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Hello WBS Families,

Please visit our school site [WBS website](#) for the latest news from the school and the HRCE. Our weekly memos can also be found on our school site. Have a wonderful week!

1. **WBS Home and School Association:** The next HSA meeting is November 19, 2024 at 6pm in the cafeteria.
 - a. Our final Home & School fundraiser for the Fall is happening now. It is the Bramble Hill Farm Micro Garden kits. Orders can be placed between November 11-27th on School Cash Online, and will be sent home with students on the week of December 9th.

2. **WBS School Advisory Council-** The WBS School Advisory Council has **one Community Member** position open for this school year. If you know someone who does not have a child at WBS and lives or works in the West Bedford community, please share this opportunity. Anyone interested can reach out to Susan Casey, Principal scasey@hrce.ca. **The next SAC meeting is November 19th, 2024 at 7 pm.**

3. **WBS December 2024 Concert:**

Our **theme** for our concerts this year is **Blanket of Snow: Our Community is a Quilt**. Our concert is a winter concert based around the themes of *friendship, community, and togetherness*. The intention of the performance is to share songs that feel cozy and warm and so we've included songs about snow, light, and being together. It is called Blanket of Snow because we are centering the concert around the idea of quilting.

Quilting has been a Nova Scotian tradition over many cultures for hundreds of years. The different patches were sewn together to create images that told stories or marked safe houses along the Underground Railroad into Nova Scotia. During WWII, Nova Scotia sent the first and the 1000th quilt to Britain to families who had lost their homes. Acadians were crafters and artists who created intricate quilts throughout the generations.

Just like a quilt, the WBS community is bringing together many different pieces of the world and creating something beautiful.

Dates & Location:

Our concerts will take place over 2 days in December.

December 11th: P-3 Concerts (9am and 1:00pm)

December 12th: 4-6 Concerts (9am and 12:15pm)

Everything will take place in our gym.

There is no evening concert.

4. NS School Milk Program-

White milk will continue to be sold to students at \$0.40. Students can purchase milk at the cafeteria window.

5. **Extended Absence:** Please email our Admin Assistant, Katelynn Armstrong and your child's teacher if you are going to be away for longer than two weeks (10 school days). As a school-family team, we would like to have a conversation about the extended absence, as it could impact your child's schooling and possible report card distribution.

6. **Head Lice:** Head lice often spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact, often within a family or among children who have close contact at school or play. Some tips to avoid head lice are:

- a. Keep long hair tied in ponytails or buns.
- b. Avoid sharing personal items, such as hats or hairbrushes.
- c. Frequent head checks for lice.
- d. **For more information please visit:** [Information around Lice](#)

7. **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.

Upcoming Dates:

November 19- Home & School Meeting 6-7 pm; SAC Meeting 7-8 pm

November 22- Assessment and Evaluation Day- **NO SCHOOL for students**; End of Term 1

November 25- Term 2 begins

December 3- Report cards are emailed out to families via EduPost by end of day.

December 5- Professional Learning morning for staff/ Family-teacher meetings 1:00-3:30 & 6-8 pm (there will be a sign up link for teacher meetings coming out soon) **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

December 9-13- Scholastic Book Fair

December 11- Winter Concert Primary to Grade 3 students- 2 performances- morning and afternoon

December 12- Winter Concert Grade 4 to 6 students- 2 performances- morning and afternoon

December 13- Weather date for either Winter concert (if cancelled due to weather)

December 20- Last day of school before Winter Break

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Thursday, January 2, 2025- Professional Learning Day for Staff- **NO SCHOOL for Students**

Friday, January 3, 2025- First day back for Students and Staff