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WEST BEDFORD



ELEMENTARY

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Monday, September 23, 2024

Hello WBS Families!

We have a few school events happening this week. We invite families to join us on Monday for our video premier and on Tuesday for our Home & School Meeting.

Over the past week we have been able to complete the hiring process for positions at WBS. We would like to welcome the following staff members to WBS:

- Grade 2/3 English Program- Ms. Mikaela Sibbald will be joining this class as the classroom teacher for the remainder of the year. Ms. Sibbald will be reaching out to the families of Grade 2/3 this week, after a few days of settling in. Ms. Sibbald and Ms. Tao have been transitioning virtually and will be meeting on Tuesday to do the final hand off.
- Grade 5/6 French Immersion Program- Mr. Jordan Fisk has accepted this position. Mr. Fisk was in late last week for curriculum night and to transition with Mme MacNeil and meet the students. Mr. Fisk will be contacting families throughout the week to further introduce himself.
- Grade 6 English Program- Ms. Julie Deacon will be heading off on maternity leave this week. Families were able to meet Mr. Taylor Slaunwhite and Ms. Deacon on curriculum night. The students and Mr. Slaunwhite have spent some days together already. Mr. Slaunwhite will continue to communicate with families moving forward.
- 80% EPA Position- Ms. Holly Rhodenizer has accepted a 80% EPA position at WBS for this year. Ms. Holly has been a frequent guest EPA in our building, and we are happy to have her on staff fulltime.

Please join me in welcoming our new staff to the WBS community!

1. Our **WBS Music video premier** is taking place on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 to 8 pm on our field. We want to invite our school community to come on out and 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.
2. **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 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the cafeteria for their first meeting.
3. **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.
4. **Friday Field Volunteers:** We are going to be able to open the field on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for our older students to play on the field. Thank you to those who are able to volunteer their time to supervise the students on the field from 11:05-11:55 am.
5. **Moving safely on our campus:** We would like to thank our school community for ensuring our students are safe when arriving and leaving our campus each day. Vehicles on property are in the proper areas and the traffic flow procedures are being respected. #WBSWOLFPRIDE
6. **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.
7. **Cafeteria News:** There are changes to ordered lunch deliveries this year. The cafeteria is not able to provide classroom deliveries for students in Pre-Primary to Grade 3. All students are expected to pick up their ordered lunch from the cafeteria window when it is their eating time at lunch.
8. **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**

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**- No school for students and staff