of children in school zones, and to stop for school buses. Thursday October 20, has been selected as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Remember to thank your bus driver with a card, a sign, a simple verbal thank you or a gift of appreciation. Thank you Drivers!

Gordon Price Snack Bank

On occasion we have students' who forget their lunch or need a little something more to get them through the day. With this in mind we are starting a "Gordon Price Snack Bank". Here's your opportunity to help through a snack donation such as fresh fruit or pre-packaged items (i.e. granola/nutri-grain bars). Please bring any items to the office and remember our peanut/nut allergy policy.

School Councils

In September parents/guardians are asked to consider getting involved in

their child's learning by becoming active in their school council. As a member of school council you have the opportunity to voice your opinions on behalf of parents and community members in your school community.

We congratulate and thank all school council members for the commitment you have made to the 2011-2012 School Council for your school.

Research shows that parental involvement is the most significant factor contributing to a child's success in school. Active participation in school activities improves student achievement, increases school attendance and decreases student dropouts.

Thank you for your commitment to our Gordon Price School Council.



Tips for Parents Road Safety

Get Ready

Practice your route to school and point out any dangers to your children.

Get Set

1. Teach your children the Five Steps to safely cross the street.
2. Stop
3. Look both ways
4. Listen for traffic
5. Wait until the street is clear and all traffic has stopped
6. Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they have seen you

And Remember

- ✓ Always walk on the sidewalk. Children under 9 need

supervision when they cross the street

- ✓ Children should walk to school with a parent, sibling or responsible friend.

School Bus Safety

- Talk to your children about the school bus rules
- Don't let your children arrive too early – they may wander. Tell them to come straight home when they get off the bus.
- Have a plan if your child misses the bus
- Remind your children to find a seat and stay seated until the driver says they can get off
- When getting off the bus, remind your child to take all their belongings. One backpack is easy to remember
- Teach your children to walk out away from the front of the bus when the red lights are flashing; that way the driver can see them
- Crossing Guard Safety
- Always walk to the crossing guard to cross the road.
- Learn what the crossing guard's signals mean and obey them.



During the month of September we sent home many forms and information sheets

for parents to read, review with your child and/or complete and return to your child's teacher. Please

complete and return the forms if you haven't done so already

Adult Volleyball Night

Recreational Volleyball is being held in the gym every Wednesday night starting September 21st. Please call Lisa or Keith Sampson at 905-388-9279 (space is limited).

Terry Fox Run

On September 28th our students participated in the Terry Fox Run and raised \$319 for this worthy cause. Our thanks to the students who 'made a difference'.



Slo-Pitch

The week of September 19th was a busy week for our Slo-Pitch Teams. Our Girls' and Boys' teams played extremely well and almost made it to the Championship game. Our thanks to all our students and Mr. Marshall and Mr. Ireland, our coaches, for making us proud, again!



FIVE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

Children can achieve academic success when they are well rested and feel loved
Hamilton Spectator - Tuesday, September 8, 2009

When kids do poorly in school most parents look to teachers for guidance. Here's what teachers know but

are reluctant to say: Parents are the most important influence on children's school performance.

Send your kids prepared for school - with enough rest and exercise. School supplies, lunch money and new clothes are not adequate preparations for learning. Many kids, particularly teenagers, come to school sleep deprived. Teens need 9-10 hours of sleep and elementary students need 10-11 hours/night.

Kids who routinely don't get enough sleep are much more likely to have all kinds of learning and emotional problems. Sufficient exercise is also important. It's critical that parents shut off the TV and computer and make certain that their children get enough exercise. Overweight and tired kids are bad learners.

- Send happy kids to school. Children and teens need a foundation of emotional stability. It's hard to focus in school if you are worried about your parents' alcohol problems, emotional or physical absence, or constant arguing. Stay in a turbulent or destructive relationship for the sake of the family rarely works out. Create the type of home you'd like to live in and you'll see a big impact on your kids.

- Kids who feel loved and happy make good learners. Make your home learning-friendly. Have a quiet place for your children to study and do their homework. Set up a routine time for your kids to get their homework done. Don't get too involved in school. Kids need to know that you really care about school, but make certain that

they see learning as their responsibility, not yours. Don't do their homework or ask to meet with teachers over minor issues. Help them solve their own problems and figure out how to manage nasty kids and tough tests.

- Keep school in perspective. Grades matter but they are not the ultimate indicator of your child's value as a person. Recognize that not all children are gifted and should get "A"s. Encourage your children to get involved in sports, arts activities, volunteering and work. Be as concerned about your kids' moral development as their math scores. Pay particular attention to the ways they interact with other people, solve problems, handle failure and manage success. These are the traits that determine how they will eventually turn out.

New York Times News Service

Safe School Committee

This year we are again establishing a Safe School Committee which will consist of staff members, a parent rep and a representative from our School Council.

There will be approximately three meetings a year, these meeting will be held during the school day.

If you are interested, please send a message with your child to their teacher.

Lost & Found

The amount of items in this box is unbelievable. Please ask your child to stop and check out the contents if your child is missing a jacket, sweater, etc.

Calling All Volunteers: Meeting on Thursday, October 13th, at 9:15 in the school staff room

Volunteers have a huge impact on the lives of students. They give the extra time, attention, assistance and encouragement that many students need in order to meet their full potential.

As a classroom teacher, it is with great fondness and appreciation that I recall the many dedicated volunteers that greatly contributed to the success of my students.

For every skill that you have as a volunteer, we at Gordon Price, have a student who can benefit greatly from the time, knowledge and positive support that you would provide.

On Thursday, October 13th, at 9:15 in the school staff room,

we will be having a meeting to share information about how you can volunteer at Gordon Price. If you are already volunteering we ask that you attend to hear important information about School and Board guidelines for Volunteers.

Thank you for helping our students learn.

Ms G. DiFrancesco Vice-Principal

