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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. **Family-Teacher Meetings** are happening on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. To book an appointment to speak with your child's teacher, please use this sign up link: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/rayx7> . Please note that each appointment is 10 minutes long. If you feel a longer meeting time is needed, please reach out to your child's teacher directly to book a time.
2. **WBS Home and School Association:**
  - 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 11-27<sup>th</sup> on School Cash Online and will be sent home with students on the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>. **The next home and school meeting is January 21, 2024 at 6 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 based on the common themes of *friendship, community, and togetherness* that exist within the cultural holidays that happen during this time of year. The intention of the performance is to share songs that feel cozy and warm. The song list includes Canadian artists, 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 in the WBS PP-6 gym.

**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. **Grade 6 Band Concert:** December 11<sup>th</sup> in the evening (time to be shared in the coming week). The concert will take place in the WBH gym.
5. **After School:** We have noticed that quite a few of students are hanging around at the end of the day, without grown up supervision. Students are required to leave the school property, unless they have adult supervision.
6. **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.
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.
8. **WBS School Advisory Council- The next SAC meeting is January 21st, 2024 at 7 pm.**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

November 25- Term 2 begins/ Family/Teacher Meeting Sign up link is now open

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 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

December 9-13- Scholastic Book Fair

December 11- Holiday Concert Primary to Grade 3 students- 2 performances- morning and afternoon; Grade 6 Band Concert in the WBH gym (the time will be coming out shortly)

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

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

December 20- Last day of school before Winter Break

## **2025**

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

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