
WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, September 16, 2024

Hello WBS Families!

Our first full week is now done! Students and staff participated in their first fire drill and were fantastic. We were able to clear the building and take attendance for all our students in under 7 minutes. For context- that would be 1200+ bodies that are exiting the building and modulars and are accounted for. Students and staff conducted themselves with maturity dedication to their roles. It was a very proud moment for the admin team to witness. We also enjoyed our first “dance party Friday” and ended our week with a “Friday Funny”. The WBS Wolves spirit is building, and we can’t wait to see where we can take it this year!

New Info:

1. **School Photos:** Picture day is Monday, September 16, 2024. Picture retake day is scheduled for October 16th. To access your photos please read the attachment from Nova Scotia School Pictures:
2. **Grade 6 Band Student Camp-** Mr. Dimoff, our band teacher, will be providing an opportunity to grade 6 band students to receive instrument specific training from instructors. This will take place on Wednesday, September 18th from 3 pm to 7 pm. Families of our band students are invited to attend a short concert from 6:45 to 7:00 pm to hear all that the students have learned. A pizza supper will be provided to students. We ask that they bring their own water bottle.
3. Our **2024-2025 Curriculum night** will be Thursday, September 19th from 6:30 to 7:30. This is an open house style so you can come anytime within the hour; students and siblings are welcome to attend as well. It is important to note that this is not an event where you will receive an update on your child’s progress.

4. **Friday Field Volunteers Needed:** We would like to offer our older students the opportunity to play on the field. To do this we need 4 to 5 volunteers to come on Fridays from 11:05-11:55 am. To be a volunteer you must have your volunteer paperwork completed and on file at our school. If you submitted your paperwork last year, you are good- no need to update any forms. Please reach out to Susan Casey at scasey@hrce.ca if you can be a field volunteer.
5. **Moving safely on our campus:** We have noticed over the week that there are areas of concern for student safety.
 - a. Entering the lower parking lot to drop your child at the kiss and go loop- when turning into the parking lot please ensure that there are no students or staff crossing the sidewalk. Some drivers are turning in and not noticing the pedestrians.
 - b. Parking on Broad street is on the side of the road the school is on. Cars have been parking on the other side of the road and students are walking through traffic. There is no parking on that side of Broad St. Our school liaison office, Cnst Desrochers and the HRM By-Law team will be at WBS throughout the coming weeks to ensure that all our students are safe arriving to school. We ask that our families share in this responsibility!
 - c. Students riding their bikes/scooters on the school campus- at the end of the day we have asked students to walk their bike or scooter to the sidewalk next to the lower parking lot so that they are not riding through the crowds of students and families. Students on wheels have been riding at quick speeds, in groups and some collisions have occurred. If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please remind them that they need to walk through the crowds before getting on. (This is for the end of the day)
6. **WBS Staffing:** This week we completed the hiring process for our Grade 2/3 English class. We welcome Mikaela Sibbald to the WBS Wolf Pack. Ms. Sibbald will be starting in the coming days once her paperwork is processed.
7. Our **WBS Music video premier** is taking place on Monday, September 23rd from 7 to 8 pm on our field. We want to engage with our school community so please come listen to our WBS song and see the music video students created with local East Coast musicians. Please feel free to bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Students need to attend with an adult as there will not be staff supervision for this event.

Previous Information:

Medical Plans: If your child has a medical condition that requires the use of medication (asthma puffers, insulin, epi pen, etc), we require a medical plan to be completed. Please reach out to a member of the administration to receive a copy of this paperwork. It is important that those students with epi pens and puffers have these on their person at all times, in case immediate medical attention is required.

Safe Arrival Number: If your child is going to be absent for the any part of the school day or arrive late, please call Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940. Please note if your child will be late arriving to school you must select that they will be absent for the day. When they arrive our admin team will update their attendance.

School Advisory Council (SAC): Thank you to those who expressed an interest in joining our SAC. All of our positions are now filled. The first SAC meeting is Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the seminar room.

Home & School Association (HSA): Thank you to those who expressed an interest in joining the HSA Executive. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of the HSA as a general member to join this team on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the cafeteria for their first meeting.

Key policies and procedures, such as the Provincial Code of Conduct and the Inclusive Education Policy can be found on our website: <https://wbs.hrce.ca/our-school>
These policies and procedures guide our work each day.

Upcoming Events:

1. Upcoming September Dates

- Picture day is scheduled for Monday, September 16th. Students who are absent that day can have their picture taken on retake day on October 16th.
- Grade 6 Band Camp- For Grade 6 students who are in band there will be a band camp on Wednesday, September 18th from 3-7 pm. A pizza supper will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Trevor Dimoff TDimoff@hrce.ca
- Open House/Curriculum Night is on Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm
- WBS School Song Premier Monday, September 23rd on the field 7:00pm to 8:00 pm. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.
- Home and School Association Meeting September 24th 6:00-7:00 pm in the cafeteria
- SAC Meeting September 24th 7:00-8:30 pm in the seminar room
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- Monday, September 30th- No school for students and staff